

Life office administration

Purpose

At the end of this unit, candidates should understand the:

- basic product types, including group life;
- principles of financial and medical underwriting;
- policy issues likely to arise with life policies;
- administration of life policies, including the different payment methods and consequences of non-payment;
- handling of life policy claims.

Summary of learning outcomes	Number of questions in the examination*
1. Know the basic product types.	7
2. Know the key features of group life policies and other protection policies.	2
3. Know the basic principles of taxation of life policies.	7
4. Understand the principles of financial underwriting.	1
5. Know the principles of medical underwriting.	3
6. Know the limits of authority and relevant legislation.	2
7. Know the main stages and significance relating to the arrangement of life policies and other protection policies.	6
8. Know the processes and procedures relating to policy administration.	6
9. Understand the use of trusts in life policies and related policies.	4
10. Know the different methods of premium payments and the consequences of non-payment.	2
11. Understand the main features of unit linking.	2
12. Understand the main features of with-profits.	2
13. Understand the principles and procedures of policy claims.	6

* The test specification has an in-built element of flexibility. It is designed to be used as a guide for study and is not a statement of actual number of questions that will appear in every exam. However, the number of questions testing each learning outcome will generally be within the range plus or minus 2 of the number indicated.

Important notes

- Method of assessment: 50 multiple choice questions (MCQs). 1 hour is allowed for this examination
- This syllabus will be examined from 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027.
- Candidates will be examined on the basis of English law and practice in the tax year 2026/2027 unless otherwise stated.
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- 1. Know the basic product types.**
 - 1.1 Describe the main functions and structure of life policies and other protection policies.
 - 1.2 Describe the types of life policies and other protection policies.
- 2. Know the key features of group life policies and other protection policies.**
 - 2.1 Describe the key features of group life policies and other protection policies, including the advantages and disadvantages of group policies compared with individual policies.
- 3. Know the basic principles of taxation of life policies.**
 - 3.1 Describe the distinction between qualifying and non-qualifying policies.
 - 3.2 Describe the respective tax treatment of premiums and benefits and calculate tax liabilities where appropriate.
 - 3.3 Describe the nature and tax treatment of the funds underlying the policies.
- 4. Understand the principles of financial underwriting.**
 - 4.1 Describe the main principles of financial underwriting including insurable interest.
- 5. Know the principles of medical underwriting.**
 - 5.1 Describe disclosure requirements and consequences of non-disclosure.
 - 5.2 Describe the treatment of non-standard risks.
 - 5.3 Describe the underwriting information required and the relevant acts applicable to medical records.
- 6. Know the limits of authority and relevant legislation.**
 - 6.1 Describe the limits of authority and the consequences of acting outside them.
 - 6.2 Describe the nature and consequences of advised and non-advised customer services.
- 7. Know the main stages and significance relating to the arrangement of life policies and other protection policies.**
 - 7.1 Describe the key stages in the arrangement of policies for customers and the relevant legal, residence and documentation issues that arise in arranging life policies and other protection policies.
 - 7.2 Describe the key terms and conditions used in life policies and other protection policies.
- 8. Know the processes and procedures relating to policy administration.**
 - 8.1 Describe the key processes and procedures relating to the administration of life policies and other protection policies.
- 9. Understand the use of trusts in life policies and related policies.**
 - 9.1 Describe how trusts are used in life policies and other protection policies and the consequences of their use.
- 10. Know the different methods of premium payments and the consequences of non-payment.**
 - 10.1 Describe the different methods of payment and the relevant anti-money laundering requirements.
 - 10.2 Describe the consequences of non-payment.
- 11. Understand the main features of unit linking.**
 - 11.1 Describe the main features of unit-linked life policies and other protection policies.
- 12. Understand the main features of with-profits.**
 - 12.1 Describe the main features of with-profits life policies.
- 13. Understand the principles and procedures of policy claims.**
 - 13.1 Describe how key principles and procedures apply in the payment of a life policy claim and other protection claims.

Additional resources

The following resources may assist you with your studies.

Note: The examination will test the syllabus alone.

Supporting information for the syllabus can be found on the unit page via the CII website. The resources found here: www.cii.co.uk/learning will help you keep up-to-date with developments and provide a wider coverage of syllabus topics.

Additional reading material can also be found referenced in an appendix within the study text.

Learning support

Life office administration London: CII. Study text FA1.

Key Facts Booklet available at an additional cost (delivered via RevisionMate).

Assessment information

Candidates should refer to the CII website for the latest information on changes to law and practice and when they will be examined:

1. Visit www.cii.co.uk/qualifications
2. Select the appropriate qualification
3. Select your unit from the list provided
4. Select qualification update on the right hand side of the page

Examination guide

The examination guide is available on the unit page via the CII website.

If you have a current study text enrolment, the current examination guide is included and is accessible via **RevisionMate** (www.cii.co.uk/login). Details of how to access RevisionMate are on the first page of your study text.

It is recommended that you study from the most recent versions of the examination guide.

Exam preparation

Exam preparation guidance and supporting exam documentation are available via the CII website: <https://www.cii.co.uk/learning/qualifications/assessment-information>.