

**Agent Underwriting Guide** 







# Accelerated Underwriting Approach

# An Instant, Convenient Decision at the Time of Sale

NWL® Assurance Advantage is an Indexed Universal Life policy that features an electronic application process underwritten on an accelerated issue basis for qualifying applicants. As part of the electronic process, applications are subject to MIB, RX, MVR, Risk Classifier®\*, as well as adherence to height and weight requirements.

An accelerated, electronic application process that requires no medical exams, records, or testing means a faster underwriting and issue process for you and your clients.

Available for individuals that qualify for standard, preferred and super preferred classes.\*\*

Individuals who do not qualify for Accelerated Underwriting due to age, amount, or as a result of underwriting findings will be subject to a full, traditional underwriting process.

\*Lexis Nexis Risk Life Classifier® is a score that predicts relative mortality risk based on FCRA real time data to include consumer's public records such as court records, criminal history, property records, bankruptcies, judgments, MVR attributes (violations), and consumer credit history (payment behavior, collections, available credit but not credit scores). All information is disclosable, disputable, and correctable.

\*\*Mortality management requires random sample of applicants to be held and go through full, traditional underwriting.

# **NWL® Assurance Advantage Product Highlights**

# **Assurance Advantage Index Universal Life Insurance**

**Issue Ages:** 0-80 Standard

20-80 Preferred and Super Preferred

**Underwriting:** Accelerated Underwriting available:

• Ages 18-54

• up to \$1,000,000

• U.S. citizens or green card holders

• Foreign Nationals must be fully underwritten

• Individuals who don't qualify for accelerated underwriting will be subject to

a full traditional underwriting process.

Min. Face: \$50,000

**Face Amount:** Band 1: \$50,000 to \$499,999

Band 2: \$500,000 to \$999,999 Band 3: \$1,000,000 and above

**Death Benefit** 

**Options:** Level

Face Amount Plus Account Value Face Amount Plus Net Premiums

Classes: Non-Tobacco

Super Preferred | Preferred | Standard

Tobacco

Preferred | Standard

# Here is How the Accelerated Underwriting Process Works:

# **Getting Started**

- 1. After the client and agent determine a need for life insurance coverage, the agent runs an illustration through Winflex, inputting basic data on the proposed insured such as date of birth, desired face amount or premium, riders (if applicable), and tobacco status to generate an illustration.
- 2. If the applicant's illustration results are satisfactory, while in-person with the client, the agent proceeds to the eApplication (eApp) directly from the illustration.

## **Application Process**

- Client's identification is verified against public records data by answering a few questions.
- After identification is verified, the remaining sections of the application are completed including height and weight, medical and non-medical questions, beneficiary information, and payment details.
- Once the application is completed, client signatures are captured electronically including HIPAA, MIB,
   Prescription Check (Rx), Motor Vehicle Report (MVR), and consumer report authorizations. Please note: MIB
   Pre-Notices and fraud statements will be available for the client to review prior to the signature process. The
   agent signatures are also captured electronically.
- The agent can provide the client with a copy of the application and all notices electronically (via e-mail) or can opt to print the documents.



# **Reflexive Questioning**

The automated underwriting engine generates reflexive application questions.

Reflexive Questions are drill down inquiries that generate a follow-up question based upon the initial answer.

Satisfactory answers without discrepancies on MIB, RX, MVR, or RC will generally result in an application being accepted. In other instances the case may be declined or referred to an underwriter to fully underwrite the case. A decision is provided at the time of submission.

#### **Submission**

After the client provides the required information, the case is then submitted to our Automated Underwriting Engine\*, where information is analyzed with MIB, Prescription Check, MVR, and Lexis Nexis Risk Life Classifier®. A decision is then displayed on-screen within minutes (often, in less than one). If there are no contradictions with MIB, RX, MVR or Lexis Nexis Risk Life Classifier® (RC), the case is accelerated for approval with one of three rate classifications: Super Preferred, Preferred or Standard.

Case decision is either, Accepted, Declined, or Referred To an Underwriter (RTU).

- If the case is accepted, the electronic application will be sent to the home office for processing. If all information including payment is acceptable, the policy is issued and mailed to the client, and the commission is released. Typical turnaround time is 48-72 business hours after submissions have been accepted. If agent's license or contract appointment is not provided at the time of submission, turnaround time could be delayed.
- If the case is declined, the electronic application will be sent to the home office and a letter will be mailed to the client with details regarding the decision.

<sup>\*</sup>Not all applicants qualify for automated underwriting. Foreign National and Puerto Rican applicants will always be fully underwritten.

• If the case is referred to an underwriter, the application will be sent to the home office for processing and the case will be subject to traditional underwriting, which includes basic age and face amount requirements. If applicant was not approved through the accelerated program, he or she may still qualify for standard or better rates, but the case needs to be fully underwritten.



# Tips Prior to Submission

Please check prior to submission:

- Prior to beginning the electronic process, please ensure applicant has their personal information, along with their most recent contact information available such as, full name, current valid address, date of birth, and Social Security Number. Applicant's driver's license should also be available at the time of application (if applicable), and must be entered exactly as it appears.
- Applicant should also have their physician's relevant information at hand: full name, address, telephone number and list of any medications, prescribed or otherwise.

# **General Underwriting Qualifications for Accelerated Underwriting**

Build must be (See <u>Build Tab</u>	within the recommended build chart for ages 18-54. <u>le</u> for details)
Applicant mu in the U.S.	st be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident (green card), and must permanently res
	gn travel with a duration of 180 consecutive days or more will cause applicant to be red a foreign resident and therefore will not qualify for Accelerated Underwriting.
	st not have been rated or declined for life, (fully underwritten or simplified issue), healt rance by any insurance carrier (including NWL).
Applicant mu	st not have history of alcohol or substance abuse or treatment.
disease, diabe	st not have any major medical health disorder including heart disease, coronary artery tes, bipolar disorder, COPD, epilepsy, gastric bypass/lap band, liver disease, kidney dise r cancer. Other disorders may apply.
No death of n	atural parent or sibling from heart disease or cancer prior to age 60.
	st not have history of DUI/DWI, license suspension, or reckless driving in the past five y two moving violations in the past three years.
Applicant mu	st not have any history of bankruptcies, criminal activity, or liens against him or her.
No participati	on in hazardous or high-risk activities, including private aviation.
For super pre	erred classification, no tobacco use in the past five years. For preferred, no tobacco us

Please note, NWL will randomly select cases of applicants who qualify for Accelerated Underwriting and will underwrite them traditionally. We do this as part of our audit controls for mortality review.

# **Build Table**

# WEIGHT (POUNDS)

HEIGHT	Minimum Weight ages 18-50	Minimum Weight ages 51-70	Minimum Weight ages 71+	Super Preferred Maximum Weight ages 18-70	Preferred Maximum Weight ages 18-70	Standard ages 18-70	Super Preferred Maximum Weight ages 71+	Preferred Maximum Weight ages 71+	Standard ages 71+
4' 7"	73	81	90	125	136	163	125	138	167
4' 8"	75	84	93	129	140	169	130	143	173
4′9″	78	87	97	133	145	175	135	148	180
4' 10"	81	90	100	137	150	181	139	154	186
4' 11"	84	94	103	141	154	188	144	159	193
5' 0"	87	97	107	145	159	194	149	164	199
5' 1"	89	100	111	149	163	201	154	170	206
5' 2"	92	103	114	153	169	207	159	175	213
5' 3"	95	107	118	157	174	214	164	181	220
5' 4"	99	110	122	162	180	221	169	187	227
5' 5"	102	114	126	166	184	228	175	193	234
5' 6"	105	117	130	170	195	235	180	199	241
5' 7"	108	121	134	176	199	242	186	205	249
5' 8"	111	124	138	182	203	249	191	211	256
5' 9"	115	128	142	187	209	257	197	217	264
5' 10"	118	132	146	193	212	264	203	224	271
5' 11"	121	136	150	199	218	272	208	230	279
6' 0"	125	140	154	205	223	280	214	236	287
6' 1"	128	144	159	210	230	288	220	243	295
6' 2"	132	148	163	216	234	295	226	250	303
6' 3"	136	152	168	220	240	304	233	257	312
6' 4"	139	156	172	223	245	312	239	263	320
6' 5"	143	160	177	227	250	320	245	270	328
6' 6"	147	164	181	231	259	328	251	277	337
6' 7"	150	168	186	235	265	337	258	285	346
6' 8"	154	172	191	242	271	345	265	292	355
6' 9"	158	177	195	246	276	354	271	299	363



# **General Underwriting Qualifications for Fully Underwritten Cases**

- Exam requirements should be determined by the total amount of coverage applicant has requested (base & term rider amounts) with NWL®.
- NWL® reserves the right to request any medical requirements regardless of age or amount of insurance.
- Medical exams should be arranged through a paramedical facility. An exam by the applicant's personal physician is generally not acceptable.
  - Other companies' medical exams may be permissible if completed in the last six months.
- Medical requirements will not be waived if the face amount is reduced after the application is submitted.

# **Super Preferred**

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- U.S. citizen or green card holder (permanent resident).
- No involvement in hazardous activities, avocations, or occupational duties including private aviation.
- Not on active duty in the military.
- No record of felony arrests.
- No history of DUIs, reckless driving, or suspensions for any reason within the last five years, and no more than one moving violation within the last three years.
- No tobacco use in the past five years, an occasional cigar smoker may qualify for non tobacco rates with negative cotinine on insurance exam.
- Not under observation, diagnosis, or treatment for any major health condition and must not have a history of drug or alcohol abuse or treatment in the past 10 years. In addition, there should be no contemplated surgery or medical procedure.
- No death of natural parent or sibling from cardiovascular disease or cancer prior to age 60.
- Blood pressure no greater than 135/85, as well as no history of treatment.
- Cholesterol levels less than 210 mg/dL and Cholesterol/HDL ratio less than or equal to 5.0. No history of treatment.

### **Preferred (Non-Tobacco and Tobacco)**

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- U.S. citizen or green card holder (permanent resident).
- No involvement in hazardous activities, avocations, or occupational duties, and no ratable private aviation.
- Not on active duty in the military.
- No record of felony arrests.
- Not under observation, diagnosis, or treatment for any major health condition. In addition there should be no contemplated surgery or medical procedure.
- No history of drug or alcohol treatment in the past 10 years.
- No death of natural parent or sibling from cardiovascular disease or cancer prior to age 60.
- No history of DUIs, reckless driving, or suspensions for any reason within the last five years, and no more than two moving violations within the last three years.

### **Preferred (Non-Tobacco)**

Applicants must meet the following additional requirements:

No tobacco use in the past two years; occasional cigar (must have negative cotinine on insurance exams).

#### **Blood Pressure**

- Must demonstrate blood pressure (if applicable) is controlled with or without medications. Some hypertension medications and combination of impairments may prevent approval at preferred rate.
  - Applicant ages 18-49 No levels greater than 140/90 mmHg.
  - Applicant ages 50 and over No levels greater than 160/90 mmHg.

#### **Cholesterol**

- Must demonstrate control of hyperlipidemia, with or without medications. Combination of impairments may prevent approval at preferred rate.
  - Applicant ages 0-49 Cholesterol levels less than 235 mg/dL, and Cholesterol/HDL ratio equal to or less than 5.5.
  - Applicants ages 50 and over Cholesterol levels less than 240 mg/dL, and Cholesterol/HDL ratio equal to or less than 6.0.

### **Preferred (Tobacco)**

Applicants must meet the following additional requirements:

#### **Blood Pressure**

- Must demonstrate blood pressure (if applicable) is controlled with or without medications. Some hypertension medications and combination of impairments may prevent approval at preferred rate.
- All ages No levels greater than 140/90 mmHg.

#### **Cholesterol**

- Must demonstrate control of hyperlipidemia, with or without medications. Combination of impairments may
  prevent approval at preferred rate.
  - All ages Cholesterol levels less than 235 mg/dL, and Cholesterol/HDL ratio equal to or less than 5.5.



# **Paramedical Services/Examiners**

#### **EMSI**

3050 Regent Blvd, Suite 400 Irving, TX 75063 Phone: (800) 530-0560 www.emsinet.com

#### **EXAM ONE**

10101 Renner Blvd Lenexa, KS 66219 Phone: (877) 933-9261 www.examone.com

#### **APPS**

One Jericho Plaza Jericho, NY 11753

Phone: (800) 727-2101 & (516) 822-6230

FAX: (516) 822-6241 www.appslive.com

# **Inspection Limits**

NWL home office will request a Personal History Telephone Interview as follows:

Total Face Amount: \$1,000,000 ages 0-69

\$500,000 ages 70+

# **Prescription History**

Taking any of the medications for the conditions below in the time frame indicated on the application will generally result in further underwriting, and may disqualify client from accelerated underwriting. Other medications may apply.

Medication	Indication prescribed for:		
Abilify/ Aripiprazole	Bipolar Disorder/Antiphyschotic		
Alglucosidase	Pompe Disease		
Amantadine	Anti-Parkinson's		
Amiodarone HCL	Arrhythmia		
Anastrozole	Cancer		
Anoro	COPD		
Antabuse	Alcohol Abuse Treatment		
Aprepitant	Cancer Induced Nausea		
Apresoline	Severe Hypertension		
Aralast	Respiratory Disorder		
Aricept	Dementia/Cognitive Disorder		
Arimidex	Cancer		
Atrovent	COPD		
Azathioprine	Transplant		
Basiliximab	Transplant		
Belimumab	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus		
Benlysta	Systemic Lupus		
Benztropine/Cogentin	Anti-Parkinson's		
Bepridil	Angina		
BiDil	Congestive Heart Failure		
Bosentan	Pulmonary Hypertension		
Breo Ellipta	COPD		
Calcitriol	Kidney Disease/Failure		
Calcium Acetate	Kidney Disease		
Carbidopa	Anti-Parkinson's		
Carbidopa – Levodopa	Anti-Parkinson's		
Casodex	Cancer		
Clopidogrel	Heart Disease, Stroke/TIA, PVD/PAD		
Clozapine	Schizophrenia		
Clozaril	Antipsychotic		
Codeine-Acetaminophen/Tylenol	Pain		
Combivent	COPD		
Compazine – Frequent Fills	Antipsychotic		
Corlanor	Congestive Heart Failure or Angina		

Medication	Indication prescribed for:		
Corticosteroid Multiple Use	Unmanaged Asthma/COPD		
Creon	Pancreatitis		
Cyclosporine	Transplant		
Daliresp	COPD		
Dasatinib	Cancer		
Decadron	Chemo Induced Nausea		
Depakote	Anticonvulsants		
Depo-Provera – Significant	Cancer		
Dextromethorphan-Quinidine	Neurological		
Digoxin	Heart Failure/Arrhythmia		
Donepezil HCL	Dementia/Cognitive Disorder		
Dronabinol	Anti-Nausea RX Caused by Cancer treatment		
Effient	Heart Disease, Stroke/TIA, PVD/PAD		
Entecavir/Baraclude	Hepatitis B		
Entresto	Heart Failure		
Erivedge	Advanced Basal Cell Carcinoma		
Eteplirsen	Muscular Dystrophy/Progressive Neuromuscluar Disorder		
Exelon	Dementia/Cognitive Disorder		
Femara	Cancer		
Fentanyl/Duragesic	Pain		
Geodon	Psychotic Disorder		
Glipizide	Diabetes		
Herceptin	Cancer		
Humulin	Diabetes		
Hydralazine	Severe Hypertension		
Hydrea	Cancer		
Inspra	Post MI, CHF or Severe Hypertension		
Interferon	Multiple Sclerosis		
Isosorbide	Angina		
Isoniazid	Tuberculosis		
Lactulose	Cirrhosis		
Lanoxin	Heart Failure		
Lantus	Diabetes		
Lasix	Heart/Liver/Kidney Disorder		
Leucovorin	Cancer		
Leuprolide	Cancer		

Medication	Indication prescribed for:		
Lithium	Bipolar Disorder		
Lucentis	Diabetic Retinopathy		
Lupron	Cancer		
Lyrica/Gabapentin	Diabetic Neuropathy		
Megestrol Acetate	Cancer		
Metformin	Diabetes		
Methadone	Narcotic Addiction/Severe Pain/Abuse		
Methyldopa	Severe Hypertension		
Mirtazapine	Depression		
Morphine or Morphine Equivalent	Pain		
Morphine Sulfate/Contin	Pain		
Mycophenolate	Transplant		
Multiple narcotic drugs or narcotics given by multiple doctors	Abuse/Pain/Multiple Conditions		
Naloxegol	Opioid Induced Constipation		
Namenda	Anti-Dementia		
Narcotics and Benzodiazepine concurrent use	Abuse/Pain		
Neupogen	Cancer		
NovoLog	Diabetes		
Nimotop	Stroke		
Nitrates/Nitroglycerin	Angina/Chest Pain		
OFEV	Pulmonary Fibrosis		
Opioid/Narcotic, Oxycodone/Oxycontin	Pain/Frequent Fills		
Osmitrol	Severe Intracranial Pressure/Cerebral Edema		
Oxycodone/Oxycontin	Pain		
Paricalcitol	Serious Endocrine		
Pancrelipase	Pancreatitis		
Pasireotide	Cushing's Disease		
Pegasys	Hepatitis		
Peginterferon Alfa-2a/Pegasys	Hepatitis B or C		
Phenelzine/Nardil	Depression		
Phenytoin/Dilantin	Very Serious Anticonvulsant/Seizures		
Plavix	Heart Disease, Stroke/TIA, PVD/PAD		
Pletal	Heart Disease, Stroke/TIA, PVD/PAD		
Primasol	Kidney Disease		
Pulmozyme	Cystic Fibrosis Pulmonary		

Medication	Indication prescribed for:		
Ranexa	Angina		
Rifaximin	Cirrhosis		
Reglan	Diabetic Gastroparesis		
Ribavirin	Hepatitis		
Riluzole	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis		
Respiridone	Psychotic Disorder		
Salmeterol/Serevent	COPD		
Sensipar	Kidney Disease/Failure		
Seroquel	Psychotic Disorder, Depression		
Serzone/Nefazodone	Psychotic Disorder		
Sildenafil	Pulmonary Hypertension		
Sirolimus	Transplant or Cancer		
Sofosbuvir/Sovaldi	Hepatitis C		
Spiriva	Severe Asthma or COPD		
Spironolactone	Severe Hypertension/Congestive Heart Failure		
Suboxone	Drug Abuse/Pain		
Sulfadiazine/Primasol	Serious Kidney Therapy		
Symbyax	Antipsychotic/Bipolar Disorder		
Tamoxifen	Cancer		
Telotristat	Cancer		
Tenofovir	Hepatitis B		
Tetrabenazine	Neurological		
Thiamine	Alcoholism		
Thorazine	Antipsychotic		
Tizanidine HCL – significant fills	Musculoskeletal Therapy		
Trastuzumab	Cancer		
Trazodone	Depression		
Trientine HCI	Congenital Genetic Disorder/Wilson's Disease		
Warfarin/Coumadin	Anticoagulant		
Zemplar	Kidney Disease/Failure		
Zyprexa	Psychotic Disorder		



# **Financial Underwriting Guidelines**

Financial underwriting is a critical part of the application process. The electronic underwriting process only allows for applicants looking to attain personal insurance and/or income replacement. Underwriting for other purposes, including business coverage (key person, buy/sell, or stock repurchase), charitable purposes, estate planning, etc., will be reviewed on a fully underwritten basis.

Insurable interest must exist prior to the approval of an application between the Insured and Owner, and/or Beneficiary. Insurable interest exists if there is an economic loss that would be suffered by the Owner/Beneficiary if the Insured was to die prematurely.

Automated underwriting will generally accept the following Personal relationships as having insurable interest:

- Spouse/Life Partner/Fiancé(e)
- Parent
- Child

All other relationships will be reviewed on a fully underwritten basis.

Please refer to chart for maximum face amount allowed. Also consider insurance in force with other carriers and/or National Western Life.

**Example**: Proposed Insured's age is 51 and annual income is \$20,000. Maximum coverage allowed would be \$400,000 (\$20,000 X 20).

# **Financial Questionnaire**

A financial questionnaire must be submitted with applications of \$1,500,001 or more. Formal financial statements are required for amounts of \$3,000,000 and more.

National Western Life reserves the right to request audited financials, and/or IRS form 4506-T for income verification.

Maximum Face Amount Chart			
Income Factor			
30			
25			
20			
12			
10			
5			



