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# *Commissions 101*



*LIFE*  
*As Earned*  
*Commission*  
*Formula*



ADVANCED COMMISSIONS FORMULA:

Target Premium = Monthly Target

Monthly Target Premium X Commission Percentage  
= **Monthly Deposited Commission Total**

This formula is for the first 12 months / Year 1 commissions only



# *LIFE As Earned Commission Example*

## LIFE “AS EARNED” COMMISSION EXAMPLE

Let us use a premium payment that is equal to target premium:

Indexed Universal Life policies use a Target premium to base commissions off of. Meaning the full contribution would not be used in the formula to calculate commission amount as there is an “over funding amount” that is paid at a different percentage.

Our example below is assuming \$250 monthly target premium (\$3,000 annual target amount)

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selected an “**as earned**” / “trail” commission

Year 1 would be \$250.00 monthly @ 75% commission rate  
= \$187.50 monthly commissionable amount

\$187.50 monthly deposited commission for 12 months

On month 12 the total commission received \$2,250.00

Year 2 (renewal/ trail commissions) will be at a different rate and can be found under “RENEWAL COMMISSIONS”  
breakdown

*LIFE*  
*Advanced*  
*Commission*  
*Formula*

ADVANCED COMMISSIONS FORMULA:

Target Premium X 12 months = **Annualized Target Premium**

Annualized Target Premium X Commission Percentage  
= **Year 1 Commission Total**

Year 1 Commission Total X 75% Advanced (max allowed & varies by carrier) = **Advanced Commission Total**

Remaining 25%:

Year 1 commission Total – Advanced Commission Total  
= Commission Balance

Commission Balance **divided by** 3 months (10,11 &12)  
= As Earned Amount to be deposited monthly til year 1 contract anniversary)



## LIFE “ADVANCED” COMMISSION

### EXAMPLE:

Maximum Advanced allowed: 75% of total commission (equal to 9 months of clients premiums paid) & varies by carrier/product

Let us use a premium payment that is equal to target premium:

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Our example below is assuming \$350 monthly premium (\$4,200 annual) but \$250 target premium (\$3,000 annual target amount) on the policy

\$350 monthly contribution - \$250 monthly target amount = \$100 excess overfund value (COMMISSION EXAMPLE ON EXCESS OVERFUND AMOUNT CAN BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE)

\$250 monthly X 12 months= \$3000 annualized target premium.

\$3,000 @ 75% commission = \$2,250 (year 1 total commission)

With 75% max advanced and the remaining 25% as earned in months 10 10-12. Commission will be paid out as follows:

\$2,250 X 75% advanced commission = \$1,687.50 (EFT deposited amount from carrier)

The remaining 25% of commission will be paid out as follows:

\$2,250 total commission - \$1,687.50 advanced amount = \$562.50 remaining balance

\$562.50 as earned months 10,11 &12

As client pays their monthly premium you will be deposited \$187.50 month 10, \$187.50 month 11 and \$187.50 month 12 = \$562.50

# *LIFE Advanced Commission Example*

# *LIFE Excess Overfund & Renewal Examples*

## LIFE “**EXCESS OVERFUND**” COMMISSION EXAMPLE:

In continuation of the commission example from the ADVANCE commission, below is the EXCESS OVERFUND.

\$350 monthly contribution - \$250 monthly target amount  
= \$100 overfund

\$100 monthly overfund X 12 months = \$1200 annualized overfund premium

\$1,200 X 1.75% overfund commission = \$36 (year 1 total commission)

## LIFE “**RENEWAL**” COMMISSION EXAMPLE:

RENEWAL will be based on total annual amount contributed (target + excess overfund) and paid starting years 2-10 (varies per carrier), there will be adjusted rates years 11+

\$350 total monthly contribution X 12 months = \$4,200 annualized renewal base

\$4,200 X 1.75% renewal commission percentage (varies per carrier) = \$73.50 renewal commission annualized amount



**ANNUITY “SINGLE PREMIUM”**

**COMMISSION EXAMPLE:**

For this example let us assume a rollover/transfer of \$200k.  
We will use a commission percentage example of 5% (varies by carrier, product and age)

Client will also be contributing \$250 monthly to their annuity plan. We call this “FLOW PREMIUM” (example can be found below the SP example)

\$200k single premium X 5% = 10,000 total commission



**ANNUITY “FLOW PREMIUM PREMIUM”**  
**COMMISSION EXAMPLE:**

In continuation of the above example, client will also be contributing \$250 monthly to their annuity plan. We call this “FLOW PREMIUM”

\*Flow premium will be annualized and pay at a lower rate years 2+ (these rates vary by carrier and plan)

\$250 flow premium X 12 months = \$3,000 annualized premium

\$3,000 X 5% commission percentage = \$150 total commission

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*Example*

*\*First Year*