



## Retirement Stages 7<sup>®</sup> Fixed Index Annuity

# New Business Instructions

Issued by Delaware Life Insurance Company

**Please use the following checklist as a guide to ensure business is submitted properly.**

- All cross-outs or alterations made to any form submitted must be initialed by the applicant(s).

### Application Documents

- ☐ Delivery of Buyer's Guide, if applicable.
- Must be delivered at or before time of application.

- ☐ Application
- Elect Rider(s) at Application; they cannot be added to an existing Contract.

#### Initial Premium

- Minimum initial Premium is \$10,000 and the maximum is \$1,000,000.
- Index Account Elections must total 100%.

#### Owner(s)

Important: The Death Benefit for this product is based on the Owner's life.

- Non-Qualified Contracts: Joint Owner must be spouse of Owner.
- Trust Owned Contracts: Please submit our Trust Affidavit form along with Application.

#### Beneficiary(ies)

- Primary Beneficiary is required.
- Beneficiary Allocations must be set to whole percentages; we do not accept decimals.

#### Agent Commission Option

- Agent Commission option will default to *Option 1 – Up-Front*, if no option is selected.

- ☐ Disclosure Statement

- ☐ Notice Regarding Standards for Medi-Cal Eligibility (CA Only)

- ☐ Comparison of Annuity Contracts (CA Only)

- ☐ Signature Requirements for Application Documents  
**All Owners and the Selling Agent(s) must sign:**

- Application
- Disclosure Statement
- Notice Regarding Standards for Medi-Cal Eligibility (CA Only)

- ☐ Comparison of Annuity Contracts

- ☐ Additional Forms – Certain account registrations may require additional client forms to be completed by your client. Please contact Customer Service at 877-253-2323 with any questions.

### Transfer / 1035 Exchange (if applicable)

- ☐ Replacement Form
- Complete and sign the necessary Form A or state-specific replacement form, based on the requirements of the state in which the application is signed.

- ☐ Qualified Transfer/1035 Exchange Form
- If the owner is transferring funds from another company to purchase this annuity, please complete the Qualified Transfer/1035 Exchange Form.
  - Owner(s) must sign.

**Note:** To complete a transfer/1035 exchange, the Owner(s)/Annuitant(s) on the existing contract must be identical to the new contract. (Transfers must be like for like to be in good order.)

## New Business Instructions (continued)

### Delivery Instructions

- Make check payable to: Delaware Life Insurance Company
- Please ensure that the owner's name is referenced on the check
- Keep a copy of the documents for your files.
- Mail application and forms, together with the check or transfer form to:

**Delaware Life**  
**P.O. Box 758580**  
**Topeka, KS 66675-8580**

By Overnight mail:

**Delaware Life**  
**Mail Zone 581**  
**5801 SW 6th Avenue**  
**Topeka, KS 66636**



# Application – Retirement Stages 7<sup>®</sup>

Individual Flexible Premium Fixed Indexed Deferred Annuity  
With Market Value Adjustment Feature

Issued by Delaware Life Insurance Company, P.O. Box 758581, Topeka, KS 66675-8581 (the “Company”)

## A Optional Riders

### Optional Living Benefit Riders

☐ Stacked Accumulation Income Rider<sup>®</sup> (STAIR<sup>®</sup>) Guaranteed Living Withdrawal Benefit (GLWB)

### Other Optional Riders

☐ Guaranteed Return of Premium (ROP)

## B Owner

### Owner (If trust, include Trustee Affidavit)

Complete Name (First-Middle-Last)		
Residential Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Mailing Address (if different from Residential Address)		
City	State	Zip Code
Social Security Number or TIN	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Entity	
Date of Birth or Trust Date (mm/dd/year)	Phone Number	

### Joint Owner Information (For non-qualified contracts only and must be spouse of the Owner)

Complete Name (First-Middle-Last)		
Residential Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Mailing Address (if different from Residential Address)		
City	State	Zip Code
Social Security Number or TIN	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth (mm/dd/year)
Phone Number	Relationship to Owner	



## C Annuitant

### Annuitant Information

(Complete only if Annuitant is different from Owner)

Complete Name (First-Middle-Last)		
Residential Address (No PO Box)		
City	State	Zip Code
Social Security Number	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/year)	Phone Number	

### Joint Annuitant Information (For non-qualified contracts only)

(Not available for Individual Retirement Annuities)

Complete Name (First-Middle-Last)		
Residential Address (No PO Box)		
City	State	Zip Code
Social Security Number	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/year)	Phone Number	

## D Plan Type

### Plan Type (check one)

☐ Non-Qualified   ☐ Traditional IRA   ☐ Roth IRA  
☐ SEP IRA

### Please complete if applicable

If Traditional IRA Contribution – Tax Year \_\_\_\_\_

If Roth IRA Contribution – Tax Year \_\_\_\_\_

If Roth IRA – Inception Date \_\_\_\_\_

## E Premium Payment

Indicate all that apply in each column:

### Premium/Method of Payment

Cash with application: \$	<input type="checkbox"/> Check (make payable to Delaware Life Insurance) <input type="checkbox"/> Wire Bank Originating: _____
Expected Transfer Amount: \$	<input type="checkbox"/> Brokerage Transfer Brokerage Account Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 1035 Exchange or Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Agent/Client initiated Funds Source of Funds: _____

### Applicable Source(s)

<input type="checkbox"/> New Investment
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Qualified Transfer of Funds From: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Rollover
<input type="checkbox"/> IRC 1035 Exchange Carrier: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> CD/Mutual Fund Non-Qualified Transfer From: _____

## F Existing Coverages/Replacement

Please answer the following questions:

- a. Do you have any other life insurance policies or annuity contracts? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "Yes," and required by your state, complete the necessary Replacement Notice.
- b. Is the Contract applied for replacing or intended to replace or change any existing life insurance or annuity contracts?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "Yes," and required by your state, complete the necessary Replacement Notice.

## G Transfer Instructions

Complete this section only if you are submitting a Transfer In/1035 Exchange Form.

Check one box:

- ☐ Single Transfer/1035 Exchange  
Only one transfer is expected to fund the Contract. No additional selections are required.
- ☐ Multiple Transfers/1035 Exchanges  
More than one transfer/1035 Exchange is expected to fund the Contract.  
**You must select a Contract Issue Date in Section H below (required).**
- ☐ Cash with application and Transfer(s)/1035 Exchange(s)  
Cash and additional transfer(s) are expected to fund the Contract.  
**You must select a Contract Issue Date in Section H below (required).**

## H Contract Issue Date Selection

Complete this section only if you checked either **Multiple Transfers/1035 Exchanges** or **Cash with application and Transfer(s)/1035 Exchange(s)** in Section G above.

**Note: Interest on your Initial Premium will be credited beginning on the Contract Issue Date.**

Check one\*:

- ☐ First Premium Received  
Your Contract will be issued on the date when the first Premium is received by the Company. The Premium will be applied to your Contract according to the Index Account Allocation you selected in this Application. All subsequent Premiums received will be invested into the Fixed Account until your first Contract Anniversary.
- ☐ Last Premium Received  
Your Contract will be issued on the date the last Premium is received by the Company. All subsequent Premiums received after the Contract Issue Date will be invested into the Fixed Account.

If all requested Premiums are not received by the 90th calendar day from the application signature date, the Company will return the application along with any held Premiums.

**\*If neither option is selected, Your Contract Issue Date will be the First Premium Received Date and all subsequent Premiums will be invested into the Fixed Account until Your First Contract Anniversary, at which time you will be able to reallocate into the available Index Accounts.**

## I Index Account Allocations

Select from the index strategies below. You must allocate a whole percentage to each investment option you select. The total must equal 100%.

S&P 500®	
1-Year Term Point-to-Point with Cap	_____ %
1-Year Performance Trigger	_____ %
1 Year Term Point-to-Point with Participation Rate	_____ %
CROCI Sectors III USD 5.5% Volatility Control Index	
1-Year Term Point-to-Point with Spread	_____ %
Morgan Stanley Global Opportunities Index	
1-Year Term Point-to-Point with Participation Rate	_____ %
Fixed Account	_____ %
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>100%</b>

**J****Beneficiary Information (Per stirpes designations not accepted.)****Primary**

Complete Name (First-Middle-Last)		
Residential Address (No PO Box)		
City	State	Zip Code
Social Security Number/Tax ID Number	Relationship to Owner	Allocation %
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Entity	Date of Birth/Trust Date (mm/dd/year)	Phone Number

☐ **Primary** ☐ **Contingent**

Complete Name (First-Middle-Last)		
Residential Address (No PO Box)		
City	State	Zip Code
Social Security Number/Tax ID Number	Relationship to Owner	Allocation %
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Entity	Date of Birth/Trust Date (mm/dd/year)	Phone Number

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Complete Name (First-Middle-Last)		
Residential Address (No PO Box)		
City	State	Zip Code
Social Security Number/Tax ID Number	Relationship to Owner	Allocation %
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Entity	Date of Birth/Trust Date (mm/dd/year)	Phone Number

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Complete Name (First-Middle-Last)		
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Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Entity	Date of Birth/Trust Date (mm/dd/year)	Phone Number

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Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Entity	Date of Birth/Trust Date (mm/dd/year)	Phone Number

## **K** Agent Authorization – Reallocation

By checking “Yes,” I/we hereby authorize the Agent(s) identified in this Application, any Agent of record servicing the Contract in the future, and his/her/their designees, to provide the Company with account value reallocation instructions from time to time via any means acceptable to the Company. I/we understand and agree that the Company may terminate this authorization at its discretion at any time without prior notice, but in the absence of such termination, this authorization will remain effective until the Company receives at its administrative office, in a form acceptable to the Company, notice from me/us that this authorization has been revoked or proof of an owner’s death. I/we understand that the Company has established procedures reasonably designed to confirm that reallocation instructions communicated to it are genuine, that these procedures may require any person requesting reallocation to provide my/our personal and/or Contract identifying information, and that the Company will not be liable for following instructions that it reasonably believes are genuine.

☐ Yes



## L Acknowledgement and Signatures

The assets in your Contract are subject to state unclaimed property laws which provide that if no activity occurs in your Contract within the time period specified by the particular state law after the Contract's maturity date or date that the death benefit is due and payable, your assets must be transferred to the appropriate state. We are required by law to advise you that your assets may be transferred to an appropriate state in compliance with these state laws.

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that (1) the Social Security or taxpayer identification number shown on this form is my correct Social Security or taxpayer identification number, (2) I am not subject to backup withholding as a result of either being exempt from backup withholding, not being notified by the IRS of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, (3) I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien), and (4) I am exempt from FATCA reporting. *(Cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding due to a failure to report all interest and dividends.)*

The IRS does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

I agree to all terms and conditions as shown, and have read and understand all the statements made above. I represent that all statements made in this application are true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that amounts payable under the Contract may be subject to Withdrawal and Surrender Charges and Market Value Adjustment, which may cause the values to increase or decrease if withdrawn or surrendered prior to a specified date or dates as stated in the Contract and/or endorsement attached to the Contract.

I understand and acknowledge that the Company does not offer legal, financial, tax, investment or estate-planning advice and I have had the opportunity to seek such advice from the proper sources before applying for this Contract.

I believe this to be a suitable purchase for my financial status. I received and reviewed a Disclosure Document that includes information about my annuity Contract, its benefits, and the fees and charges that apply to it.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT WHILE THE VALUES OF THIS CONTRACT MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE PERFORMANCE OF AN EXTERNAL INDEX, THE CONTRACT DOES NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PARTICIPATE IN ANY STOCK OR EQUITY INVESTMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY DIVIDEND PAYMENTS.**

Signature of Owner X	Date (mm/dd/year)	State Where Signed
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Signing as: ☐ Trustee ☐ Other Fiduciary (eg. Attorney In Fact POA, Guardian, Authorized Officer)

Signature of Joint Owner X	Date (mm/dd/year)	State Where Signed
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Signing as: ☐ Trustee ☐ Other Fiduciary (eg. Attorney In Fact POA, Guardian, Authorized Officer)

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**Patriot Act Notice:** To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires us to obtain and record information for each person who opens an account, including an application for an insurance policy or annuity contract.

## M Special Instructions

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## N Agent Commission Option

This section to be completed by Agent.

**Note:** Election of a commission option is not available if Return of Premium (ROP) is selected.

- ☐ Option 1 – Up-Front (*Option 1* will be the default Agent Commission Option if none is selected.)
- ☐ Option 2 – High upfront with lower trail
- ☐ Option 3 – Lower upfront with higher trail

## O Agent Signature(s)

1. Will this Contract replace any existing life insurance policy or annuity contract?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," please explain

For any replacement, indicate the type of coverage proposed to be replaced:

- ☐ Term Life ☐ Whole Life ☐ Variable Life ☐ Fixed Annuity ☐ Variable Annuity
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Advertising materials:

- I certify that I used only Company-approved sales material with this Application and that an original or a copy of all sales material was left with the applicant.
- I certify that a printed copy of any electronically presented sales material was/will be presented to the proposed owner no later than the date the Contract is delivered.

3. I certify that this Application is in accordance with the Company's Business Guidelines with respect to the acceptability of replacements.

4. **By signing below, I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that all information in this application is true. I also certify that I have explained any applicable Surrender Charges, Early Withdrawal Adjustment and Market Value Adjustment provisions contained in this Contract, and I certify that this annuity is suitable for the proposed owner, based upon the proposed owner's disclosure.**

*If you haven't received your Agent number please indicate "PENDING"*

Agent Name (Print Legibly)	Email Address
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Office Phone Number	Agent Number	Split %
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Agent Name (Print Legibly)	Email Address
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Office Phone Number	Agent Number	Split %
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Signature of Agent X	Date (mm/dd/year)
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Signature of Agent (If Joint Case) X	Date (mm/dd/year)
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## **NAIC Buyer's Guide for Fixed Deferred Annuities**

It's important that you understand how annuities can be different from each other so you can choose the type of annuity that's best for you. The purpose of this Buyer's Guide is to help you do that. This Buyer's Guide isn't meant to offer legal, financial, or tax advice. You may want to consult independent advisors that specialize in these areas.

**This Buyer's Guide is about fixed deferred annuities in general and some of their most common features. It's not about any particular annuity product.** The annuity you select may have unique features this Guide doesn't describe. It's important for you to carefully read the material you're given or ask your annuity salesperson, especially if you're interested in a particular annuity or specific annuity features.

This Buyer's Guide includes questions you should ask the insurance company or the annuity salesperson (the agent, producer, broker, or advisor). Be sure you're satisfied with the answers before you buy an annuity.

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## WHAT IS AN ANNUITY?

An annuity is a contract with an insurance company. All annuities have one feature in common, and it makes annuities different from other financial products. **With an annuity, the insurance company promises to pay you income on a regular basis for a period of time you choose** - including the rest of your life.

### When Annuities Start to Make Income Payments

Some annuities begin paying income to you soon after you buy it (an **immediate** annuity). Others begin some later date you choose (a **deferred** annuity).

### How Deferred Annuities Are Alike

There are ways that *most* deferred annuities are alike:

- They have an **accumulation** period and a **payout** period. During the accumulation period, the value of your annuity changes based on the type of annuity. During the payout period the annuity makes income payments to you.
- They offer a basic death benefit. If you die during the accumulation period, a deferred annuity with a basic death benefit pays some or all of the annuity's value to your survivors (called beneficiaries) either in one payment or multiple payments over time. The amount is usually the greater of the annuity account value or the minimum guaranteed surrender value. If you die after you begin to receive income payments (**annuitize**), your chosen survivors may not receive anything *unless*: 1) your annuity guarantees to pay out at least as much as you paid into the annuity, or 2) you chose a payout option that continues to make payments after your death. For an extra cost you may be able to choose enhanced benefits that increase the value of the basic death benefit.

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#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

**Contract:** *The legal document between you and the insurance company that binds both of you to terms of the agreement.*

**Disclosure:** *A document that describes the key features of your annuity, including what is guaranteed and what isn't, and your annuity's fees and charges. If you buy a variable annuity, you'll receive a prospectus that includes detailed information about investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses.*

**Illustration:** *A personalized document that shows how your annuity features might work. Ask what is guaranteed and what isn't and what assumptions were made to create the illustration.*

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- You usually have to pay a charge (called a **surrender** or **withdrawal charge**) if you take some or all of your money out too early (usually before a set time period ends). Some annuities may not charge if you withdraw small amounts (for example, 10% or less of the account value) each year.
- Any money your annuity earns is **tax deferred**. That means you won't pay income tax on earnings until you take them out of the annuity.
- You can add features (called **riders**) to many annuities, usually at an extra cost.
- An annuity salesperson must be licensed by your state insurance department. A person selling a variable annuity also must be registered with FINRA<sup>1</sup> as a representative of a broker/dealer that's a FINRA member. In some states, the state securities department also must license a person selling a variable annuity.

- Insurance companies sell annuities. You want to buy from an insurance company that's financially sound. There are various ways you can research an insurance company's financial strength. You can visit the insurance company's website or ask your annuity salesperson for more information. You also can review an insurance company's rating from an independent rating agency. Four main firms currently rate insurance companies. They are A.M. Best Company, Standard and Poor's Corporation, Moody's Investors Service, and Fitch Ratings. Your insurance department may have more information about insurance companies. An easy way to find contact information for your insurance department is to visit [www.naic.org](http://www.naic.org) and click on "**States and Jurisdictions Map**".
- Insurance companies usually pay the annuity salesperson after the sale, but the payment doesn't reduce the amount you pay into the annuity. You can ask your salesperson how they earn money from the sale.

### How Deferred Annuities Are Different

There are differences among deferred annuities. Some of the differences are:

- Whether you pay for the annuity with one or more than one payment (called a **premium**).
- The types and amounts of the **fees, charges, and adjustments**. While almost all annuities have *some* fees and charges that could reduce your account value, the types, and amounts can be different among annuities. **Read the Fees, Charges, and Adjustments section in the Buyer's Guide for more information.**

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<sup>1</sup> FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) regulates the companies and salespeople who sell variable annuities

- Whether the annuity is **fixed** annuity or **variable** annuity. How the value of an annuity changes is different depending on whether the annuity is fixed or variable.

**Fixed annuities** guarantee your money will earn at least a minimum interest rate. Fixed annuities may earn interest at a rate higher than the minimum but only the minimum rate is guaranteed. The insurance company sets the rates.

**Fixed indexed annuities** are a type of fixed annuity that earns interest based on changes in a market index, which measures how the market or part of the market performs. The interest rate is guaranteed to never be less than zero, even if the market goes down.

**Variable annuities** earn investment returns based on the performance of the investment portfolios, known as "subaccounts", where you choose to put your money. The return earned in a variable annuity isn't guaranteed. The value of the subaccounts you choose could go up or down. If they go up, you could make money. But, if the value of these subaccounts goes down, you could lose money. Also, income payments to you could be less than you expected.

- Some annuities offer a **premium bonus**, which usually is a lump sum amount the insurance company adds to your annuity when you buy it or when you add money. It's usually a set percentage of the amount you put into the annuity. Other annuities offer an **interest bonus**, which is an amount the insurance company adds to your annuity when you earn interest. It's usually a set percentage of the interest earned. You may not be able to withdraw some or all of your premium bonus for a set period of time. *Also, you could lose the bonus if you take some or all of the money of your annuity within a set period of time.*

## HOW DOES THE VALUE OF A DEFERRED ANNUITY CHANGE?

### Fixed Annuities

Money in a fixed deferred annuity earns interest at a rate the insurer sets. The rate is **fixed** (won't change) for some period, usually a year. After that rate period ends, the insurance company will set another fixed interest rate for the next rate period. *That rate could be higher or lower than the earlier rates.*

Fixed deferred annuities *do* have a guaranteed minimum interest rate – the lowest rate the annuity can earn. It's stated in your contract and disclosure and can't change as long as you own the annuity. Ask about:

- The *initial interest rate* – What is the rate? How long until it will change?
- The *renewal interest rate* – When will it be announced? How will the insurance company tell you what the new rate will be?

### Fixed Indexed Annuities

Money in a fixed indexed annuity earns interest based on changes in an index. Some indexes are measures of how the overall financial markets perform (such as the S&P 500 Index or Dow Jones Industrial Average) during a set period of time (called the **index term**). Others measure how a specific financial market performs (such as the Nasdaq) during the term. The insurance company uses a formula to determine how a change in the index affects the amount of interest to add to your annuity at the *end of each index term*. Once interest is added to your annuity for an index term, those earnings usually are locked in and changes in the index in the next index term don't affect them. If you take money from an indexed annuity before an index term ends, *the annuity may not add all of the index-linked interest for that term to your contract.*

Insurance companies use different formulas to calculate the interest to add to your annuity. They look at changes in the index over a period of time. See the box "**Fixed Deferred Indexed Formulas**" that describes how changes in an index are used to calculate interest.

The formulas insurance companies use often mean that interest added to your annuity is based on only *part* of a change in an index over a set period of time. **Participation rates, cap rates, and spread rates** (sometimes called margin or asset fees) all are terms that describe ways the amount of interest added to your annuity may not reflect the full change in the index. But *if the index goes down over that period, zero interest is added to your annuity.* Then your annuity value won't go down as long as you don't withdraw the money.

When you buy an index annuity, you aren't investing directly in the market or the index. Some indexed annuities offer you more than one index choice. Many indexed annuities also offer the choice to put part of your money in a fixed interest rate account, with a rate that won't change for a set period

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#### FIXED DEFERRED INDEXED FORMULAS

**Annual Point-to-Point** – Change in index calculated using two dates one year apart.

**Multi-Year Point-to-Point** – Change in index calculated using two dates more than one year apart.

**Monthly or Daily Averaging** – Change in index calculated using multiple dates (one day of every month for monthly averaging, every day the market is open for daily averaging). The average of these values is compared with the index value at the start of the term.

**Monthly Point-to-Point** – Change in index calculated for each month during the index term. Each monthly change is limited to the "cap rate" for positive changes, but not when the change is negative. At the end of the index term, all monthly changes (positive and negative) are added. If the result is positive, interest is added to the annuity. If the result is negative or zero, no interest (0%) is added.

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## WHAT OTHER INFORMATION SHOULD YOU CONSIDER?

### Fees, Charges, and Adjustments

Fees and charges reduce the value of your annuity. They help cover the insurer's cost to sell and manage the annuity and pay benefits. The insurer may subtract these costs directly from your annuity's value. Most annuities have fees and charges but they can be different for different annuities. Read the contract and disclosure or prospectus carefully and ask the annuity salesperson to describe these costs.

A **surrender** or **withdrawal charge** is a charge if you take part or all of the money out of your annuity during a set period of time. The charge is a percentage of the amount you take out of the annuity. The percentage usually goes down each year until the surrender charge period ends. Look at the contract and the disclosure or prospectus for details about the charge. Also look for any waivers for events (such as death) or the right to take out a small amount (usually up to 10%) each year without paying the charge. If you take all of your money out of an annuity, you've surrendered it and no longer have any right to future income payments.

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#### HOW INSURERS DETERMINE INDEXED INTEREST

**Participation Rate** – *Determines how much of the increase in the index is used to calculate index-linked interest. A participation rate usually is for a set period. The period can be from one year to the entire term. Some companies guarantee the rate can never be lower (higher) than a set minimum (maximum). Participation rates are often less than 100%, particularly when there's no cap rate.*

**Cap Rate** – *Typically, the maximum rate of interest the annuity will earn during the index term. Some annuities guarantee that the cap rate will never be lower (higher) than a set minimum (maximum). Companies often use a cap rate, especially if the participation rate is 100%.*

**Spread Rate** – *A set percentage the insurer subtracts from any change in the index. Also called a "margin or asset fee". Companies may use this instead of or in addition to a participation or cap rate.*

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Some annuities have a **Market Value Adjustment (MVA)**. An MVA could increase or decrease your annuity's account value, cash surrender value, and/or death benefit value if you withdraw money from your account. In general, if interest rates are *lower* when you withdraw money than they were when you brought the annuity, the MVA could *increase* the amount you could take from your annuity. In general, if interest rates are *higher* when you withdraw money than they were when you brought the annuity, the MVA could *reduce* the amount you could take from your annuity. Every MVA calculation is different. Check your contract and disclosure or prospectus for detail

### How Annuities Make Payments

#### Annuitize

At some future time, you can choose to **annuitize** your annuity and start to receive guaranteed fixed income payments for life or a period of time you choose. After payments begin, you can't take any other money out of the annuity. You also usually can't change the amount of your payments. For more information, see "**Payout Options**" in this Buyer's Guide. If you die before the payment period ends, your survivors may not receive any payments, depending on the payment option you choose.

#### Full Withdrawal

You can withdraw the cash surrender value of the annuity in a lump sum payment and end your annuity. *You'll likely pay a charge to do this if it's during the surrender charge period.* If you withdraw your annuity's cash surrender value, your annuity is cancelled. Once that happens, you can't start or continue to receive regular income payments from the annuity



## Partial Withdrawal

You may be able to withdraw *some* of the money from the annuity's cash surrender value without ending the annuity. Most annuities with surrender charges let you take out a certain amount (usually up to 10%) each year without paying surrender charges on that amount. Check your contract and disclosure or prospectus. Ask your annuity salesperson about other ways you can take money from the annuity without paying charges.

## Living Benefits for Fixed Annuities

Some fixed annuities, especially fixed indexed annuities, offer a **guaranteed living benefits** rider, usually at an extra cost. A common type is called a guaranteed lifetime withdrawal benefit that guarantees to make income payments you can't outlive. While you get payments, the money still in your annuity continues to earn interest. You can choose to stop and restart the payments or you might be able to take extra money from your annuity. Even if the payments reduce the annuity's value to zero at some point, you'll continue to get payments for the rest of your life. If you die while receiving payments, your survivors may get some or all of the money left in your annuity.

## How Annuities Are Taxed

Ask a tax professional about your individual situation. The information below is general and should not be considered tax advice.

Current federal law gives annuities special tax treatment. Income tax on annuities is deferred. That means you aren't taxed on any interest or investment returns while your money is in the annuity. This isn't the same as tax-free. You'll pay ordinary income tax when you take a withdrawal, receive an income stream, or receive each annuity payment. When you die, your survivors will typically owe income tax on any other death benefit they receive from an annuity.

There are other ways to save that tax advantages, including Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). You can buy an annuity to fund an IRA, **but you also can fund your IRA other ways and get the same tax advantages**. When you take a withdrawal or receive payments, you'll pay ordinary income tax on all of the money you receive (not just the interest or the investment return). You also may have to pay a 10% tax penalty if you withdraw money before you're age 59½.

## ANNUITY FEES AND CHARGES

**Contract fee** – A flat dollar amount or percentage charged once or annually.

**Percentage of purchase payment** – A front-end sales load or other charge deducted from each premium paid. The percentage may vary over time.

**Premium tax** – A tax some states charge on annuities. The insurer may subtract the amount of tax when you pay your premium, when you withdraw your contract value, when you start to receive income payments, or when it pays a death benefit to a beneficiary.

**Transaction fee** – A charge for certain transactions, such as transfers or withdrawals.

## PAYOUT OPTIONS

You'll have a choice about how to receive income payments.

These choices usually include:

- For your lifetime
- For the longer of your lifetime or your spouse's lifetime
- For a set time period
- For the longer of your lifetime or a set time period

## Finding an Annuity That's Right for You

An annuity salesperson who suggests an annuity must choose one that they think is right for you, based on information from you. They need complete information about your life and financial situation to make a suitable recommendation. Expect a salesperson to ask about your age; financial situation (assets, debts, income, tax status, how you plan to pay for the annuity); your tolerance for risk; your financial objectives and experience; your family circumstances; and how you plan to use the annuity. If you aren't comfortable with the annuity, ask your salesperson to explain why they recommend it. Don't buy an annuity you don't understand or that doesn't seem right for you.

Within each annuity, the insurer *may* guarantee some values but not others. Some guarantees may be only for a year or less while others could be longer. Ask about risks and decide if you accept them. For example, it's possible you won't get all of your money back or the return on your annuity may be lower than you expected. It's also possible you won't be able to withdraw money you need from your annuity without paying fees or the annuity payments may not be as much as you need to reach your goals. These risks vary with the type of annuity you buy. All product guarantees depend on the insurance company's financial strength and claims-paying ability.

## Questions You Should Ask

- Do I understand the risks of an annuity? Am I comfortable with them?
- How will this annuity help me meet my overall financial objectives and time horizon?
- Will I use the annuity for a long-term goal such as retirement? If so, how could I achieve that goal if the income isn't as much as I expected it to be?
- What features and benefits in the annuity, other than tax deferral, make it appropriate for me?
- Does my annuity offer a guaranteed minimum interest rate? If so, what is it?
- If the annuity includes rider, do I understand how they work?
- Am I taking full advantage of all of my other tax-deferred opportunities, such as 401(k)s, 403(b)s, and IRAs?
- Do I understand all of the annuity's fees, charges, and adjustments?
- Is there a limit on how much I can take out of my annuity each year without paying a surrender charge? Is there a limit on the *total* amount I can withdraw during the surrender charge period?
- Do I intend to keep my money in the annuity long enough to avoid paying any surrender charges?
- Have I consulted a tax advisor and/or considered how buying an annuity will affect my tax liability?
- How do I make sure my chosen survivors (beneficiaries) will receive any payments from my annuity if I die?

*If you don't know the answers or have other questions, ask your annuity salesperson for help.*

## When You Receive Your Annuity Contract

When you receive your annuity contract, carefully review it. Be sure it matches your understanding. Also, read the disclosure or prospectus and other materials from the insurance company. Ask your annuity salesperson to explain anything you don't understand. In many states, a law gives you a set number of days (usually 10 to 30 days) to change your mind about buying an annuity after you receive it. This often is called a **free look** or **right to return** period. Your contract and disclosure or prospectus should prominently state your free look period. If you decide during that time period that you don't want the annuity, you can contact the insurance company and return the contract. Depending on the state, you'll either get back all of the money or you current account value.



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# Disclosure Statement

Delaware Life Insurance Company (Waltham, MA) (the "Company")

Thank you for your interest in a Delaware Life Retirement Stages 7<sup>®</sup> Fixed Index Annuity. This Disclosure Statement provides an important summary of the features and benefits provided by the annuity contract; however, it is not part of the annuity contract.

An annuity is not meant to be used to meet short-term financial goals. You should not buy this annuity if You are looking for a short-term investment or if You may need to withdraw money before the end of the 7-Year withdrawal and surrender charge period. Please refer to the Charges and Adjustments section below for more information.

If you decide to purchase this annuity, please read the following information carefully, sign, and return the Signature Page of this Disclosure Statement. If you have questions about this annuity, ask your financial advisor or contact Us at **877-253-2323**.

**Note:** References to financial advisors, producers, representatives, and agents will all be noted as "financial advisor" in this Disclosure Statement.

## The Annuity Contract

### Who are the parties to the Annuity Contract?

Parties to the Contract are Owner(s), Annuitant(s), and Beneficiary(ies). Contract owner(s) designate the annuitant(s) and beneficiary(ies).

- Owner(s) may exercise all ownership rights granted under the contract, subject to the rights of any assignee, irrevocable Beneficiary, or Annuitant.
- Annuitant(s) – The person(s) upon whose lifetime(s) the annuity payments may be based, as stated in the Specifications Pages.
- Beneficiary(ies) – The person(s) entitled to receive a Death Benefit payable under this contract.

### Is it important to choose carefully when selecting the parties in my Contract?

Yes. Carefully consider whom You select as the Owner(s), Annuitant(s), and Beneficiary(ies). These choices are critical in the operation of Your annuity and they affect when and to whom death benefits may be paid.

### What are the features of my Delaware Life Retirement Stages 7<sup>®</sup> fixed index deferred annuity?

- You may allocate money to different types of interest crediting strategies for specified periods of time (Term) or to a Fixed Account that earns interest at a fixed rate We declare for the Term.
- Because this is a flexible premium annuity, You purchase the annuity with an initial Premium (minimum \$10,000) and may choose to pay additional premium into the annuity (minimum \$500). The total amount of Premiums You may pay for Your Contract cannot exceed the Maximum Premium Amount shown in Your Contract of \$1 million, unless You have received prior Company approval.
- This annuity is a deferred annuity, which means annuity benefit payments will begin on a future date. You don't pay taxes on the interest Your annuity earns until and unless You make partial withdrawals or fully surrender.
- Tax statuses of Qualified (e.g. IRA) and Non-Qualified are available for election. Please indicate below which status you will be electing on the application.

☐ Qualified ☐ Non-Qualified

### What is a Free Look?

If you are not satisfied with the Contract, You may return it within 30 days for a refund of all premiums paid and any contract fees or other charges.

## ■ Your Account Values and Premium Allocation Options

### How is the account value determined?

The account value is the sum of the Fixed Account Value and Index Account Value. Values are affected by these factors:

- Premiums paid
- Interest earned during the Accumulation Phase of Your Contract
- Withdrawals and/or amounts applied to a Settlement Option
- Rider Fees – If You add an optional rider to Your annuity, We will deduct an annual rider charge from Your account value on each Contract Anniversary.

### How are my initial Premium and additional Premiums allocated?

When You buy this annuity, You choose how much of Your initial Premium to allocate to Your choice of Index Strategies and the Fixed Account. When We receive Your initial Premium, We allocate according to the elections on Your application. Unless You change Your selections before the end of a Term, they will automatically renew for a new Term.

Additional Premium payments are automatically allocated to the Fixed Account where they earn interest until the next Contract Anniversary.

## ■ Index and Index Strategy Options

### How are my initial Premium and additional Premiums allocated?

You choose both an Index and an Index Strategy which in combination are known as an Index Account. You can allocate money to one or more Index Accounts as well as to the Fixed Account described in the following sections.

The Delaware Life Retirement Stages 7<sup>®</sup> Fixed Index Annuity currently offers the following Index Accounts, which may be subject to change at any time:

- **S&P 500<sup>®</sup> 1-Year Point-To-Point with Cap**
- **S&P 500<sup>®</sup> 1-Year Performance Trigger**
- **S&P 500<sup>®</sup> 1-Year Point-To-Point with Participation Rate**

The **Standard & Poor's 500<sup>®</sup> (S&P 500<sup>®</sup>)** is an American stock market Index based on the market capitalizations of 500 large companies having common stock listed on the NYSE or NASDAQ. The S&P 500<sup>®</sup> index components and their weightings are determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices.

- **CROCI Sectors III USD 5.5% Volatility Control Index 1-Year Point-To-Point with Spread**

The **CROCI Sectors III USD 5.5% Volatility Control Index (CROCI Volatility Control Index)**, sponsored by Deutsche Bank AG, reflects a dynamic allocation strategy which includes an equity component that seeks growth, plus a cash component intended to reduce overall volatility.

- **Morgan Stanley Global Opportunities Index 1-Year Point-To-Point with Participation Rate**

The **Morgan Stanley Global Opportunities Index (MSGO)** is a rules-based multi-asset strategy which uses a trend-following methodology to determine allocations to global equities, interest rates, and commodities. The multi-asset approach provides risk diversification designed to balance exposures to various market risk factors and reduce the portfolio's natural volatility. The index is managed to a 5% target volatility over the long term and may also include a cash allocation to reduce overall volatility. Daily index values are available on the Delaware Life website ([delawarelife.com](http://delawarelife.com)).

### What are the limits that apply to Index Strategies?

We limit the portion of a positive Index change that can be credited to Your account value by applying either an index cap, participation rate, spread or performance trigger to each Index Strategy.

- **Index Cap Rate** – An upper limit to the percentage of gain in the value of the Index.
- **Index Participation Rate** – A percentage of gain in the value of the Index.
- **Index Spread** – A percentage calculated by subtracting a fixed annual percentage from the gain in the value of the Index.
- **PT Interest Rate** – Credits funds at a fixed/declared rate based on a positive return of the index. That rate is fixed regardless of the level of the index's positive return. An index return that is less than or equal to 0% results in a 0% index interest rate.

The Index Cap Rate, Index Participation Rate, Index Spread and PT Interest Rate are all subject to change. We will set the rates before the Term begins. These rates are expressed as percentages, but they are not guaranteed interest rates. For information about current and guaranteed minimum/maximum Index Cap Rates, Index Participation Rates, Index Spreads or PT Interest Rates, ask Your financial advisor or contact Us.

## ■ Fixed Account Option

Amounts You allocate to the fixed rate account earn interest at the fixed rate We declare. We set the fixed rate for each Term before the Term begins. The fixed rate We declare will never be lower than the specified Guaranteed Minimum Fixed Interest Rate of, which is currently 1.65%. Fixed rate interest is credited daily and compounded annually.

## ■ Charges and Adjustments

### What charges and adjustments apply to my annuity?

The charges and adjustments described in this section apply to Your annuity including:

- Early withdrawal and surrender charges
- Market Value Adjustment (if applicable)
- Optional Guaranteed Living Withdrawal Benefit (GLWB) Rider charge
- Optional Guaranteed Return of Premium Benefit Rider Benefit Rider (ROPR) charge

There are no other explicit expense charges other than those listed above.

### What are withdrawal and surrender charges?

We take withdrawal and surrender charges when You take withdrawals in excess of the free withdrawal amount during the first 7 Contract Years. The free withdrawal amount is described in the Benefits section below.

The withdrawal and surrender rate depends on how long You own Your annuity. The rate schedule is set out below. The withdrawal charge is equal to the applicable rate multiplied by the amount subject to the charge.

Withdrawal and Surrender Charge by Contract Year								
Contract Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	+
Charge rate	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	0%

**Example:** If you withdraw \$5,000 in excess of the free withdrawal amount from your annuity in the third contract year, your surrender charge is  $\$5,000 \times 0.05 = \$250$ . If you take out any amount after the 7th contract year, there is no withdrawal and surrender charge.

### What is a Market Value Adjustment (MVA)?

Depending on the state in which Your Contract was issued, We may also apply an MVA when You surrender Your annuity or take a withdrawal during the first 7 years that You own Your Contract.

MVA is an increase or decrease to the surrender value in Your annuity. This adjustment depends on changes in interest rates as reflected in the MVA Reference Index, which is described below, since the beginning of the initial Term and the amount of time remaining until the end of Contract Year 7.

- If the value of the reference index as of the Contract Date has gone up since Your contract was issued, then any market value adjustment that may apply will decrease Your surrender value.
- If the value of the reference index as of the Contract Date has gone down since Your contract was issued, then any market value adjustment that may apply will increase Your surrender value.

### What is the MVA Reference Index?

The reference index used to calculate the MVA is currently Moody's Bond Indices – Corporate Average.

## ■ Taxes

### How will annuity benefit payments and withdrawals be taxed?

Your annuity is tax-deferred, which means you don't pay taxes on the interest it earns until the money is paid to You. You will pay ordinary income taxes on the earned interest when:

- You receive annuity benefit payments;
- You surrender Your annuity; or
- You take a withdrawal.

In addition, you may pay a 10% federal penalty tax on the taxable amount of any payment that You receive before age 59½. Please consult a tax professional for further information regarding possible exceptions to this penalty.

You may be able to exchange, directly transfer or roll over one tax-qualified annuity to another annuity or tax-qualified account without paying taxes. Before You do, compare the benefits, features and costs of each option. You may pay an early withdrawal charge under the old annuity or account. There is also a sales charge for Your new annuity, as well as other charges described in the Charges and Adjustments section above.

### Does buying an annuity that is a Qualified Contract provide extra tax benefits?

Buying an annuity within qualified plans such as Traditional IRA, Roth IRA and SEP IRA doesn't give you extra tax benefits. Choose Your annuity based on its other features and benefits as well as its risks and costs, not its tax benefits.

Please consult a tax professional for further information regarding this Contract.

## Benefits

Benefits of Your annuity include free withdrawal amounts, minimum guaranteed surrender value (MGSV), Enhanced Guaranteed Surrender Value (EGSV), Bailout Endorsement, Death Benefit, nursing home and terminal illness waivers, and guaranteed income. An optional Guaranteed Lifetime Withdrawal Benefit Rider and/or Guaranteed Return of Premium Benefit Rider (ROPR) may also be available for You to elect.

### **What is the free withdrawal amount?**

During the first Contract Year, the Free Withdrawal Amount is the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) as calculated by Delaware Life. In any subsequent Contract Year, the free withdrawal amount is an amount equal to 10% of Your account value as of the most recent Contract Anniversary or RMD amount (if higher) as calculated by Us. You may take only one tax year's RMD amount during any one Contract Year.

### **What else should I know about taking a Withdrawal?**

At any time prior to the Annuity Date, You may make withdrawals from the Account Value of Your Contract. No withdrawal may be in an amount less than \$250. A withdrawal under this Contract will be subject to any applicable Withdrawal Assessments. The withdrawn Account Value will be deducted proportionately from the Fixed Account and all Index Accounts. Amounts withdrawn from the Index Accounts will receive no Index Interest Credit for the Term in which the withdrawal falls.

### **What is the minimum guaranteed surrender value (MGSV)?**

MGSV is the minimum amount We could credit to Your account for annuity benefit payments, payable as Death Benefit, or available upon surrender. This is important because We guarantee that the surrender value will never be less than the MGSV.

### **What is the Enhanced Guaranteed Surrender Value (EGSV)?**

The EGSV applies only when We calculate the amount payable upon surrender, as annuity benefit payments, or as the Death Benefit. The Surrender Value of Your Contract will be the either the MGSV or the EGSV, whichever is greater.

The Enhanced Guaranteed Surrender Value on any date equals:

1. The sum of the Premiums You have paid multiplied by the EGSV Factor of 100%;
2. Minus all withdrawals, including any applicable Withdrawal Assessments, but not including any withdrawals to pay Rider Fees;
3. Plus interest credited daily at the EGSV Rate 1%;
4. Minus any Surrender Charges and MVA applicable upon surrender.

These rates are set when the Contract is issued and are guaranteed for the life of the Contract.

### **What is the Bailout Endorsement?**

The Bailout Endorsement specifies conditions under which You may partially or fully surrender the Contract for the full Account Value and no Withdrawal Assessments (Surrender Charge/MVA).

A Bailout Cap Rate is set at issue and is the threshold for activating the Bailout option. The Bailout is activated if the index cap rate for the Bailout Index Account, currently the S&P 500® 1-Year Point-to-Point with Cap Index Account, at renewal is lower than the Bailout Cap Rate.

If the Bailout is triggered, all applicable withdrawal assessments would be waived if You request a partial or full surrender during the Bailout Window (45 days from the beginning of the term).

The Bailout will only apply the first time the renewal Index Cap Rate is lower than the Bailout Cap Rate. No allocation to the Bailout Index Account is necessary to qualify for the Bailout.

### **What is the Death Benefit?**

The Death Benefit is an amount payable to the designated Beneficiary(ies) upon the death of the Owner or Annuitant, as set out in Your Contract. It is equal to the greater of the account value or surrender value. No Withdrawal Assessments apply to the Death Benefit.

You may make or change a designation of Beneficiary at any time, subject to the limitations set out in Your Contract. Generally, if You don't designate a Beneficiary, the Beneficiary is Your estate.

### **What happens after I die?**

If You die before the Annuity Date, We will pay the Death Benefit to Your Beneficiary(ies). If You die after the Annuity Date, We will continue payments if called for by the Settlement Option You chose.

### **What is Spousal Continuation?**

If You die and Your spouse is the sole Beneficiary, Your surviving spouse may elect to become the successor Owner and Annuitant of the Contract. This is called Spousal Continuation. Under Spousal Continuation, the Death Benefit provisions will not be applicable until the successor Owner's death.

The term 'spouse' refers to the person to whom the Owner is legally married or the person with whom the Owner has established a civil union. Civil union means the legally recognized union of two eligible individuals pursuant to the "New Jersey Civil Union Act." P.L. 2006, c. 103.

### **What are the Nursing Home (Form ICC15-DLIC-NHW) and Terminal Illness Waivers (Form ICC15-DLIC-TIW)?**

If You are confined to a nursing home and/or diagnosed with a terminal illness and meet the conditions set out in Your Contract, We will waive Withdrawal Assessments for a withdrawal or surrender.



## Income Options

### How do I get income from my annuity?

You can get income from Your annuity through annuity benefit payments that begin on the Annuity Date. When You buy Your annuity, We set the Maturity Date, the latest possible Annuity Date when annuity payments must begin. On the Maturity Date, the account value is used to determine the annuity benefit payments. You may choose a different Annuity Date at any time, subject to the limitations set out in Your Contract.

You choose how the annuity benefit payments will be made—the Settlement Option. Your choices include:

- **Option One – Life Annuity:** Guarantees income for the life of the Annuitant.
- **Option Two – Life Annuity with Period Certain:** Pays income to the Annuitant for the fixed period of time You select. If the Annuitant dies before the end of that fixed period, the annuity pays income to the Beneficiary for the rest of that period.
- **Option Three – Joint and Last Survivor Annuity:** If the Joint Annuitant You designate survives the Annuitant, the annuity then guarantees income for as long as the Joint Annuitant lives.

Delaware Life reserves the right to offer other Settlement Options.

If the state in which Your contract was issued charges a Premium Tax, this tax may be deducted when You apply an amount to a Settlement Option.

### What happens if I take money out of my annuity?

Before the Annuity Date, You can take out all of Your account value (surrender) or part of it (withdrawal). A withdrawal and surrender charge and an MVA may apply, as described above. After the Annuity Date, You can't surrender Your annuity or withdraw money from Your annuity. To surrender Your annuity or take a withdrawal, You must complete a withdrawal/surrender form. Ask Your financial advisor for this form or contact Us.

- If You surrender Your annuity, Your Contract terminates.
- If You take a withdrawal, Your account value goes down. You can take a withdrawal as long as the amount You take is at least \$250.
- The amount withdrawn will be deducted proportionately from the Fixed Account and all Index Accounts. Amounts withdrawn from the Index Accounts will receive no interest for the Term in which the withdrawal falls.

## Guaranteed Lifetime Withdrawal Benefit Rider

### What is the optional Guaranteed Lifetime Withdrawal Benefit (GLWB) Rider?

If You elect this rider at issue, the Guaranteed Lifetime Withdrawal Benefit Rider (Form ICC15-DLIC-GLWB-01) provides guaranteed annual lifetime income payments every year for life – even if the account value of Your Contract decreases to zero – under the conditions set out in Your rider. Additionally, the Rider offers several ways to grow that future Guaranteed Annual Lifetime Income before the Income Start Date, which is the date when You elect the guaranteed stream of income payments begins.

### How is the Rider paid for?

A Rider Fee will be deducted from Your Account Value on each Contract Anniversary while the Account Value is greater than zero and the Rider is in force. The Rider Fee is calculated by multiplying the Rider Fee Rate by the Account Value on the Contract Anniversary. The Rider Fee Rate is an expense charge and assessed at an annual rate of .95%. This Rider Fee will not change, but will cease in the event that You decide to cancel the Rider.

### What are an Income Life and Joint Income Life?

The Income Life is the person upon whose life the Guaranteed Annual Lifetime Income amount and duration are based. After the Income Start Date, the Income Life cannot be changed. For the purposes of this Rider, prior to the Income Start Date, You may elect either a single life income based on one person's life or a joint life income based on the lives of two people who are spouses or partners in a civil union pursuant to the "New Jersey Civil Union Act." P.L. 2006, c. 103. If joint life income is elected, a Joint Income Life will be introduced but the Guaranteed Annual Lifetime Income amount and duration will be based on the youngest spouse.

When electing joint life income, the Income Life and Joint Income Life must be qualified as spouses. The contract's registration and beneficiary must also be set up such that the contract qualifies for spousal continuation as described in "What is Spousal Continuation?" above.

## Contact Information

You can contact Delaware Life by phone at **877-253-2323**, by mail at Delaware Life Insurance Company, P.O. Box 758581, Topeka, KS 66675-8581, or on the web at [delawarelife.com](http://delawarelife.com).

This annuity and the solicitation, negotiation, and sale are subject to regulatory oversight by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. You may also contact the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance by mail at P.O. Box 471 – Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0471 or by phone at **609-292-7272**.

This annuity doesn't participate directly in any stock, debt or other investments. If You buy this annuity, You are not investing directly in the CROCI Sectors III USD 5.5% Volatility Control Index, Morgan Stanley Global Opportunities Index, the S&P 500®, or the investments included in the indices.

All contractual guarantees are backed by the claims-paying ability of Delaware Life Insurance Company, located at 1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 30, Waltham, MA 02451.

## ■ Retirement Stages 7® Disclosure Statement Signatures (Form# DLIC-FIA-10-NJ)

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, or have been read, this document and I understand that I am applying for a flexible-premium, fixed index deferred annuity. I also acknowledge that this annuity meets my financial objectives. I have received a copy of the entire Disclosure Statement, as well as any advertisement that was used in connection with the sale of this annuity. I understand that other than the Minimum Guaranteed Contract Values, there are no guarantees, promises or warranties.

Proposed Owner Name (please print)		Signed at (City, State)	
Proposed Owner Signature X		Date	
Proposed Joint Owner Name (please print)		Signed at (City, State)	
Proposed Joint Owner Signature X		Date	

**Note: If this form is not completed and signed, we cannot consider Your application.**

**Financial Advisor's Certification:** I certify that I have given the Proposed Owner(s) a signed copy of this Disclosure Statement. I have made no statements to the Proposed Owner(s) that differ in any significant manner from this Disclosure Statement, nor did I make any changes to the Disclosure Statement itself. I have not made any promises or guarantees about the future value of any nonguaranteed elements of the annuity contract.

I also certify that I have only used Company approved marketing materials, and that I have provided a Buyer's Guide (if required by the state).

Financial Advisor Signature X	Date
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- The Index may not increase in value due to a number of factors and as a result there may be no interest credited to the annuity contract.
- Because the Index is managed to a volatility target, the Index performance will not match the performance of the underlying Index components and may dampen the performance of the Index in rising markets.
- The Index has a limited performance history and past performance is no indication of future performance.
- The Index may be comprised of a small number of index components at any given time and the performance of the index involves risk associated with international and US equities and bonds, commodities and precious metals, which may impact the Index value and the interest credited to the annuity contract.
- Premium allocated to a crediting method using the Index is not a direct investment in the stock markets, bond markets, commodities, precious metals or in the index.
- Purchasers of products linked to the index will have no access to the components underlying the Index.
- The Index is calculated on excess return basis.

## **CROCI Volatility Index:**

### **Risk Factors**

Before choosing an Index Option, potential purchasers should carefully consider the following selected risk factors regarding the CROCI Volatility Control Index as well as the matters set forth in the Disclosure Statement.

There are risks associated with the CROCI methodology, the CROCI Sectors III Index and the CROCI Sectors III USD 5.5% Volatility Control ("CROCI Sectors 5.5% VC") Index:

- No assurance can be given that the CROCI methodology will be successful at identifying undervalued companies;
- There is no assurance that (i) the three industry sectors chosen will outperform the other industry sectors or (ii) the 30 chosen stocks will outperform the remaining stocks in the component indices;
- Even if the strategy of the CROCI Sectors III Index is successful and it outperforms the component indices, the level of the CROCI Sectors 5.5% VC may decline;
- Because the CROCI Sectors 5.5% VC is subject to a maximum notional exposure of 100% to the CROCI Sectors III Index and will not adjust its exposure to the CROCI Sectors III Index by more than 10% on any day, the CROCI Sectors 5.5% VC may not be able to maintain a fixed target volatility level of 5.5%;
- If the realized volatility of the CROCI Sectors III Index is less than 5.5%, the CROCI Sectors 5.5% VC may have a 100% exposure to the CROCI Sectors III Index, but a target volatility level less than 5.5%;
- Because the CROCI Sectors 5.5% VC's exposure to the CROCI Sectors III Index on each day is calculated based on the historical realized volatility the CROCI Sectors III Index, the realized volatility of the CROCI Sectors 5.5% VC could differ significantly from the target volatility level;
- The CROCI Sectors 5.5% VC is subject to currency exchange rate risk; and
- Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, as the sponsor and calculation agent of the Index, may adjust the Index and/or its components in a way that affects their respective levels and may have conflicts of interest.

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While volatility controls may result in less fluctuation in rates of return as compared to indices without volatility controls, they may also reduce the overall rate of return as compared to products not subject to volatility controls.

Additional information (including index description) about the Deutsche Bank Indices is available upon request.

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# Transfer In/1035 Exchange Form

Throughout this form, "the Company" refers to Delaware Life Insurance Company.<sup>1</sup>

## 1 Registration Information

Owner(s) and Annuitants(s) must be exactly the same as the Owner(s) and Annuitant(s) on the existing contract with the Surrendering Company.

Owner	Social Security Number
Co-Owner (if applicable)	Social Security Number
Annuitant	Social Security Number
Co-Annuitant (if applicable)	Social Security Number

## 2 Registration Information

Existing Account Provider		
Provider Street Address (required)		
City	State	Zip Code
Existing Account Number	Provider Phone	Provider Fax (if available)

Send paperwork: ☐ By mail ☐ By fax ☐ Agent pursuing funds; do not mail form

If no selection is made, the transfer will be initiated immediately.

☐ Initiate transfer/rollover/exchange: ☐ Immediately upon receipt OR  
☐ After this date: \_\_\_\_\_ (must be within 30 days)

Apply proceeds to: ☐ A new contract/certificate OR  
☐ An existing contract/certificate\* (No. \_\_\_\_\_) (write contract number here)



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## 2 Registration Information (continued)

- Fixed Indexed contracts: Payments to an existing contract/certificate will be placed into the Fixed Account until the Contract Anniversary. At that point the funds will be exchanged into the Investment Strategy selected by the contract owner.
- Variable contracts: Payments to an existing contract will be invested according to the future allocation instructions we have on file unless otherwise specified. If you have an optional living benefit rider or optional death benefit rider the funds must be invested according to future allocations.

## 3 Required Minimum Distribution (Qualified Contract Only)

If you currently own a qualified contract and are aged 70½ this year, you may not transfer or rollover Required Minimum Distribution amounts.

- ☐ No RMD is required for the current year.
- ☐ I have already taken my full RMD for the current year.
- ☐ I direct the provider of my existing account to distribute the RMD to me before the exchange/rollover/transfer.

## 4 Surrendered Account Type

- ☐ Variable Annuity\* ☐ Fixed Annuity\* ☐ Fixed Index Annuity\* ☐ Life Insurance\*
- ☐ Brokerage Account/Mutual Funds/Certificate of Deposit (CD) – I authorize the Surrendering Company listed above to liquidate my account and send the proceeds to the Company.

\* Additional state-specific replacement form or NAIC Model Regulation (Form A) replacement form may be required.

## 5 Source of Transfer/Exchange

- Type of transfer/exchange ☐ Initiate full transfer/exchange \$\_\_\_\_\_ (estimated amount)
- ☐ I have enclosed the contract. OR
- ☐ I certify that the contract has been lost or destroyed.
- ☐ Initiate partial transfer/exchange \$\_\_\_\_\_ (exact amount)

### Plan type

#### FROM:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-qualified | <input type="checkbox"/> Simple IRA    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRA           | <input type="checkbox"/> 401(k)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roth IRA      | <input type="checkbox"/> 403(b) to IRA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEP IRA       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

#### TO:

- |  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-qualified |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRA           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roth IRA      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEP IRA       |

## 6 Acceptance by Contract Owner/Participant

If you are signing this form as a fiduciary (power of attorney, trustee, guardian, custodian, etc.) for the contract owner, please sign in your fiduciary capacity. We will need your authorizing documents to process this request. If we do not have them on file, please attach them to this form.

**For transfers/rollovers of qualified funds:** I intend that this transfer be accomplished as a trustee-to-trustee transfer in a nontaxable manner in accordance with IRS rulings and not constitute actual or constructive receipt by me for federal income tax purposes. I hereby request and direct the transfer of the net proceeds of the account listed on the previous page.

I understand that I am purchasing this annuity in an Individual Retirement Account or other tax-qualified plan as identified in Section 3 of this form. Since Individual Retirement Accounts and other tax-qualified plans are already afforded tax-deferred status, there is no additional tax deferral benefit in this annuity. I am purchasing this annuity because I value other features, such as lifetime income payments, principal protection, or death benefit protection, and I am willing to pay any additional cost associated with such features.

I understand that the proposed transfer may have important tax consequences and/or surrender or withdrawal penalties. I acknowledge that the Company assumes no responsibility or liability for any tax treatment on this transfer under the Internal Revenue Code or otherwise.

**Transfers from 403(b) rollovers only:** I acknowledge and agree that I have sole responsibility (1) for compliance with the Internal Revenue Service's Section 403(b) Regulations and my employer's or former employer's 403(b) plan, if applicable, and (2) in determining and notifying the Company as to whether the requested distribution is an eligible rollover distribution.

**For 1035 exchange of non-qualified funds:** I hereby assign and transfer the specified portion of my right, title, and interest in the above Contract ("the Contract") to the Company. I irrevocably waive all rights, claims, and demands under the Contract or specified portion thereof. The purpose of this transfer is to effect a direct nontaxable exchange of contracts pursuant to Section 1035 of the Internal Revenue Code. I understand and agree that the cost basis in the contract issued by the Company shall be determined based on the cost basis information provided by the above-referenced company ("Surrendering Company"). I further understand and agree that the Company assumes no responsibility in obtaining or verifying the cost basis of the new contract issued by it. I acknowledge and agree that if the Company does not receive cost basis information acceptable to it, the cost basis will be recorded by the Company as zero.

I hereby declare that the Contract is not subject to any assignment, pledge, collateral assignment, or other lien and that no proceedings in bankruptcy or insolvency, voluntary or involuntary, have been instituted by or against me and that I am not under guardianship or any legal disability.

I understand and agree that the Company will request that the Surrendering Company totally or partially surrender the original Contract and that the Company assumes no responsibility for any delay by the Surrendering Company in paying the surrender proceeds or for any changes in the amount. I understand that the proposed transaction may have important tax consequences and/or surrender or withdrawal penalties, and I represent and agree that the Company is furnishing this form and participating in this transaction at my request. I understand and agree that the Company makes no representations concerning my tax treatment under Section 1035 of the Internal Revenue Code or otherwise and that the Company has no responsibility or liability for the validity of this assignment.

Owner's Signature X	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Co-Owner's Signature (if applicable) X	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Please Print Name Below		Please Print Name Below	
Signature Guarantee (if required by Surrendering Company)		Signature Guarantee (if required by Surrendering Company)	

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# Important Notice: Replacement of Life Insurance or Annuities

**This document must be signed by the applicant and producer, if there is one, and a copy left with the applicant.**

You are contemplating the purchase of a life insurance policy or annuity contract. In some cases this purchase may involve discontinuing or changing an existing policy or contract. If so, a replacement is occurring. Financed purchases are also considered replacements.

A replacement occurs when a new policy or contract is purchased and, in connection with the sale, you discontinue making premium payments on the existing policy or contract, or an existing policy or contract is surrendered, forfeited, assigned to the replacing insurer, or otherwise terminated or used in a financed purchase.

A financed purchase occurs when the purchase of a new life insurance policy involves the use of funds obtained by the withdrawal or surrender of or by borrowing some or all of the policy values, including accumulated dividends, of an existing policy, to pay all or part of any premium or payment due on the new policy. A financed purchase is a replacement.

You should carefully consider whether a replacement is in your best interest. You will pay acquisition costs and there may be surrender costs deducted from your policy or contract. You may be able to make changes to your existing policy or contract to meet your insurance needs at less cost. A financed purchase will reduce the value of your existing policy and may reduce the amount paid upon the death of the insured.

We want you to understand the effects of replacements before you make your purchase decision and ask that you answer the following questions and consider the questions on the back of this form.

1. Are you considering discontinuing making premium payments, surrendering, forfeiting, assigning to the insurer, or otherwise terminating your existing policy or contract?.....

☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Are you considering using funds from your existing policies or contracts to pay premiums due on the new policy or contract?.....

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered “yes” to either of the above questions, list each existing policy or contract you are contemplating replacing (include the name of the insurer, the insured, and the contract number if available) and whether each policy will be replaced or used as a source of financing:

Insurer Name	Contract or Policy #	Insured	Replaced (R) or Financing (F)

Make sure you know the facts. Contact your existing company or its agent for information about the old policy or contract. [If you request one, an in-force illustration, policy summary or available disclosure documents must be sent to you by the existing insurer.] Ask for and retain all sales material used by the agent in the sales presentation. Be sure that you are making an informed decision.

The existing policy or contract is being replaced because:



I certify that the responses herein are, to the best of my knowledge, accurate:

Applicant's Signature X	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Printed Name
Joint Owner's Signature X	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Printed Name
Producer's Signature X	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Printed Name

I do not want this notice read aloud to me. \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicants must initial only if they do not want the notice read aloud.)

A replacement may not be in your best interest, or your decision could be a good one. You should make a careful comparison of the costs and benefits of your existing policy or contract and the proposed policy or contract. One way to do this is to ask the company or agent that sold you your existing policy or contract to provide you with information concerning your existing policy or contract. This may include an illustration of how your existing policy or contract is working now and how it would perform in the future based on certain assumptions. Illustrations should not, however, be used as a sole basis to compare policies or contracts. You should discuss the following with your agent to determine whether replacement or financing your purchase makes sense:

**Premiums:**

- Are they affordable?
- Could they change?
- You're older—are premiums higher for the proposed new policy?
- How long will you have to pay premiums on the new policy? On the old policy?

**Policy Values:**

- New policies usually take longer to build cash values and to pay dividends.
- Acquisition costs for the old policy may have been paid; you will incur costs for the new one.
- What surrender charges do the policies have?
- What expense and sales charges will you pay on the new policy?
- Does the new policy provide more insurance coverage?

**Insurability:**

- If your health has changed since you bought your old policy, the new one could cost you more, or you could be turned down.
- You may need a medical exam for a new policy.
- [Claims on most new policies for up to the first two years can be denied based on inaccurate statements. Suicide limitations may begin anew on the new coverage.]

**If You Are Keeping the Old Policy as well as the New Policy:**

- How are premiums for both policies being paid?
- How will the premiums on your existing policy be affected?
- Will a loan be deducted from death benefits?
- What values from the old policy are being used to pay premiums?

**If You Are Surrendering an Annuity or Interest Sensitive Life Product:**

- Will you pay surrender charges on your old contract?
- What are the interest rate guarantees for the new contract?
- Have you compared the contract charges or other policy expenses?

**Other Issues to Consider for All Transactions:**

- What are the tax consequences of buying the new policy?
- Is this a tax-free exchange? (See your tax advisor.)
- Is there a benefit from favorable "grandfathered" treatment of the old policy under the federal tax code?
- Will the existing insurer be willing to modify the old policy?
- How does the quality and financial stability of the new company compare with your existing company?

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