

Indexed Universal Life Insurance

Protecting your family's future with life insurance can be the cornerstone to a sound financial strategy. However, determining what type of life insurance is right for you isn't always easy: should you select term insurance or should you choose a permanent policy that has the potential to grow in value over time? Indexed Universal Life (IUL) insurance is one option that includes a cash value component and allows policy owners to direct net premiums to a choice of a fixed interest account and/or index accounts.

Let's take a closer look to determine if an IUL policy is an option for you.

What is **IUL** Insurance?

First and foremost, IUL is a life insurance policy that provides a death benefit. It is not a short-term savings vehicle nor is it ideal for short-term insurance needs. It is designed for long-term coverage and should only be purchased if you have the financial means to keep the policy in force for a substantial period of time.

An IUL policy offers:

- Tax-free death benefit
- Tax-deferred growth potential*
- Tax-advantaged withdrawals and loans
- Guaranteed minimum interest rate**

Interest is credited to index accounts based, in part,

on changes in a specified market index or indexes between certain time periods. Depending on the product and the insurance company, there may be other elements included in the formula that determines index interest. Generally, interest may be credited up to a certain maximum rate, usually referred to as a cap, or the company may specify a participation rate. Caps, participation rates and other non-guaranteed components of the formula for index interest are set by the insurance company at its discretion and are subject to change.

IUL policies do not invest in the stock market or indexes, but offer a choice of fixed accounts and indexed accounts based on market indexes such as the S&P 500®, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, EURO STOXX 50®, Hang Seng or one of several other indexes.

^{*} Cash value growth is not guaranteed.

[&]quot;Guarantees are based on the claims paying ability of the issuing insurance company.

Guaranteed Floor

Index changes can be positive or negative. With an IUL, you will never be credited less than the policy's guaranteed minimum interest rate, or "floor", which ensures that your IUL policy will never be credited a negative rate of interest.

Avoiding loss is beneficial to your overall financial strategy. The floor provides downside protection for the index account if there is a negative change in the index.

Fees and Charges

Life insurance fees and charges are based on several factors such as the age, gender, lifestyle and health of the insured person. Generally, the cost of insurance is higher at older ages.

IUL fees and charges can include:

- Monthly cost of insurance
- Policy and rider charges
- Administrative charges
- Premium expense charges

Additionally, if a policy is surrendered during the first several years (generally 10 - 20 years), charges may apply.



IUL and Taxes¹

The tax advantages and consequences of an IUL policy include:

- The guaranteed death benefit passes to the beneficiary federal income tax free
- The policy's premiums are not tax deductible
- Transfers within the policy can be made tax-free: the policy value may be moved between the index account(s) and the fixed account several times per year depending on the policy's restrictions
- Any earnings grow tax deferred, and taxes on any overall gain are due at policy surrender or lapse
- Generally, once the cash value is sufficient, the policy owner may take a tax-free loan from the policy, however:
- The policy death benefit and cash value are reduced by the amount of any outstanding loan and interest charges apply.
- If the policy is surrendered or lapses while there is a loan outstanding, taxes will be due to the extent the loan exceeds the cost basis of the policy
- Partial surrenders (withdrawals) are also available but are subject to limitations

IUL Features

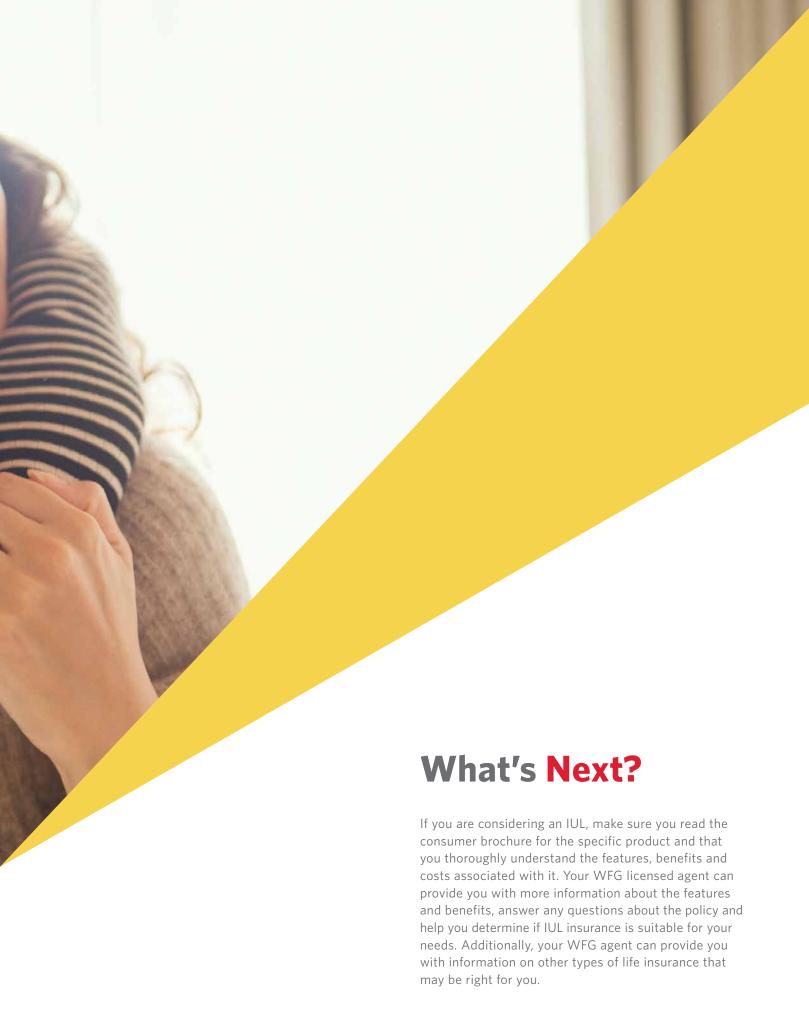
When considering an IUL, here are some features to keep in mind:

- A cap or participation rate applies to the interest rate determined for the policy's index accounts
- The potential for tax-deferred cash value accumulation to use later in life
- Policy riders that customize the policy to help meet long-term objectives are available, but, generally, at an additional cost
- IUL policies are not an investment in the stock market and do not participate in any stock or equity investment
- Costs, which are higher than term insurance, can include premium expense charges, per unit charges, administrative charges, cost of insurance, costs attributable to any riders and surrender charges

Loans, withdrawals and death benefit accelerations will reduce the policy value and death benefit. Withdrawals may be subject to partial surrender charges if they occur during a surrender charge period and result in a face amount decrease. Provided the policy is not and does not become a modified endowment contract (MEC), 1) withdrawals are tax-free to the extent that they do not exceed the policy basis (generally, premiums paid less withdrawals) and 2) policy loans are tax free as long as the policy remains in force. If the policy is surrendered or lapses, the amount of the policy loan will be considered a distribution from the policy and will be taxable to the extent that such loan plus other distributions at that time exceed the policy basis.



Your WFG licensed agent can help determine if an IUL policy is a good fit for you.



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