

Adviser Underwriting Guide



Underwriting Philosophy

Penn Mutual's Underwriting Department is committed to providing consistent and competitive underwriting decisions and timely service to our advisers while meeting the mortality and financial assumptions established for our life products.

We are an integral part of the sales process and are dedicated to adding value for our advisers and their clients.

Purpose of Guide

The purpose of this guide is to provide Penn Mutual advisers with key underwriting information in a readily available, easy-to-use format.

This guide covers medical, non-medical, financial, and application information.

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Routine Age & Amount Requirements

Applicable to fully underwritten term and permanent life insurance products, including survivorship. Includes total coverage applied for and placed in force within the past 12 months for Penn Mutual and its subsidiaries.

Underwriting Amount (US \$)	Ages (age closest to birthday based on the date that Part One of the application was signed)							
	0-15	16-19	20-40	41-49	50-60	61-70	71-80	81+*
50,000-1,499,999	Non-Medical	Non-Medical Urine Specimen	Paramed IRP	Paramed IRP	Paramed IRP	Paramed IRP	Paramed IRP Senior Supp	Paramed IRP Senior Supp
1,500,000-5,000,000	Individual Consideration	Individual Consideration	Paramed IRP	Paramed IRP	Paramed IRP	Paramed IRP	Paramed IRP Senior Supp	Paramed IRP Senior Supp
5,000,001-19,999,999	Individual Consideration	Individual Consideration	Paramed IRP	Paramed IRP EKG	Paramed IRP EKG	Paramed IRP EKG	Paramed IRP EKG Senior Supp	Paramed IRP EKG Senior Supp
20,000,000 and higher	Individual Consideration	Individual Consideration	Paramed IRP Inspection Report	Paramed IRP EKG Inspection Report	Paramed IRP EKG Inspection Report	Paramed IRP EKG Inspection Report	Paramed IRP EKG Senior Supp Inspection Report	Paramed IRP EKG Senior Supp Inspection Report

For **APS** ordering requirements, [click here](#) to view page 5.

*Recommend submitting as an informal inquiry.

For **Financial Underwriting** guidelines (CFS and 3rd Party Financials), [click here](#) to view page 8.

Requirements Legend

EKG: Electrocardiogram

Individual Consideration: Contact underwriting for consideration

Inspection Report: Telephone interview with the Proposed Insured to confirm information provided on the application pertaining to personal data, health, habits, insurance activity, finances, etc.

Electronic Inspection Report Alternative: Simplified public database search.

Electronic Inspection Report: Comprehensive public database search.

IRP (Insurance Risk Profile): Insurance Risk Profile – blood and urine specimens, including presence of HIV antibody for the AIDS virus and presence of various prescription and non-prescription drugs.

Non-Medical: No additional medical requirements outside of the completed application.

Paramed (Paramedical Examination): In-person interview with an examiner where medical history and physical measurements (i.e. height, weight, blood pressure, etc.) are recorded.

Senior Supp (Senior Supplement): Additional tests to assess mobility and cognitive ability.

Underwriting may request additional requirements (medical, non-medical, or financial) due to medical history, case circumstances, confidential information, or facultative reinsurance.

In addition, on all formal submissions, Penn Mutual will obtain MIB (Medical Information Bureau) records and a pharmaceutical database search. For ages 20+, the following will be ordered by the home office:

- Electronic inspection report alternative on amounts \$500,000-\$9,999,999
- Electronic inspection report on amounts \$10,000,000-\$19,999,999.

Motor vehicle records will be obtained for ages 18-40 for amounts of \$100,000 and up, ages 41-65 for amounts of \$1,000,000 and up, and underwriter discretion will be used for ages 66 and up for amounts of \$100,000 and up.

Medical Requirements for survivorship products are based on each individual's age and 50% of the face amount, unless one life is uninsurable then the amount will be based on 100% of the healthy life.

Approved Paramedical Facilities

Examination requirements must be arranged through one of the following vendors or facilities:

- APPS (American Para Professional Systems Inc./Portamedic)
- ExamOne/Superior Mobile Medics
- Examination Management Services, Inc. (EMSI)

Premium Financing

Please refer to our [Premium Financing Guidelines \(form T3633\)](#) for additional information

Guaranteed and Simplified Issue (GI and SI)

Please refer to our [GI and SI Guidelines \(form T4109\)](#) for additional information.

High Net Worth Foreign Nationals

Please refer to our [High Net Worth Foreign National Guidelines \(form T3895\)](#) for additional information.



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Cases Submitted through ACE

- Routine age and amount requirements only apply on cases referred to traditional underwriting.
- If referred to traditional underwriting, a Physical Measurement Exam (also referred to as a Short Form Exam) will be used in place of the Paramedical Exam. The Physical Measurement Exam is completed by an approved paramedical vendor who obtains height, weight, blood pressure and pulse. Please note the examiner will not re-question medical history already disclosed on the ACE application.

To learn more about ACE:

- Visit the [ACE Resource Center](#) for an overview and details on eligibility.

APS (Attending Physician Statement) Ordering

An APS includes medical records from doctors, hospitals, clinics or other facilities that is requested by the Home Office Underwriter and ordered by the Field Office.

In addition to the Routine Age & Amount Requirements on the previous page, an APS will be required based on the ages and amounts below:

Underwriting Amount (US \$)	Ages					
	0-15	16-50	51-60	61-69	70-75	76+*
Less than \$2,000,000	Underwriter discretion	Underwriter discretion	Underwriter discretion	Seen by a physician within 5 years	All cases	All cases
\$2,000,000-\$5,000,000	Underwriter discretion	Underwriter discretion	Seen by a physician within 2 years	Seen by a physician within 5 years	All cases	All cases
Over \$5,000,000	Underwriter discretion	Underwriter discretion	Seen by a physician within 5 years	Seen by a physician within 5 years	All cases	All cases

All ages and amounts - If a physician has been consulted within 90 days, the underwriter will review the case and may require an APS for any amount depending on details of the visit.

*Proposed insured must have consulted with a physician within the past 12 months.

Definitions

Within # of Years: An APS will be required if the proposed insured has been seen by a physician during this time frame.

Individual Underwriting Amounts: Higher of the face amount on the application or underwriting amount at issue on the illustration. Total amount of coverage inforce and applied is taken into consideration by the underwriter, who may request additional information to evaluate the total risk presented.

Survivorship Underwriting Amounts: Medical requirements are based on each individual's age and 50% of the underwriting amount, unless one life is uninsurable then the amount will be based on 100% of the healthy life.

Use of Other Carrier Exam Requirements

A medical examination from another carrier is acceptable if completed within the timeframe based on the chart.

In addition to the other carrier's medical examination, the Medical Section of the Penn Mutual application must be completed.

Ages	Completed from the time of the Penn Mutual application date
70 or younger	Within 12 months
71-80	Within 6 months
81 and older	Within 3 months

Preferred Underwriting Class Guidelines

	Preferred Best (term products only)	Preferred Plus	Preferred Non-Tobacco ¹
No Tobacco Use (see definition below)	5 years ²	3 years ²	2 years ²
Build	See height/weight chart		
Blood Pressure	Ages 20-60: 135/85 Ages 61+: 140/90 (treated & untreated)	Ages 20-60: 140/85 Ages 61+: 145/90 (treated & untreated)	Ages 20-60: 145/90 Ages 61+: 150/90 (treated & untreated)
Total Cholesterol & HDL Ratio	Ages 20-60: 220/4.5 Ages 61+: 230/5.0 (treated & untreated)	Ages 20-60: 260/5.5 Ages 61+: 270/6.0 (treated & untreated)	Ages 20-60: 280/6.0 Ages 61+: 290/6.5 (treated & untreated)
Serum Albumin (ages 71+)	4.2	4.0	4.0
Moving Violations	1 violation in 2 years	2 violations in 3 years	2 violations in 3 years
DUI, Reckless Driving, Suspension	None in past 10 years	None in past 5 years	None in past 3 years
Family History ³	No family history of diagnosis or death from coronary artery disease, diabetes or cancer prior to age 60	No family history of coronary artery disease or cancer deaths prior to age 60	Family history of not more than one cardiovascular or cancer death prior to age 60
Criminal Activity	No history of felony		
Aviation	No participation in private aviation	No participation in private aviation unless IFR, ATP or commercial license	
Avocation	No participation in the past 24 months	Not ratable	Not ratable
Personal History	No history of coronary artery disease, diabetes, stroke or cancer ⁴		
Drugs & Alcohol	No history of drug or alcohol abuse or treatment	No history of drug or alcohol abuse or treatment within the past 10 years	No history of drug or alcohol abuse or treatment within the past 7 years
Foreign Residence	Must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident		

Tobacco Use Definitions

Non-Tobacco classes are available to proposed insureds who have not used tobacco or nicotine products (examples: cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, pipes, hookah, chewing tobacco, nicotine gum or other substitutes) within the defined past time frame, and whose microurinalysis is negative for nicotine.

Preferred Tobacco criteria are the same as Preferred Non-Tobacco except for tobacco/nicotine use.

¹ Not available with flat or table rating based on medical underwriting. May consider with non-medical flat extra.

² Occasional cigar may qualify for preferred rates based on cigar use if the microurinalysis is negative for nicotine:

Up to 12 cigars per year: Preferred Best

Up to 24 cigars per year: Preferred Plus Non-Tobacco and Preferred Non-Tobacco

Up to 52 cigars per year: Standard Non-Tobacco

³ Discounted if insured age 60+; also applies only to natural parents.

⁴ Except certain basal cell and squamous cell skin cancers.

Penn Mutual Height and Weight Table

The following table lists maximum weights for both males and females.

FT.	IN.	Preferred Best (Term Only)	Preferred Plus	Preferred	Standard
4	8	125	136	141	162
4	9	129	139	146	168
4	10	134	143	151	174
4	11	138	148	156	180
5	0	143	153	161	188
5	1	148	158	167	193
5	2	153	164	172	199
5	3	158	169	178	208
5	4	163	174	184	212
5	5	168	180	189	219
5	6	173	186	195	228
5	7	178	191	201	233
5	8	184	197	207	240
5	9	189	203	213	247
5	10	195	209	220	254
5	11	200	215	226	261
6	0	206	221	232	269
6	1	212	227	239	278
6	2	218	233	245	284
6	3	224	240	252	292
6	4	230	246	259	299
6	5	235	253	266	307
6	6	241	259	273	316

Consult with underwriting for proposed insureds under 4 ft. 8 in. or over 6 ft. 6 in.

Financial Underwriting Guide & Requirements

The financial guidelines are used by underwriting to determine the maximum amount of coverage that is to be considered based on the proposed insured's financial status.

Financial underwriting is necessary on all applications to screen for adverse selection and to determine if the amount of insurance is reasonable. Some cases may require additional financial information depending on the circumstances of the case.

If the total underwriting amount (all companies) falls outside of the guidelines, a cover letter from the adviser explaining the purpose of the insurance and how the underwriting amount was determined will help to expedite the underwriting process.

Confidential Financial Statement and 3rd Party Financial Documentation

Underwriting Amount (US \$)	Ages		
	20-69	70-80	81+
\$1,000,000 - \$4,999,999	n/a	n/a	CFS Part 1
\$5,000,000	n/a	CFS Part 1	CFS Part 1
\$5,000,001 - \$9,999,999	n/a	CFS Part 1 3rd Party	CFS Part 1 3rd Party
\$10,000,000	CFS Part 1	CFS Part 1 3rd Party	CFS Part 1 3rd Party
\$10,000,001 and higher*	CFS Part 1 3rd Party	CFS Part 1 3rd Party	CFS Part 1 3rd Party

*For business coverage at or above \$10 million, CFS Part 2 is also required for all ages.

Definitions

CFS Part 1 (Confidential Financial Statement): form that captures financial details for income, assets and liabilities. Part 1 is for personal coverage and Part 2 is for business coverage.

3rd Party: 3rd Party Financial Documentation

3rd Party Financial Documentation

All Premium Financing cases require 3rd party financial documentation and may have additional information required for advanced case designs.

Asset	Examples of 3rd Party Financial Documents		
Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W2s/Tax returns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1099s/K-1s 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPA letter
Business Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business financial statements (balance sheet and income statement) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax returns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10-Ks
Cash Equivalents (checking, CDs, money markets)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank statements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPA letter 	
Investments and Qualified Plans (stocks, bonds, IRAs, 401(k))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Account or brokerage statements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPA letter 	
Real Estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appraisals CPA letter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property listing (including all addresses and ownership stake) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property tax statements/assessments

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Personal Coverage Guidelines

Income Replacement

The following table represents the factor to be applied to the Proposed Insured's annual gross income to determine the maximum amount of death benefit available:

Ages	Factor
18-40	30x
41-45	25x
46-55	20x
56-60	15x
61-70	10x
71+	Individual consideration

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Personal Coverage Guidelines

Estate Planning

Formula: Net worth (x) Growth Factor (up to 7%) (-) Unified Credit(s) (x) tax rates (federal and state) (+) other final expenses.

Higher growth rates are subject to individual consideration. See the table below for the maximum specified projection period. For survivorship cases, the age of the younger life is used. Substandard lives will lower the projection period.

Ages	Factor
Up to age 55	30 years
56-65	20 years
66-75	15 years
76-80	7 years
Over age 80	Individual consideration

Include a cover letter explaining how the total underwriting amount was determined, description of existing estate plan and explanation of policy ownership.

Legacy Planning

Legacy Planning involves parents funding the purchase of a permanent life insurance on their own life or lives to benefit their children and future generations. The parent's assets cannot exceed \$5 million (single and/or married).

Amount of death benefit available is based upon 1x the parent's net worth to a maximum of \$5,000,000.

Include a cover letter providing financial information for the parents including income, net worth, and breakdown of liquid assets, current amount and purpose of life insurance in force on parents, the purpose of this sale, and the financial objectives.

For additional information please refer to our [Legacy Planning Parameters \(T4130\)](#).

Creditor Debt Protection

Maximum of 100% of the loan amount within Income Replacement parameters. Otherwise, 90% of the loan amount.

Include a cover letter providing the source and loan amount, duration, purpose, repayment schedule, interest rate and collateralization information or copy of the loan agreement.

Non-Working Spouse or Non-Working Domestic Partner

Consideration of the death benefit of an equal amount on working spouse or domestic partner.

The total risk amount should be in line with household finances and estate planning objectives, and will be evaluated on an individual consideration basis.

Include a cover letter providing the amount of insurance on working spouse or domestic partner, total household income and net worth.

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Personal Coverage Guidelines

Charitable Giving

The proposed insured's personal insurance needs should be addressed before a charitable policy is considered. Insured should have a meaningful relationship with the charity and an established pattern of giving for at least 3 years.

The death benefit should be based on 10x the annual gift amount. If the annual donation is increasing each of the past 3 years, an average will be used.

Include a cover letter with details of the relationship between the charity and the proposed insured and premium payor, if different. Also include the annual giving pattern of the insured over the past 3 years (i.e. contribution record).

Tax returns, donation receipts or documentation receipts are required to show annual giving patterns.

Juvenile

Total death benefit amount up to 75% of coverage on the highest insured parent (or legal guardian) per juvenile. Total coverage on all juveniles should be in line with family's financial situation and will be evaluated on an individual consideration basis.

All siblings should be insured for similar death benefit or premium amounts. If not, an explanation is needed.

Certain states place specific restrictions on the maximum allowed for juveniles. Please consult with underwriting for details.

Include a cover letter explaining the purpose of insurance, amount of coverage on parents and siblings and how the death benefit amount was determined.

Provide documentation of parent's income and net worth; if a gift, financial statements of person making the gift.

Submit an illustration reflective of case design and premium structure.



Business Coverage Guidelines

Key Person

Businesses frequently purchase a policy on the life of a key employee to protect against a financial loss in the event of the key employee's death.

The amount of death benefit is based on a multiplier of 10x total compensation (salary plus bonus).

Provide a cover letter detailing role in organization, responsibilities, specialized skills and other value-added contributions.

Include information on other key persons and amounts of coverage on each.

Buy-Sell and Stock Redemption

Buy sell arrangements are frequently utilized to facilitate the transfer of a business interest to another individual(s) in the event of retirement, disability, or death. Buy sell agreements are generally in the form of a redemption agreement (i.e., entity purchase) or a cross purchase agreement.

Amount of death benefit available is based on the fair market value of the business with a reasonable growth rate substantiated by the business model and an individual's share of business ownership.

Include a cover letter providing background information on the company involved, how long the company has been in business, what valuation method was used and company website information.

For required documentation, death benefit formula and additional information please refer to our [Advanced Markets Buy Sell Agreements Procedures and Guidelines](#).

Deferred Compensation

A nonqualified deferred compensation plan provides highly compensated employees with a beneficial tax-deferred retirement savings vehicle provided by an employer.

Death benefit amount is a formula multiple of deferrable income not to exceed 25x income per plan participant.

Include a cover letter providing a description of the business entity, name and title of each covered key employee, and their amount of individual coverage, criteria used in selecting the group of key employees, and explanation of the plan benefits outlined in the plan documents.

For required documentation, death benefit formula and additional information please refer to our [Advanced Markets Deferred Compensation Plans Procedures and Guidelines](#).

Split Dollar

Split dollar is an arrangement between two parties (the owner and the non-owner) to share the costs and benefits of a permanent life insurance policy.

If the purpose is to provide income to employee, follow Executive Bonus guidelines.

If the purpose is to provide for estate planning needs, follow Estate Planning guidelines.

Include a cover letter with background information on purpose of the coverage (income or estate), company involved, description of the plan design, name and title of covered employee(s) and individual amount of coverage for each covered employee.

For required documentation, death benefit formula and additional information please refer to our [Advanced Markets Split Dollar Plans Procedures and Guidelines](#).

Executive Bonus

An Executive Bonus Plan, also known as a Section 162 plan, is a non-qualified employee benefit plan in which the business pays all or part of the premiums on a life insurance policy for the key employee as a "bonus." The key employee is the insured and the owner of the policy.

Death benefit is based on total key employee compensation and follows the Personal Coverage, Income Replacement Guidelines.

Include a cover letter describing plan design, name and title of the covered key employee(s) and individual amount of coverage for each employee.

For required documentation, death benefit formula and additional information please refer to our [Advanced Markets Executive Bonus Plans Procedures and Guidelines](#).

Premium Affordability Requirements

The determination of an acceptable premium-to-income ratio depends on a variety of factors including:

- The needs and objectives of the applicant
- The current income and net worth composition
- The source of the funds used to pay premiums

Premium affordability should be demonstrated for the total premium of all policies pending and inforce. The higher the disposable income, the higher the premium-to-income ratio allowed; generally not to exceed 25% of gross income. On cases where the source of the premium is other than income, details regarding the specific source of funding will be needed along with an explanation regarding why this source is being used. If using net worth as the source of premium, generally the premium should not exceed 25% of client's existing liquid assets. Cases that exceed the guidelines will require a detailed cover letter and may be escalated for a suitability review.

Insurable Interest/Financial Loss Requirements

Financial underwriting includes a review for insurable interest. Penn Mutual considers insurable interest to exist when the beneficiary benefits financially from the continued life of the proposed insured and would suffer a measurable financial loss upon the death of the proposed insured.

The Importance of Cover Letters

A well written cover letter provides underwriting a clear and thorough picture of the case from the beginning, and sends a message that you are committed to securing the best possible offer for the client. It can also help eliminate the back and forth with underwriting to help speed up the process.

What is typically included in a cover letter:

- Background information on how the sale developed
- Explanation of any unique design
- Premium expectations and purpose/need for coverage
- Details on applications submitted to other companies
- Total amount of coverage inforce and pending from all companies
- Amount of any coverage being replaced and reason for replacement



Retention, Automatic and Jumbo Limits

Internal Maximum Retention - Individual Policies

Rating	Ages				
	0-60	61-65	66-70	71-80	81-85
Standard	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Tables 1-5	\$5,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000
Tables 6-10	\$4,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000
Tables 11-16	\$3,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000

Internal Maximum Retention - Survivorship Policies

Rating	Ages				
	0-60	61-65	66-70	71-80	81-85
Standard	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
Tables 1-5	\$7,500,000	\$6,000,000	\$5,250,000	\$4,500,000	\$3,000,000
Tables 6-10	\$6,000,000	\$4,500,000	\$3,750,000	\$2,250,000	\$1,500,000
Tables 11-16	\$4,500,000	\$3,750,000	\$3,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$750,000

Autobind Limits (maximum automatic reinsurance available)

Rating	Ages				
	0-60	61-65	66-70	71-80	81-85
Standard	\$55,000,000	\$55,000,000	\$55,000,000	\$31,800,000	\$15,900,000
Tables 1-5	\$55,000,000	\$44,000,000	\$38,500,000	\$18,950,000	\$2,000,000
Tables 6-10	\$44,000,000	\$33,000,000	\$27,500,000	\$9,800,000	\$1,000,000
Tables 11-16	\$33,000,000	\$27,500,000	\$22,000,000	\$6,750,000	\$500,000

Jumbo Limits

Ages 0-80: \$65 million **Ages 81-85:** \$50 million (Standard or better risk class only)

Inforce and applied for coverage including replacements (excluding Penn Mutual internal replacement and/or a 1035 Exchange of permanent coverage with like ownership).

Trust-Owned Policies

In addition to the Penn Mutual Life Age & Amount Underwriting Requirements, the Trust Certificate (PM6389) is required for all trust-owned policies.

Additionally, a copy of the fully executed trust is required to be submitted with the application if:

- Insured is over age 70
- Insured is not an immediate family member of the Grantor of the trust
- Trust is not the sole policy owner
- Case involves premium financing (along with all other required supporting documents)

Underwriting has the discretion to obtain a copy of the fully executed trust outside of the above parameters based upon case review.

Medical Conditions

For medical conditions, it is helpful for the adviser to obtain dates of onset, treatments, diagnoses, doctors seen (names and addresses), and details of all testing, medical consultations, and treatments, including response to treatment.

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Alcohol	Cancer: Prostate High Grade Prostatic Intraepithelial Neoplasia (PIN) Prostatic	Gastric Surgery for Obesity
Anemia	Cancer: Solid Organ	Heart Valve Disease
Aneurysm	Cancer: Others	Hepatitis B and C
Anxiety	Cancer: Skin Malignant (Melanoma)	Marijuana Use
Arteriosclerosis	Cancer: Skin Borderline Malignancy	Pacemaker
Asthma	COPD and Emphysema	Parkinson's Disease
Atrial Fibrillation	Coronary Artery Disease (Heart Attack)	Peripheral Artery/Vascular Disease
Cancer: General Comments	Crohn's Disease or Ulcerative Colitis	Pulmonary Embolism
Cancer: Abnormal PAP Tests	Depression and Bipolar	Rheumatoid (and Psoriatic) Arthritis
Cancer: Breast, Ovarian	Diabetes	Sleep Apnea
Cancer: Prostate	Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder	Stroke or Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA)

For some conditions, additional helpful information is listed in the following charts.

PLEASE NOTE: **STD** = Standard class **Mild substandard:** Table 2 – Table 4
T = Table rating **Moderate substandard:** Table 5 – Table 6
High substandard: > Table 6

Alcohol

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
<p>APS documenting alcohol use and any related medical problems</p> <p>Alcohol Questionnaire</p> <p>Motor Vehicle Report</p>	<p><i>Ratings depend primarily on applicant's age, time since last use and any co-morbid factors</i></p> <p>Alcoholism: Favorable features: Over age 30 and >6 years since last consumption – STD Unfavorable features: Continued consumption; alcohol-related medical problems – Decline</p> <p>Excess Alcohol Use: Favorable features: No criticism in APS, no interference with work/lifestyle – STD Unfavorable features: Criticism in APS, interference with work/lifestyle – Mild substandard to decline</p>

Anemia

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
<p>APS documenting cause of anemia and treatment performed</p>	<p>Favorable features: Cause determined and treated – STD Unfavorable features: No anemia evaluation – Postpone until evaluated</p>

Aneurysm

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
<p>APS documenting location and treatment of the aneurysm</p>	<p><i>If operated, can consider 6-12 months post-op depending on type of aneurysm</i></p> <p>Favorable features: Operated or stable on serial studies – STD to mild substandard Unfavorable features: Unoperated, bleeding, or enlarging aneurysm – Postpone pending surgery or stable studies</p>

Anxiety (PTSD, Generalized Anxiety Disorder)

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
<p>APS documenting prior history, including suicide attempts, current treatment and functional status</p>	<p>Favorable features: Single or infrequent episode, no hospitalizations and low dose maintenance medication – STD (possible preferred) Unfavorable features: More frequent episodes, episodes of depression, hospitalizations – Mild substandard to decline</p>

Arteriosclerosis - Refer to Coronary Artery Disease

Asthma

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting severity, including medications and hospitalizations	<p>Favorable features: Excellent control, minimal symptoms – Preferred to mild substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Multiple medications (including steroids) and hospitalizations – Moderate substandard to decline</p>

Atrial Fibrillation

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting severity, including medications and hospitalizations	<p>New finding on insurance exam: Postpone until cardiac work-up</p> <p>Favorable features: Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation, Chronic Atrial Fibrillation: Infrequent episodes or controlled with medication – STD to moderate substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Any cardiac disease or defibrillator implantation – Moderate substandard to decline</p>

Cancer - General Comments

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS from Oncologist with pathology report and details to recent follow-up	<p>Not eligible for preferred</p> <p><i>For all forms of cancer: Consideration for insurance begins once treatment has been completed, assuming the client is well followed.</i></p>

Cancer: Abnormal PAP Tests

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS including all pathology reports, current and prior treatments	<p>Favorable features: Normal results on follow-up – Preferred available</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Lack of follow-up may require postponement for evaluation and treatment</p>

Cancer: Breast, Ovarian

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS from Oncologist with pathology report, treatment, and details of recent follow-up	<p><i>Varies by type/stage/grade of cancer and types and dates of treatment</i></p> <p>Favorable features: For certain types of breast cancer; low grade or in-situ disease – Possible STD</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Nodal, metastatic or recurrent disease – Moderate substandard/flat extras to decline</p>

Cancer: Prostate

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS including current age, tumor stage, type of treatment, and serial PSA levels	<p>Favorable features: Low-grade tumor, surgical treatment, excellent follow-up – Standard after period of postponement</p> <p>Unfavorable features: High-grade tumor, observation as only clinical treatment, unstable PSA levels – Postpone to decline</p>

Cancer: Prostate High-Grade Prostatic Intraepithelial Neoplasia (PIN)

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS including current age, biopsy history, and current PSA levels	<p>Favorable features: PSA <10 – Possible STD or low substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: PSA >10, abnormal exam or radiology findings – Postpone for next biopsy</p>

Cancer: Solid Organ (Example: Colon, Gastric, Hepatic, Pancreatic)

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting type of cancer and extent of disease, treatment, and follow-up	<p><i>Cancer treatment is evolving and fluid with new protocols, genetic testing and radical breakthroughs that can change the course or outlook of disease. All current records are vital to a positive decision.</i></p> <p>Favorable features: Localized disease treated surgically, long duration of follow-up – Possible STD</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Extensive disease, short duration of follow-up, recurrence – Variable duration flat-extras to decline</p>

Cancer: Other (Hodgkins Disease, Leukemia, etc.)

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting type of cancer and extent of disease, treatment, and follow-up	<p>Favorable features: Disease in remission, long-duration follow-up – STD to mild substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Recent diagnosis, disease uncontrolled or recurrent – Likely postpone to decline</p>

Cancer: Skin Malignant (Melanoma)

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS including risk factors such as family history or dysplastic nevi, date of diagnosis and treatment, extent of tumor, and follow-up	<p>Favorable features: In-situ or early stage – STD</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Multiple melanomas or dysplastic nevus syndrome – Likely postpone to decline</p>

**Cancer: Skin Borderline Malignancy
(Bowen’s Disease, Dysplastic Nevus, Lentigo Maligna, Hutchinson’s Melanotic Freckle)**

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting type of skin lesion, treatment, and follow-up	<p><i>Varies by type, stage, grade of cancer and types and dates of treatment</i></p> <p>Favorable features: Single lesion, good follow-up – STD to preferred</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Multiple or recurrent lesions, limited follow-up – Mild substandard to postpone pending follow-up</p>

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and Emphysema

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
<p>APS documenting severity by pulmonary function testing and history of hospitalizations, treatment and concurrent impairments</p> <p>Any tobacco use</p>	<p><i>The younger the applicant, the higher the rating.</i></p> <p>Favorable features: Mild disease, no concurrent impairments – STD to mild substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Severe disease, tobacco use, oxygen required – Usually decline</p>

Coronary Artery Disease (CAD)
(including Angina, Angioplasty, Stent, Bypass Surgery, Heart Attack or Myocardial Infarction)

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting severity, follow-up cardiac studies, treatment, current symptoms and tobacco use	<p>Not eligible for preferred</p> <p>Favorable features: Older age, mild disease, negative recent cardiac studies – STD to mild substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Younger age, extensive disease, no recent follow-up – Moderate substandard to decline</p>

Crohn's Disease or Ulcerative Colitis

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting diagnosis, treatment, complications, and follow-up	<p>Favorable features: Limited disease (surgical treatment in ulcerative colitis), no steroids, asymptomatic/stable on follow-up – STD to mild substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Recent major episode, multiple medications including steroids, extra-colonic complications – Moderate substandard to decline</p>

Depression and Bipolar Disorder

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting frequency and severity of episodes, treatment, and follow-up	<p>Favorable features: Mild, infrequent episodes, no or minimal medication – STD to mild substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Frequent, severe episodes including suicide ideation or attempts, poor response to medication – Moderate substandard to decline.</p>

Diabetes

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting type and duration of diabetes, treatment, complications, and follow-up	<p>Not eligible for preferred</p> <p>Favorable features: Controlled with diet or medications, good control of lipids and blood pressure, no kidney or cardiac disease, adult onset, short duration – STD to mild substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Poor diabetes and lipids control, severe obesity, cardiac or renal disease – Moderate/high substandard to decline</p>

Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting type and frequency of seizures, treatment, and follow-up	<p>Preferred consideration: Remote seizures, off medication or mild suppressive therapy</p> <p>Favorable features: Infrequent episodes, good response to treatment, no other neurologic impairment – STD to mild substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Frequent seizures, poor response to medication, other neurologic impairments – Moderate substandard to decline</p>

Gastric Surgery for Obesity

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting pre-operative and current weight, type of surgery, history of diabetes or cardiac disease, and follow-up	<p>Favorable features: Surgery performed >2 years before with stable post-operative weight, no diabetes or cardiac disease – STD to mild substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Recent surgery, weight gain after initial weight loss, cardiac disease or diabetes – Moderate to high substandard</p>

Heart Attack - Refer to Coronary Artery Disease

Heart Valve Disease

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting affected valve, treatment including surgery, and ongoing follow-up	<p>Favorable features: Stable heart function on recent echocardiogram, older age – STD to mild substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Younger age, evidence of progressive valve disease or left ventricular dysfunction – Moderate/high substandard to decline</p>

Hepatitis B and C

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting type of hepatitis, duration of disease, treatment, and follow-up including current and former alcohol consumption	<p>Favorable features: Evidence of cure with anti-virals, no or limited liver damage – STD to mild substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Ongoing hepatitis, significant liver damage or cirrhosis – Moderate/high substandard to decline</p>

Marijuana Use (Includes medicinal and recreational use)

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
<p>APS documenting recreational/medicinal indications, history of drug abuse or dependence, type of product used, frequency of use to ailment</p> <p>Any other medications or medical history</p>	<p>Favorable features: Ages 21 and over, 1-2 times per week with stable environment/occupation – STD (possible preferred)</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Under age 21, more than 2-3x per week – Mild rating to decline, tobacco rates</p>

Pacemaker

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
<p>APS documenting age at implantation, co-existing cardiac disease, medical follow-up</p>	<p>Favorable features: No significant cardiac disease – Mild substandard to STD</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Co-existing cardiac disease, defibrillator implantation – Moderate substandard to decline</p>

Parkinson's Disease

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
<p>APS documenting date of diagnosis, treatment, extent of disability including cognitive function</p>	<p>Favorable features: Mild disease, good functional status – Mild substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Progressive disease, significant disability – Moderate substandard to decline</p>

Peripheral Artery Disease/Peripheral Vascular (Examples: Circulation trouble, blocked arteries in legs)

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
<p>APS documenting date of diagnosis, extent of disease, smoking status, treatment and follow-up</p>	<p>Favorable features: Mild disease, no tobacco, active lifestyle – Mild substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Extensive disease, co-morbid diabetes or CAD – Moderate/high substandard to decline</p>

Pulmonary Embolism

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting cause, associated cardiac disease, frequency of events, treatment, and follow-up	<p>Favorable features: Single episode, no cardiac impairment – STD</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Multiple events, cardiac impairment – Moderate/high substandard</p>

Rheumatoid (and Psoriatic) Arthritis

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting severity, treatment, and functional status	<p>Favorable features: Mild disease, fully functional – STD to Preferred</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Extensive disease, reduced function/ambulation, immunosuppressants – Mild/moderate substandard</p>

Sleep Apnea

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting age, tobacco use, results of sleep studies, treatment, and presence of any associated cardiac disease	<p>Favorable features: Fully compliant with treatment, no cardiac impairment – STD</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Severe disease, non-compliant with treatment, associated cardiac disease – Mild/moderate substandard</p>

Stroke or Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA)

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
APS documenting date of diagnosis, tobacco use, extent of neurologic deficit, any history of diabetes or cardiac disease, treatment, and follow-up	<p>Not eligible for preferred</p> <p>Favorable features: Single TIA, no significant residuals – Mild substandard to STD; Single stroke, no significant residuals – Mild/moderate substandard</p> <p>Unfavorable features: Multiple strokes, significant disability, co-morbid cardiac disease – Moderate/high substandard to decline</p>

Non-Medical Activities

Certain activities may be accepted, but additional information may be required. Helpful guidelines for advisers are listed below.

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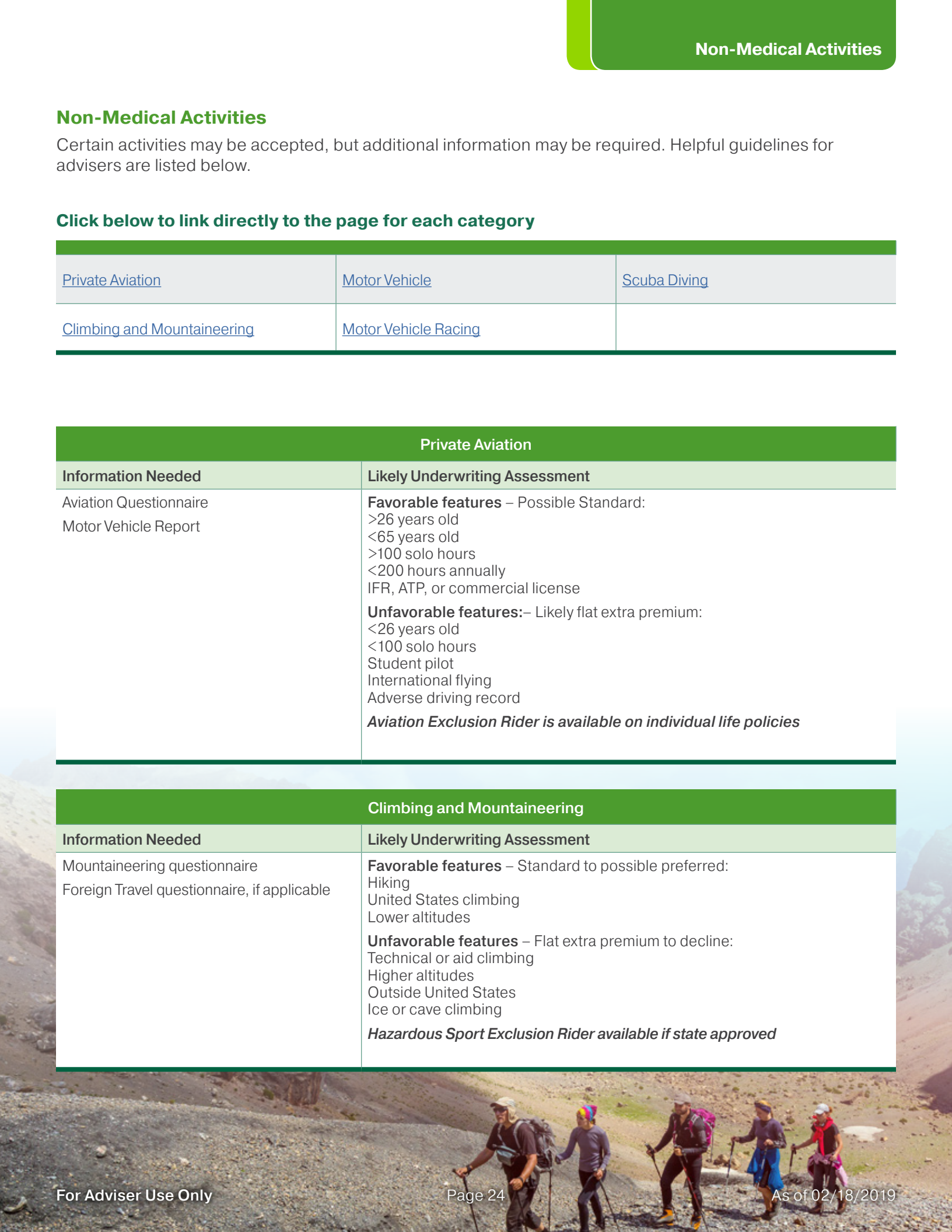
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Private Aviation

Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
Aviation Questionnaire Motor Vehicle Report	<p>Favorable features – Possible Standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >26 years old <65 years old >100 solo hours <200 hours annually IFR, ATP, or commercial license <p>Unfavorable features:– Likely flat extra premium:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <26 years old <100 solo hours Student pilot International flying Adverse driving record <p><i>Aviation Exclusion Rider is available on individual life policies</i></p>

Climbing and Mountaineering

Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
Mountaineering questionnaire Foreign Travel questionnaire, if applicable	<p>Favorable features – Standard to possible preferred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hiking United States climbing Lower altitudes <p>Unfavorable features – Flat extra premium to decline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical or aid climbing Higher altitudes Outside United States Ice or cave climbing <p><i>Hazardous Sport Exclusion Rider available if state approved</i></p>



Motor Vehicle

Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
Motor Vehicle Report	<p>Best case: Preferred for 2 or fewer violations in 3 years</p> <p>Multiple violations: Flat extra \$2.50- 10.00/1000</p> <p>Single incident DUI: Over age 25 and DUI is over 2 years - STD; All other risks - Postpone or flat extra premium</p> <p>Worst case: Decline</p>

Motor Vehicle Racing

Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
<p>Hazardous Sports Questionnaire</p> <p>Foreign Travel Questionnaire (if applicable)</p> <p>Motor Vehicle Report</p>	<p>Favorable Features – Standard to possible preferred: Stock Car (Non-NASCAR) Vintage or Auto Cross Rally</p> <p><i>Individual consideration for other racing based on the type, speed, engine displacement, frequency, sanctioning body, and driving history</i></p>


Scuba Diving

Typical Information Needed	Likely Underwriting Assessment
<p>Scuba Diving Questionnaire</p> <p>Foreign Travel Questionnaire (if applicable)</p>	<p>Favorable features – Standard to possible preferred plus: Formal Training PADI Certified <130 foot dives Accompanied dives</p> <p>Unfavorable features – Individual consideration: >130 foot dives Wreck, cave, free, night, rescue, ice, or solo diving No formal training</p>


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