

Variable Universal Life



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- Do you know of a way to provide substantial family protection while participating in the stock market?
- Which financial product provides tax-deferred accumulation and income tax-free withdrawals?¹
- Are you aware of a single product that lets you do all of the above and transfer among funding options income tax-free?

Variable universal life (VUL) gives you the opportunity to grow your assets for your own retirement and provide for your family if you should die prematurely.

The Features of VUL

VUL is a financial tool that differs from all other types of life insurance. It provides investment options and choices during your lifetime and an income tax-free death benefit² for your family when you are gone. It also provides:

- The ability to invest in a variety of asset classes, with various portfolio managers.
- The opportunity to make withdrawals or take out tax-free loans for retirement or education funding. (Withdrawals will reduce the cash value and death benefit.)
- The flexibility to transfer your assets between different types of investments without a tax liability, and to change your premiums at any time.

VUL involves certain risks too – since VUL is invested in underlying variable funds, it is subject to market risk, including possible loss of principal, and a possible reduction of the death benefit. Further, if the market drops below certain levels, an increased premium may be required to keep the policy in-force.

How VUL Works

1. When purchasing a VUL policy, determine the proper ownership based upon your goals and name your beneficiaries.
2. Decide on premium payments in relation to your desired death benefit and objectives.



A smart strategy
for you and your family
today and tomorrow.

3. Over time, the cash value in the policy can accumulate income tax-deferred. The flexibility to transfer among your investment options allows you to better achieve your investment goals.
4. You can take out income tax-free withdrawals or loans for various needs; whether it's retirement income, college tuition or a family emergency.¹
5. You have the option to increase or decrease your premium payments and death benefit up to allowable amounts, based on changing circumstances in your life. (Please note that decreasing the premiums below certain levels may cause the policy to lapse.)
6. At the insured's death, the beneficiaries of the policy receive an income tax-free death benefit.²

Asset Protection

Life insurance is a versatile planning tool. At your death, it provides immediate liquidity to your beneficiaries – in good markets and poor markets. Life insurance also provides some level of creditor protection in most states.

A Tax-advantaged Strategy

VUL can be income tax-free in a variety of circumstances. It allows for tax-deferred accumulation – gains are not subject to federal or state income tax as long as the policy is in-force. (i.e. 'in effect') Policy loans and withdrawals may be income tax-free. However, if the policy lapses or if it's surrendered, then income taxes are due on the gains in the policy. Therefore, it is important to keep the policy in-force. Life insurance also provides an income tax-free death benefit.²

Professional Money Management

VUL allows the policyholder to choose the type of investment strategy to manage the cash value in the insurance policy. The insurance carrier manages most other types of insurance. VUL puts you in control.

You can create your investment strategy by choosing from a wide selection of money managers and asset classes. Based on your risk tolerance, you can decide which investment options make sense for you, given your own comfort level for investment risk and return.

Cash When You Need It

Life insurance provides immediate liquidity (cash) at death. What if the policyholder dies in a time of down markets? The specified death benefit is still paid out at death. Other assets would not necessarily have to be liquidated to provide your family with the cash they'd need when you are gone.

Life insurance may also offer income tax-free withdrawals and loans. So, if you need the cash during your lifetime for college education or supplemental retirement income, you may access income tax-free

loans and withdrawals from your life insurance policy. (If you do this, there will be a reduced death benefit and cash value.)

For Couples

VUL can also be structured as a survivorship life insurance policy – also referred to as 'second to die.' This type is primarily used for couples, and insures the lives of both parties – with benefits paid to the beneficiaries at the second death.

Is Your Financial Plan Complete?

The financial guidance you receive to manage your VUL policy is just as important as the financial advice you receive on your other investments. Look to your financial representative to provide this guidance.

Variable life insurance involves investment risk including possible loss of value. The investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that your account value, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the premiums you paid. In addition, there are significant fees and charges associated with variable life policies. ■

¹ For a non-MEC policy, income taxes are due upon withdrawal, only to the extent that they exceed basis. For a MEC policy, income taxes are due upon withdrawal, and, if withdrawn before age 59½, a 10% penalty tax may apply. Loaned amounts are generally not subject to income taxation. Policy loans and withdrawals will reduce the cash value and the death benefit of the policy.

² The death benefit from life insurance is generally income tax-free, but consult your tax advisor about the income tax consequences when the life insurance death benefit is paid to an entity other than an individual.

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Loans or withdrawals will decrease the cash value and death benefit.

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