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LNC Employees' 401(k) Savings Plan ***Summary Plan Description & Prospectus*** ***June 1, 2026***

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LNC EMPLOYEES' 401(k) SAVINGS PLAN

Summary Plan Description and Prospectus

The LNC Employees' 401(k) Savings Plan (the "Plan") is a defined contribution 401(k) plan sponsored by Lincoln National Corporation (the "Company"). The Plan offers you a tax-effective method to conveniently and systematically save a portion of your income by investing in one or more of the Investment Options offered under the Plan. In addition to your own savings, the Company will also contribute to your Plan account.

The Plan is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). ERISA governs the administration and funding of tax-qualified retirement plans, including provisions on reporting and disclosure, fiduciary responsibility and claims procedures. Benefits under the Plan are not insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (the "PBGC"), as the PBGC does not insure benefits payable under defined contribution plans, such as this Plan. For further information on your rights under ERISA, see the section entitled "Your Rights and Protection under ERISA" on page 37.

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Introducing the Plan

The LNC Employees' 401(k) Savings Plan (the "Plan") is part of our Lincoln Financial Total Rewards Program ("Program"). The Plan is designed to give you the tools and flexibility you need to plan for your personal retirement goals. The Plan represents an integral part of the Program and offers you a tax-effective method to conveniently and systematically save a portion of your income by investing in any of the Investment Options offered under the Plan. In addition, Company contributions in the form of bi-weekly matching contributions and the annual core contribution are added to your savings.

Lincoln Retirement Services Company

Lincoln Retirement Services Company ("LRSC") is the third-party administrator and recordkeeper of the Plan. You may transact your account or obtain the current value of your account at any time online at LincolnFinancial.com or via the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

You can also obtain information about the Investment Option lineup, including fund fact sheets on each option, at LincolnFinancial.com/retirementinfocenter.

Eligibility and Participation

You are eligible to participate in the Plan if you are a citizen or resident of the United States and are a common law employee of Lincoln National Corporation or a Participating Employer that has adopted this Plan (hereinafter referred to as the "Company" or "LNC").

The following individuals are not eligible to participate in the Plan:

- Sales agents;
- Independent contractors¹;
- Leased employees¹; or
- An Intern who participates in the Lincoln Internship Program unless such individual is at least age 21 and has completed 1,000 Hours of Service during the Plan Year. Effective for Plan Years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, an Intern who completes at least 500 Hours of Service in two (2) consecutive Plan Years beginning after December 31, 2022, will be eligible to participate in the Plan.

A participant generally means an eligible employee who satisfies the participation requirements of the Plan but may also include an alternate payee or a beneficiary who has an account balance under the Plan.

¹ Even if the individual is or may be reclassified as an employee of the recipient employer by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Internal Revenue Service or the U.S. Department of Labor.

Automatic Enrollment

You will be automatically enrolled in this Plan and the Company will deduct 6% of your Eligible Earnings each pay period and contribute it to this Plan on a pre-tax basis.

Shortly after you are hired, you will be sent an enrollment kit from LRSC, which includes information on how to increase, decrease, or stop your pre-tax contributions. You will have a minimum of 30 days following your first paycheck (the “30-day enrollment period”) to initiate any changes to the automatic pre-tax contribution percentage. If you do not make an affirmative election to change the automatic pre-tax contribution percentage, your pre-tax contribution will begin as soon as administratively feasible following the end of the 30-day enrollment period. If you make an affirmative election to opt-out of automatic enrollment prior to the end of the 30-day enrollment period, no pre-tax contributions will be withheld from your Eligible Earnings.

If you were not automatically enrolled, you can elect to participate in the Plan at any time.

To begin making pre-tax and/or Roth 401(k) contributions to the Plan, change your current contribution percentage or to stop making contributions, log on to LincolnFinancial.com. You will need a username and password to access your account. If you need assistance accessing the website or do not wish to make your elections online, you may contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 for assistance. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

You may stop your contributions to the Plan at any time. Even if you choose not to contribute a portion of your Eligible Earnings to the Plan, you will continue to receive Company core contributions as described in the section entitled “Additional Company Contribution” on page 9.

Automatic Contribution Escalation

If you are not contributing to the Plan, or if you are contributing less than 6% to the Plan, your contribution rate will automatically be increased by 1%, unless you make an affirmative election to change your contribution percentage. This automatic contribution escalation is effective with the first payroll period that begins on or after April 1 of the calendar year, and each anniversary thereof until your contribution rate is at least 6% of your Eligible Earnings. If you make **only** Roth 401(k) contributions or **only** pre-tax contributions of less than 6%, the same contribution/money type will be increased by 1%. If you make both Roth 401(k) contributions and pre-tax contributions of less than 6% combined, only your pre-tax contributions will be increased by 1%.

You may opt out of auto escalation by notifying the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500. You may also opt out of the Plan or change your contribution percentage any time after the increase goes into effect. To change your current contribution percentage or to stop making contributions, log on to LincolnFinancial.com. You will need a username and password to access your account. If you need assistance accessing the website or do not wish to make your elections online, you may contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 for assistance. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

Contributions

Eligible Earnings

Eligible Earnings for Plan purposes include:

- basic cash compensation (paid at regular intervals);
- annual incentive pay;
- bonuses and performance awards;
- commissions;
- overtime pay;
- pager pay;
- retroactive pay and subsidy pay;
- sales and conservation incentives;
- annuity/life compensation;
- remuneration that would have been actually paid if you had not elected to make elective deferrals under a plan qualified under section 401(a) or section 402(e)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (“Code”), relating to deferrals under a 401(k) plan or a 403(b) arrangement;
- pre-tax contributions to a flexible benefits plan under a Code section 125 cafeteria plan or a Code section 129 dependent care plan; and
- pre-tax qualified transportation contributions that are not includible as taxable income by reason of Code section 132(f)(4).

Any income not specifically included above is not Eligible Earnings for purposes of the Plan. In addition, the following types of income are considered “Ineligible Earnings” and are excluded for purposes of the Plan:

- severance pay, retention bonus, or salary continuation pay;
- sign on bonuses;
- any bonus designated “non-benefitable”;
- gifts, prizes, or employee awards;
- reimbursements;
- payment for vacation not taken;
- amounts deducted from compensation or credited by the Company or a Participating Employer under a nonqualified deferred compensation arrangement;
- any amounts paid after termination of employment (except for final payroll if termination occurs “mid-cycle”);
- any other non-benefitable earnings including commissions or fees paid under the permanent fixed life and annuity program;
- any compensation associated with applicable laws regarding payment of (1) a final paycheck following termination of employment or (2) supplemental compensation for missed or shortened break periods due to a business need; and
- any compensation paid by a state, city or municipality as a result of such state, city or municipality’s mandatory paid leave laws, which includes, but is not limited to, maternity or paternity leave, employee or family medical leave, safe time or safe leave.

You cannot defer earnings under the Plan once you have exceeded the Code section 401(a)(17) annual compensation limit for the applicable Plan Year. The Code section 401(a)(17) annual compensation limit for

2026 is \$360,000 (as may be adjusted annually by the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) for tax years thereafter).

Amount You May Contribute

As a Plan participant, the Company may withhold regular payroll deductions from your paycheck and contribute pre-tax contributions and/or Roth 401(k) contributions on your behalf to the Plan. You will contribute 6% of Eligible Earnings as a result of being automatically enrolled in the Plan, or you may elect to have between 0% and 75% of your Eligible Earnings withheld and contributed to the Plan. Contributions are made on a per-payroll-period basis.

Your aggregate contributions (pre-tax and/or Roth 401(k) contributions) cannot exceed the annual contribution limit set by the IRS plus applicable “catch up” contributions, as described below. The annual contribution limit for 2026 is \$24,500 (as may be adjusted annually by the IRS for tax years thereafter). Your contributions and any corresponding earnings are always 100% vested. Other contribution limits may apply. ***Once you reach either the IRS annual contribution limit (Code section 402(g) limit) or the Code section 401(a)(17) annual compensation limit for the Plan Year, your basic pre-tax and/or Roth 401(k) contributions, and safe harbor matching contributions, will be stopped and won’t restart until the first pay period of the following Plan Year, provided you have not elected to stop making contributions to the Plan.*** See the section entitled “Contribution Limits” on page 10.

Note: The annual contribution limit imposed by the IRS is an overall maximum and applies to **all** 401(k) plans, including plans sponsored by another employer unrelated to Lincoln, in which you participate during a calendar year.

You are responsible (1) for tracking your contributions and complying with IRS limits if you switch employers during a calendar year; and (2) in the event you exceed the annual contribution limit in such a calendar year, for requesting a refund of the excess contributions from the applicable plan. Excess contributions must be distributed no later than April 15 of the following calendar year in order to avoid double taxation and penalties.

If you need to request a refund of excess contributions, contact your Lincoln Retirement Consultant whose contact information can be found in the section entitled “Rollover Contributions” on page 7.

Pre-tax contributions are dollars that go into the Plan before being subject to federal income taxation and income taxation in most states, counties and cities, thus deferring taxation until you receive a distribution from the Plan. Pre-tax contributions are, however, subject to FICA and FUTA taxes when made. Roth 401(k) contributions are after-tax contributions. As such, you pay taxes up front when your contributions are made and, because you are taxed on this money initially, you are not taxed upon distribution provided certain conditions are satisfied (see the section entitled “Roth 401(k) Contributions, Roth 401(k) Rollover Contributions and In-Plan Roth Conversions” on page 27).

Catch-up Contributions

You are not required to make a separate election specifically for catch-up contributions. If you are an active employee and you are age 50 or older by the end of the Plan Year, you will be eligible to make catch-up contributions in the amounts noted below:

Age by end of 2026 Plan Year	2026 Contribution Limit ²	2026 Catch-up Contribution Limit ²	2026 Contribution Limit in Total ²
50-59	\$24,500	\$8,000	\$32,500
60-63	\$24,500	\$11,250	\$35,750
64+	\$24,500	\$8,000	\$32,500

Note: Effective for Plan Years beginning on and after January 1, 2026, if you are age 50 or older during the Plan Year and your total Federal Insurance Contributions Act (“FICA”) wages³ for the prior year are \$150,000 (2025) or more (as may be adjusted annually by the IRS for tax years thereafter), your catch-up contributions must be made as Roth 401(k) contributions.

The Plan’s recordkeeper will review participant accounts to ensure these eligibility requirements are met. If you are eligible to make catch-up contributions and wish to defer the maximum annual amount allowed for the Plan Year, you should determine what percentage of your Eligible Earnings is necessary to make the full contribution of \$32,500 or \$35,750, as applicable, for 2026. Your catch-up contributions may be matched only to the extent that your total contributions do not exceed the annual IRS contribution limit or other limits as described in the section entitled “Contribution Limits” on page 10.

Example 1:

Gina is age 52 and is eligible to make both “basic” and catch-up contributions to the Plan. Her total Eligible Earnings are \$120,000 (assuming no other FICA wages) for 2026. She elects to contribute 25% of her Eligible Earnings to the Plan or \$30,000 annually. Once she has reached \$24,500 in basic contributions, her catch-up contributions will commence. Her contributions for 2026 will be as follows:

Basic contributions (pre-tax and Roth)	\$24,500
Catch-up contributions (pre-tax and Roth)	\$5,500
Total contributions for 2026	\$30,000

² Subject to annual adjustment by the IRS for subsequent tax year.

³ FICA wages specifically refers to Social Security wages as reported in Box 3 of your Form W-2.

Example 2:

Gina is age 62 and is eligible to make both “basic” and catch-up contributions to the Plan. Her total Eligible Earnings are \$135,000 (assuming no other FICA wages) for 2026. She elects to contribute 25% of her Eligible Earnings to the Plan or \$33,750 annually. Once she has reached \$24,500 in basic contributions, her catch-up contributions will commence. Her contributions for 2026 will be as follows:

Basic contributions (pre-tax and Roth)	\$24,500
Catch-up contributions (pre-tax and Roth)	\$9,250
Total contributions for 2026	\$33,750

Example 3:

Gina is age 62 and is eligible to make both “basic” and catch-up contributions to the Plan. In 2025, her total Eligible Earnings were \$152,000 and for 2026, her total Eligible Earnings are \$155,000 (assuming no other FICA wages for 2025 or 2026). She elects to contribute 23% of her Eligible Earnings to the Plan or \$35,650 annually. Once she has reached \$24,500 in basic contributions, her catch-up contributions will commence. Because her FICA wages in 2025 were over \$150,000, Gina’s catch-up contributions are required to be made as Roth 401(k) contributions. Her contributions for 2026 will be as follows:

Basic contributions (pre-tax and Roth)	\$24,500
Roth catch-up contributions	\$11,150
Total contributions for 2026	\$35,650

Note: Contributions to the Plan must be made in whole percentages. If Gina chose to contribute more than 25% (or 23% in Example 3) of her Eligible Earnings, the payroll system would automatically stop her total contributions for 2026 at \$32,500 (Example 1) or \$35,750 (Example 2 and 3), allowing her to make her full catch-up contribution without going over the IRS limits.

If you change employers during the calendar year, you’ll need to personally track both your basic contributions and your catch-up contributions to each employer’s 401(k) plan to ensure you do not exceed the combined IRS limits in effect for that calendar year (\$32,500 or \$35,750, as applicable, in 2026).

Once your election is made it will continue unless you elect to change or discontinue your election(s).

Roth 401(k) Contributions

The Roth 401(k) feature of the Plan allows you to save money in your account through payroll deductions on an after-tax basis. Even if you are already making pre-tax contributions, you can also make Roth 401(k) contributions. However, a combination of both types of contributions cannot exceed the annual deferral limit. For 2026, the deferral limit is \$24,500 (or \$32,500 or \$35,750, as applicable, if you are also making catch-up contributions⁴). The benefit of making Roth 401(k) contributions is that earnings on contributions can be withdrawn tax-free if certain criteria are met.

Factors to consider before making a Roth 401(k) contribution:

- You have the flexibility to make Roth 401(k) contributions, pre-tax contributions, or a combination of both.
- Roth 401(k) contributions and pre-tax contributions will be accounted for separately in your account.
- You cannot transfer balances between your Roth 401(k) Contribution Account and your Pre-tax Contribution Account. (**Note:** You can transfer balances between your Pre-tax Contribution Account and your Roth 401(k) Contribution Account if you elect to make an In-Plan Roth Conversion [see the section entitled “Your Account Transactions” on pages 13-14]).
- Your Roth 401(k) and pre-tax contributions will be eligible for the Company safe harbor matching contribution, up to 6% of your Eligible Earnings that you contribute, as described earlier. For example, if you contribute 6% to your Roth 401(k) Contribution Account or 6% to your Pre-tax Contribution Account, or a combination of 3% Roth 401(k) and 3% pre-tax, you will receive Company safe harbor matching contributions on your contributions up to 6% of your Eligible Earnings that you contribute. Company safe harbor matching contributions are pre-tax contributions, subject to taxation when distributed to you.
- Roth 401(k) contributions and earnings will not be subject to federal income taxes at Retirement (as that term is defined in the section entitled “Distribution at Retirement” on page 19) if your withdrawals are considered “Qualified Distributions” (as described in the section entitled “Roth 401(k) Contributions, Roth 401(k) Rollover Contributions and In-Plan Roth Conversions” on page 27).

In addition, if you terminate service with the Company and its affiliates, you may have the option to roll over your Roth 401(k) contributions to a Roth IRA or to a new employer’s plan if the plan accepts the rollover of Roth 401(k) contributions.

Rollover Contributions

You may transfer or “roll over” the taxable amount of your distributions from (1) a traditional or conduit IRA; (2) plans qualified under Code section 401(a), including a 401(k) plan, profit-sharing plan, defined benefit plan, stock bonus plan; (3) a Code section 403(b) plan; and (4) an eligible Code section 457(b) plan maintained by a governmental employer, to the Plan (“Rollover Contributions”).

⁴ If you are age 50 or older during 2026 and your total FICA wages for the prior year (2025) are \$150,000 or more (as may be adjusted annually by the IRS for tax years thereafter), your catch-up contributions must be made as Roth 401(k) contributions.

A rollover may be made directly from another plan to this Plan. For taxable distributions, you may elect within 60 days following the date you receive payment from a plan to roll over the distribution. There are certain tax consequences related to having the taxable distribution made payable directly to you and then electing the rollover option.

In addition, you may transfer or roll over Roth 401(k) contributions and/or after-tax contributions from another eligible retirement plan into your Plan account in a direct rollover. Rollover contributions of Roth 401(k) and/or after-tax contributions will be held in a separate Roth 401(k) Rollover Contribution Account or an After-Tax Rollover Contribution Account, respectively.

Any loan you may have outstanding from such other plan may not be rolled over into this Plan.

Any Rollover Contributions accepted by the Plan Administrator will be credited to a separate Rollover Contribution Account, Roth 401(k) Rollover Contribution Account or After-Tax Rollover Contribution Account established in your name.

To initiate a rollover of taxable distributions, Roth 401(k) contributions or after-tax contributions from another eligible retirement plan you should contact your Lincoln Financial Retirement Consultant:

Sean Day	Tammy Henderson	Eric M. Turner
Great Plains, Omaha, Pacific Northwest, Rolling Meadows, and other Midwest and Western locations	Boston, Dover, Hartford, Dover, Lincoln Financial Distributors, Philadelphia, Radnor and other Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern locations	Atlanta, Charlotte, Greensboro, Omaha, Phoenix and other Southern and Western locations
260-455-5618	484-583-1605	336-706-6334
Sean.Day@lfg.com	Tammy.Henderson@lfg.com	Eric.Turner@lfg.com

Appointments can also be scheduled at: <http://www.LincolnFinancial.com/LincolnSchedule>.

Terminated participants who maintain an account within the Plan may transfer or roll over amounts from other qualified plans into this Plan subject to the same rules as active participants.

Company Matching Contribution

The Plan provides for a safe harbor matching contribution formula. The Company will make a matching contribution to the Plan on your behalf that equals \$1 for each \$1 of Eligible Earnings that you contribute up to a maximum of 6% of your Eligible Earnings on a per-payroll-period basis. This matching contribution formula satisfies the IRS’s requirements for a safe harbor matching contribution. In general, to receive the maximum safe harbor matching contribution, you must contribute at least 6% of your Eligible Earnings to the Plan by payroll deduction on a per-payroll-basis.

However, it is important, especially for certain highly compensated employees, that you estimate the total amount of your contributions as of each payroll period, including estimated bonus contributions and estimated salary increases, and adjust your contribution percentage accordingly so that you maximize your Company contribution opportunity before you reach the IRS annual compensation limit of \$360,000 for 2026 (as may be adjusted annually by the IRS for tax years thereafter). Upon reaching the IRS annual compensation limit or another limit, as described in the section entitled “Contribution Limits” on page 10, your contributions will be stopped for the remainder of the year. This means that the Company safe harbor matching contributions will also stop.

Eligibility for Safe Harbor Matching Contribution

All eligible employees who make pre-tax and/or Roth 401(k) contributions to the Plan will be eligible for the safe harbor matching contribution.

Eligible Earnings Subject to Safe Harbor Matching Contribution

The Eligible Earnings subject to the “safe harbor matching contribution” is the same definition used for all Plan purposes (see “Eligible Earnings” under the section entitled “Contributions” on page 3).

Additional Company Contribution

Core Contribution

If you are eligible to participate in the Plan, you will receive a core contribution equal to 4% of your Eligible Earnings regardless of whether you contribute to the Plan. This means that even if you elect not to participate in the pre-tax and/or Roth 401(k) portion of the Plan, the Company will contribute 4% (on a pre-tax basis) of your Eligible Earnings to an account in your name under the Plan.

The core contribution will be based on your Eligible Earnings as paid on an **annual** basis. In addition, in order to be eligible to receive a core contribution, you must be an eligible employee during the Plan Year who:

- was employed by the Company on the Core Contribution Entitlement Date of the applicable Plan Year;
- terminated employment before the Core Contribution Entitlement Date of the applicable Plan Year on account of death or Disability (as defined in the section entitled “Distribution at Disability” on page 20);
- terminated employment before the Core Contribution Entitlement Date of the applicable Plan Year but after attaining age 55 (your “normal Retirement date”);
- was subject to a “job elimination” (as that term is defined in the Lincoln National Corporation Severance Pay Plan) or an “involuntary termination” other than for “cause” (as those terms are defined in The Severance Plan for Officers of Lincoln National Corporation);
- was transferred to full-time agent status; or
- is deemed eligible to receive a core contribution by the Plan Administrator (or its delegate).

“Core Contribution Entitlement Date” is the bi-weekly pay period end date as set forth in the [annual employee compensation pay cycle schedule](#) (as posted on the Company’s intranet site) that corresponds to the last payday of the applicable calendar year.

Note: If you were an Eligible Employee (see the section entitled “Eligibility and Participation” on page 1)

who terminated employment with the Company and you are subsequently rehired as an Eligible Employee by the Company during the same Plan Year and you are employed by the Company on the Core Contribution Entitlement Date of the applicable Plan Year, you will receive a core contribution for such Plan Year based on the Eligible Earnings paid to you during the entire Plan Year.

Contribution Limits

Limits on Total Contributions

The sum of employee contributions and all Company contributions (*i.e.*, the safe harbor matching contributions and annual core contribution) for a Plan Year may not exceed the Code section 415 annual addition limit. For 2026, this limit is the lesser of 100% of Eligible Earnings or \$72,000 (as may be adjusted annually by the IRS for tax years thereafter). Catch-up contributions are excluded from this limit.

Any excess core contributions (but not safe harbor matching contributions) that cannot be contributed to your Plan account due to the Code section 415 annual addition limit will be contributed to the Lincoln National Corporation Deferred Compensation & Supplemental/Excess Retirement Plan (the “DC SERP”) on your behalf, regardless of whether you are eligible to contribute to the DC SERP.

Limits on Eligible Earnings

You cannot defer Eligible Earnings in excess of the Code section 401(a)(17) annual compensation limit. The annual compensation limit for 2026 is \$360,000 (as may be adjusted periodically by the IRS for tax years thereafter). Neither employee nor Company contributions will be made to this Plan for you once this limit has been reached for the applicable Plan Year.

Depending on your deferral percentage, if your compensation exceeds the annual compensation limit and you are catch-up contribution eligible (age 50 or over by the end of the Plan Year), your contributions may continue until you reach the annual contribution limit for the year plus the catch-up contribution limit for the year (\$32,500 or \$35,750, as applicable, for 2026).

Any core contributions (but not safe harbor matching contributions) that cannot be contributed to your Plan account due to the Code section 401(a)(17) annual compensation limit will be contributed to the DC SERP on your behalf, regardless of whether you are eligible to contribute to the DC SERP.

Annual Limit on the Amount You May Contribute

Your aggregate contributions (pre-tax and/or Roth 401(k) contributions) cannot exceed the annual contribution limit set by the IRS plus applicable “catch-up” contributions, as described on page 5. The annual contribution limit for 2026 is \$24,500 (or \$32,500 or \$35,750, as applicable, if you are eligible for catch-up contributions). These amounts may be adjusted annually by the IRS for tax years thereafter. Once you reach the annual contribution limit for a Plan Year, your basic pre-tax and/or Roth 401(k) contributions, and safe harbor matching contributions, will be stopped and won’t restart until the first pay period of the next Plan Year.

Note: The annual contribution limit imposed by the IRS is an overall maximum and applies to all 401(k) plans in which you participate during a calendar year. See the section entitled “Amount You May Contribute” on page 4 for more information if you participated in multiple plans in a calendar year.

Contributions and Non-Discrimination Rules

Generally, a plan must meet specified non-discrimination rules with respect to employee and employer contributions as established by law. Because the Company has adopted a safe harbor matching contribution formula, the Plan will be deemed to satisfy these non-discrimination rules. In the future, the Company may decide not to contribute the safe harbor matching contribution. If such a decision is made, the Company must notify all participants of its decision to do so and the Plan would again be subject to the average deferral percentage and average contribution percentage non-discrimination rules.

Investment of Contributions

Amounts contributed to the Plan will be invested in the various Investment Options offered under the Plan by the Trustee as soon as reasonably possible after receipt, and in accordance with your investment directions, the provisions of the Plan, and any applicable restrictions. Trading restrictions are discussed in more detail in the “Investment Supplement” starting on page 40. The Plan Administrator may remove or close any Investment Options offered under the Plan at any time and from time to time in its sole discretion. Purchases of LNC common stock are made primarily on the open market. In addition to purchasing LNC common stock on the open market, the Trustee may from time to time purchase authorized but un-issued shares directly from LNC, directly from LNC shareholders, or LNC may directly contribute shares of authorized but un-issued shares of its common stock in lieu of cash. Under the terms of the Plan, certain fees, commissions, and other expenses are charged to the Plan (see the “Investment Supplement” starting on page 40 for information on fees and expenses associated with the various Investment Options offered under the Plan).

Participant Accounts

The following subaccounts, as applicable, will be established and maintained for you

- **Pre-Tax Contribution Account:** holds the assets attributable to your pre-tax contributions, including catch-up contributions (if eligible).
- **Roth 401(k) Contribution Account:** holds the assets attributable to your Roth 401(k) contributions, including catch-up contributions (if eligible).
- **Company Contribution Accounts:**
 - **Safe Harbor Matching Contribution:** holds the assets attributable to safe harbor matching contributions made to your pre-tax and/or Roth 401(k) contributions.
 - **Employer Discretionary Matching Contribution:** holds the assets attributable to Employer discretionary matching contributions and non-safe harbor matching Employer contributions made to your Company Contribution Account for Plan Years prior to January 1, 2008.
 - **Core Contribution:** holds the assets attributable to core contributions made to your account.
 - **Transition Contribution:** holds the assets, if any, attributable to transition contributions made to your account.
- **After-Tax Contribution Account:** holds assets attributable to after-tax contributions made prior to 1989.

- Rollover Contribution Account: holds assets attributable to rollovers of qualifying lump sum distributions from other qualified plans in which you participated.
- Roth 401(k) Rollover Contribution Account: holds assets attributable to rollovers of Roth 401(k) distributions from other eligible retirement plans in which you participated.
- After-Tax Rollover Contribution Account: holds assets attributable to rollovers of after-tax distributions from other eligible retirement plans in which you participated.
- ESOP Account: holds amounts representing your share of the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (“ESOP”) portion of the Plan (see the section entitled “LNC Stock Fund” on page 52 for more information about the ESOP).
- Brokerage Window Account: holds amounts representing your share of the self-directed brokerage account portion of the Plan (see the section entitled “Self-Directed Brokerage Account” on pages 47 and 54 for more information about this type of account).
- Intra-Company Transfer Account: holds the assets attributable to amounts transferred from a defined contribution plan maintained by an LNC entity. A separate subaccount will be established to hold any amounts that must be accounted for separately when transferred to the Plan.
- In-Plan Roth Conversion Account: holds amounts converted in an In-Plan Roth Conversion (see the section entitled “In-Plan Roth Conversion” on page 14).

Securities Offered

There is currently on file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission a Registration Statement registering 10,000,000 shares of LNC common stock for offering by the Plan, as well as an indeterminate number of “Plan Interests” relating to the other Investment Options. Interests in the assets of the Plan acquired by participants through the operation of the Plan are themselves securities. Their acquisition entails risk of loss, as well as possibility of gain.

Performance of the Investment Options

The selection of Investment Options in which your account is invested is your sole responsibility. The selection of Investment Options should be made after careful consideration of your investment needs and objectives. You should be aware that the stock market fluctuates daily and impacts the value of your account, either positively or negatively.

Investments vary by degree of expected risk and expected return. Generally, the greater the risk, the greater the return potential over the long term. Less risk will yield lower, but generally steadier, returns. It is your responsibility to (1) regularly monitor the performance of the Investment Options in which your account is invested; (2) stay aware of economic events as well as changes in your own financial planning needs; and (3) make changes as you deem appropriate. Your current, up-to-date investment data, as well as the Plan’s current and historical data, are available by logging on to LincolnFinancial.com. On the home page, click on “Retirement>Investments” and then the topic you wish to review.

Your Account Transactions

All account transactions are made online at LincolnFinancial.com or via the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500. Requests for re-allocations, transfers, loans, and withdrawals that are completed on days the financial markets are open become effective that day, as long as your transaction request includes all required information and is completed by 4:00 p.m. ET. Transactions requested when the financial markets are closed or after 4:00 p.m. ET will be completed the next day on which the markets are open.

Changing Your Contribution Percentage

To increase your contribution (subject to Plan and IRS contribution limits – see the section entitled “Contribution Limits” on page 10), decrease or cease your contributions to the Plan, log on to LincolnFinancial.com at any time or call the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500. Any change must be made by 4:00 p.m. ET on the first Wednesday following a pay period to be effective the next pay period. Your transaction is complete and effective only when you have made your designations and received a confirmation number.

Changing Investment Elections of Future Contributions

You may provide LRSC with investment directions that re-allocate how your future contributions will be invested among the Investment Options at any time subject to the applicable trading restrictions.

Exchanges of Existing Contributions

You may move all or a portion of your current balance from one investment fund to another, subject to any restrictions on such transfers to the applicable fund(s). This re-allocation among the funds can be made at any time and includes amounts based on your pre-tax, after-tax, Roth 401(k), rollover, Roth In-Plan Conversion, Roth 401(k) rollover and Company contributions. You can designate your exchange as a whole dollar amount or a percentage.

In order to prevent market timing, excessive trading, and similar abuses, the managers of the various Investment Options may impose additional trading restrictions or redemption fees triggered by certain kinds of trades or trading activities. For mutual fund investment options, please see the relevant prospectus for information on trading restrictions or applicable redemption fees. For collective investment trust options, please consult the relevant disclosure statements for such information. These documents are available online at LincolnFinancial.com, or by requesting them through the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500. You can also obtain information about the Investment Option lineup, including fact sheets on each option, at LincolnFinancial.com/RetirementInfoCenter.

LNC Stock Fund: Regarding investments in the LNC Stock Fund, there are special rules pertaining to “net unrealized appreciation” (see the section entitled “Tax Effects of the Plan” on page 27 for more information). Please note that if you transfer out of the LNC Stock Fund, there is no carryover of cost basis to other investments. If you transfer back into the LNC Stock Fund in the future, you will establish a new cost basis in the underlying stock. This may have some tax significance if you receive shares of LNC common stock at distribution. If your lump sum distribution is in cash, cost basis will not be an issue. **Note:** Officers of LNC and certain other participants of LNC with access to inside information are subject to regular quarterly trading restrictions. See the section entitled “Trading Restrictions” on page 54 for more information.

In-Plan Roth Conversion

Effective January 1, 2026, participants (including beneficiaries and alternate payees) will be allowed to transfer amounts from their pre-tax contribution accounts⁵ into an In-Plan Roth Conversion Account under the Plan. This process is called an “In-Plan Roth Conversion.” You may elect to make an In-Plan Roth Conversion of any vested amounts held in each of your subaccounts in the Plan, except for amounts held in your (1) After-Tax Contribution Account, (2) After-Tax Rollover Contribution Account, (3) ESOP Account, (4) Roth 401(k) Contribution Account, and (5) Roth 401(k) Rollover Contribution Account. In addition, any amounts that are subject to a loan will not be eligible to be converted.

Things to consider before electing to make an In-Plan Roth Conversion:

- **In-Plan Roth Conversions are irrevocable.**
- Each conversion must be at least \$1,000.
- Because the amount being converted will be considered a “withdrawal,” the converted amount will be included in your taxable income for the Plan Year of conversion. **Note:** Income taxes cannot be withheld from your Plan account on the converted amount so you will be responsible for the ordinary income tax owed on the converted amount when you file your tax return for the year of conversion. You will be issued a Form 1099-R (Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc.) that will provide the information necessary to prepare your tax return.
- Each In-Plan Roth Conversion is subject to its own “five-year clock” that will start on January 1 of the year in which you make the conversion, regardless of when the conversion takes place during the year. See the section entitled “Income Tax” on page 26 for more information about withdrawals of Roth contributions.

Amounts converted will remain in the same investments as pre-conversion unless you decide to change them.

You should consult your personal tax adviser before requesting an In-Plan Roth Conversion in order to understand the potential tax consequences for your situation.

For more details about an In-Plan Roth Conversion, refer to the “Understanding the in-plan Roth conversion feature of your 401(k) plan” FAQ which can be found at <https://visit.lfg.com/LNC-ROFAQ-FLI001> or contact your Lincoln Retirement Consultant (see the section entitled “Rollover Contributions” on page 7 for their contact information).

Note: If you have assets invested in the Schwab self-directed brokerage account (see the section entitled “Self-Directed Brokerage Account” on pages 47 and 54) that you wish to convert, they must first be liquidated and transferred to a subaccount from which an In-Plan Roth Conversion is permitted. Any after-tax contribution and/or Roth 401(k) contribution amounts liquidated from the self-directed brokerage account and transferred to an otherwise eligible subaccount will remain ineligible for an In-Plan Roth Conversion.

⁵ This includes your pre-tax contributions, Rollover Contributions and Company contributions.

Valuation of Investments

Securities authorized for investment under the Plan will be valued each day when the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. Depending on the type of security being valued, a determination of value is based on: (1) the closing price of the security on the exchange on which such security is listed; (2) the average bid quotations for such security; (3) quotations from other sources deemed by the Plan Administrator to be reliable as fairly reflecting the market price or redemption price of the securities; (4) the value as reported by an insurance company with respect to a segregated investment account in which the Plan invests; or (5) the average sale or purchase price of the security when the Trustee is required to sell or purchase securities on the open market to comply with the requests of participants.

When you select a portfolio, your account balances will automatically rebalance periodically. The rebalancing process is based on the portfolio's investment mix and objectives. If your current investment elections include an auto-balance feature and you elect to roll over money into different investment elections, all of your Investment Options will be included in the next scheduled rebalance. **Note:** Automatic rebalance is not available for the self-directed brokerage account. (See the "Investment Supplement" starting on page 40 for more information about the self-directed brokerage account.)

All of the Plan's Investment Options, including the LNC Stock Fund (discussed in more detail below), are unitized. That means that if you invest in any Plan Investment Option, you and other investors own a pro-rata portion of all of the securities that may be in the Investment Option (e.g., stocks, bonds, shares of mutual funds, or units of variable insurance trust funds or other investment options – whatever the manager of the investment account has chosen to invest in to meet its investment objectives), as well as a pro-rata portion of the cash held by the Investment Option for liquidity purposes.

The value of a unit of any Investment Option is determined by adding the value of all securities in the Investment Option, plus the cash or value of the money market units, then dividing the total value of the account by the total number of outstanding units issued by the Investment Option. For the LNC Stock Fund, the value of a unit is calculated each day by dividing the current value of all LNC common stock in the account, plus any cash, by the total number of units allocated to participant Plan accounts. Some accounts, such as the LNC Stock Fund, hold units of a money market account rather than actual cash to satisfy liquidity needs. The cash or money market units are used to execute daily transactions, thus avoiding the need for the manager to sell shares of stock on the open market and wait to receive the cash proceeds from the sale to satisfy a participant's transfer or redemption transaction.

The valuation date for loans, in-service withdrawals, and transfers among Investment Options is generally the date your request via [LincolnFinancial.com](https://www.lincolffinancial.com) or the Lincoln Customer Contact Center (800-234-3500) is received and confirmed, provided your request is in good order and as long as the request is made prior to 4 p.m. ET on a business day (otherwise, the next business day). In the event unit values for the Investment Options are not available to LRSC by processing time, the valuation date will be the next business day.

The valuation date for all other distributions will be no later than the second business day after receipt of the correctly completed distribution form by LRSC.

The valuation date for new employee contributions, Company contributions and loan repayments is the date on or following a payday on which these monies are received, provided the funds are received by 4:00 p.m. ET by LRSC for investment.

404(c) Compliance

The Plan is intended to comply with section 404(c) of ERISA. Under 404(c), you are responsible for the selection of your own investments. Information on the Investment Options is always available to you online at [LincolnFinancial.com](https://www.lincolnfinancial.com) or via the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500. We periodically provide you with information on investment option changes and other information so that you have the opportunity to exercise meaningful, independent control over the assets in your account. Plan fiduciaries of a 404(c) plan are not liable for plan losses that are the direct result of your investment instructions or as a result of investments in a Qualified Default Investment Alternative (“QDIA”), as described below.

If you do not give LRSC specific investment directions for your Plan account, LRSC will automatically invest your contributions in the Plan’s QDIA. The Plan’s QDIA is the State Street Target Retirement Fund (a target date fund) that most closely matches the year you attain age 65.

If you are automatically enrolled in the Plan, and your contributions are invested in the Plan’s QDIA in the absence of your investment direction, you will remain invested in this fund unless and until you affirmatively elect to change your investment direction to any other Investment Option. You can change your investment directions at any time.

More information, including a description of the annual operating expenses of each investment option, copies of financial reports for each Investment Option, and copies of the *LFG Insider Trading and Confidentiality Policy*, is available. If interested, contact the Lincoln National Corporation Benefits Committee, c/o HR Total Rewards, 150 N. Radnor Chester Road, Suite D2, Radnor, PA 19087 or call 484-583-1400.

Vesting and Forfeiture Rules

Vesting determines when the contributions credited to your account and the earnings thereon become non-forfeitable.

Your Contributions

Your pre-tax contributions, Roth 401(k) contributions, after-tax contributions, Rollover Contributions, Roth 401(k) rollover contributions and after-tax rollover contributions to the Plan, and any associated earnings, are immediately vested at 100%.

Company Contributions

Safe harbor matching contributions are immediately 100% vested. If you were employed by the Company on December 31, 2007, you were also 100% vested in your pre-2008 Company matching contributions. Transition contributions (see Appendix A), if any, that were made on your behalf are also 100% vested.

Core contributions are 100% vested after you have completed 2 years of vesting service. You are credited with a year of vesting service on each December 31 in which you are employed by the Company.

If you were transferred to Osaic, Inc. or its affiliate in connection with the May 6, 2024 sale by the Company of Lincoln Financial Advisors Corporation, LFA Management Corporation, California Fringe Benefit and

Insurance Marketing Corporation and LFA, Limited Liability Company, and their subsidiaries, you were 100% vested in your account as of the date of your termination from the Company.

If you have questions regarding your vesting service, contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

Vesting Upon Termination at Age 55 or Later, or Upon Disability, Retirement, Death, Job Elimination or Involuntary Termination Other than for Cause

Your account will automatically become 100% vested, regardless of your years of vesting service with the Company, if your service terminates for any of the following reasons:

- (1) Your Disability (as defined in the section entitled “Distribution at Disability” on page 20);
- (2) Your Retirement (as defined in the section entitled “Distribution at Retirement” on page 19), or other termination of service on or after the attainment of age 55;
- (3) Your termination of employment due to a “job elimination” (as described in the Lincoln National Corporation Severance Pay Plan) or an “involuntary termination other than for cause” (as described in The Severance Plan for Officers of Lincoln National Corporation);
- (4) Your death; or
- (5) The date this Plan terminates.

Should you become an employee of an LNC affiliate that does not participate in this Plan prior to the date you are fully vested, non-vested Company contributions and earnings thereon will remain in the Plan and will vest as if you had remained an employee of a participating LNC affiliate, so long as you continue to be an employee of such nonparticipating LNC affiliate through the applicable date of vesting.

Should you become an employee of an LNC affiliate that has established a defined contribution plan other than this Plan, your account balance under this Plan will be transferred to the other plan.

Forfeiture of Non-vested Company Contributions

Should your employment terminate prior to your being fully vested, and you do not return to work with any LNC affiliate before the end of the next Plan Year, your non-vested Company core contributions and any associated earnings thereon will be forfeited. However, if you become re-employed with any LNC affiliate prior to the end of the Plan Year in which you terminated and continue your employment you will continue to earn vesting credit for your core contributions.

In the event that you forfeit the non-vested core contributions and the earnings thereon, and you become re-employed with any LNC affiliate before you have incurred a 5-year break in service, the forfeited amounts will be re-credited to your account. A break in service is any year you do not earn a year of vesting service.

Upon the termination of this Plan, the assets attributable to all non-vested contributions credited to your account become vested.

Forfeitures are used to reduce the cost of future Company contributions or pay administrative expenses of the Plan.

Distributions

Generally, you will not be able to receive a distribution from the Plan of your account balance until your employment with the Company terminates. However, you may be eligible to take a withdrawal of your vested account balance in the event of financial hardship. In addition, once you attain age 59½, you may be eligible to withdraw your vested account balance. The safe harbor matching contribution described above may not be withdrawn until the earlier of the date you terminate employment or attain age 59½. You may not withdraw any safe harbor matching contributions as a hardship distribution.

Distributions will generally be in cash, or, in the case of the LNC Stock Fund, you may elect distribution in either shares or in cash.

Distributions from the Plan may also be rolled over into another qualified employer plan or Individual Retirement Account (“IRA”). Your Roth 401(k) contributions may be rolled over to a Roth IRA or to another employer’s qualified plan that has Roth 401(k) contributions and accepts Roth 401(k) rollovers.

If you (or your beneficiary or an alternate payee) wish to take a distribution upon termination, Retirement (as defined in the section entitled “Distribution at Retirement” on page 19), death or qualifying Disability (as defined in the section entitled “Distribution at Disability” on page 20), you must complete the necessary paperwork. Additional information regarding withdrawal availability, including distribution forms, can be found online at LincolnFinancial.com. On the home page, click on “Retirement>Account>Withdrawal information” to get further information about modeling a withdrawal. Or, if you are ready to take your withdrawal, go to the home page and click on “Get help>Get Forms” and download the appropriate form and complete in full. Completed distribution forms can be sent to LRSC by mail or fax as instructed on the form. You may also call the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 for assistance regarding a withdrawal from the Plan.

You may request a distribution of your account balance at any time after your employment terminates with the Company. If you are terminated and your balance is \$1,000 or less, LRSC will automatically send you a distribution package during the third quarter of the Plan Year which you must complete and return within 30 days. Upon receipt of your completed distribution form, LRSC will process your payment. If after 30 days, LRSC has not received your completed distribution form, payment will automatically be mailed to you in a lump sum. No deferral of this distribution is available.

Note: If you terminate employment with an outstanding loan balance and leave your account balance in the Plan, you may continue repaying your loan through the use of an Automatic Clearing House until your loan is paid in full (see the attached “Supplement on Plan Loans” that follows the SPD). However, if you elect a full distribution of your account balance from the Plan while you have an outstanding loan balance, you must repay the entire Plan loan amount prior to any distribution, or your loan balance will be deducted from the distribution amount otherwise payable to you.

Distribution of Dividends on LNC Common Stock

You have the option to receive your LNC Stock Fund dividends in cash or to reinvest them. If you wish to reinvest your dividends, no action is required on your part. Dividends paid with respect to your investment in the LNC Stock Fund will be automatically reinvested.

If you wish to receive your dividends in cash, you must elect to do so. To elect this cash option, you must contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500. You may change your election as often as you wish, but only your last election on file prior to the deadline for the applicable quarter is valid.

Only dividends from your investments in the LNC Stock Fund that have been in the Plan for at least 2 years can be distributed in cash. Lincoln Financial Group Trust Company, Inc. will pay your dividends by check as soon as administratively practicable after the dividend payment date.

If you choose to receive your dividends in cash:

- You must receive 100% of your dividends in cash;
- The amount of your dividend check will be based on the number of shares allocated to your Plan account as of the quarterly dividend date; and
- The amount will be considered taxable income to you (but without the 10% excise penalty that normally is applied to a withdrawal). Taxes will not be withheld from the dividend check.

Dividends you have received in cash cannot be returned to your Plan account at any time.

Required Minimum Distribution

Generally, you must begin a distribution of your vested account balance no later than April 1 of the calendar year following the later of the calendar year in which you (1) attain your “Applicable Age” or (2) terminate your employment with the Company or a Participating Employer. This is known as your “Required Beginning Date.” **Note:** If you are a participant who is a five percent owner of a Participating Company or an affiliate (as determined in accordance with Code section 416), your Required Beginning Date will be the April 1 next following the calendar year in which you attain your Applicable Age. Once distribution has commenced to you, distribution must continue, even if you cease to be a five-percent owner in a subsequent year.

Effective January 1, 2023, your “Applicable Age” means (1) age 70½, if you attain age 70½ before January 1, 2020; (2) age 72, if you attain age 70½ after December 31, 2019 and age 72 before January 1, 2023; (3) age 73, if you attain age 72 after December 31, 2022, and age 73 prior to January 1, 2033; or (4) age 75, if you attain age 73 after December 31, 2032.

Special Rule for Surviving Spouse of Participant. If you die and your designated beneficiary is your surviving spouse, your surviving spouse may elect to be treated as the participant for purposes of the required minimum distribution rules set forth above. If this election is made, required minimum distributions will not be required to begin before the date on which you would have attained your Applicable Age. Once distributions begin, they will generally be calculated based on your surviving spouse’s life expectancy. If your spouse dies before distributions begin, your spouse will be treated as the participant.

Notwithstanding this treatment for required minimum distribution purposes, the account will continue to be treated as an inherited account for other purposes, and distributions will not be subject to the 10% early distribution penalty. The ten-year distribution rule applicable to non-spouse beneficiaries will not apply. For additional information regarding this election, including any applicable requirements or limitations, please contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500.

Distribution at Retirement

You will be entitled to the full value of contributions credited to your account (including any non-vested Company contributions) upon termination of employment by reason of Retirement. “Retirement” or “Retired”, for purposes of this Plan, is termination of your employment at age 55 or older. The distribution will be paid to you in one of the payment forms described in the section entitled “Forms of Payment” on page

21 following the receipt of your completed distribution form in good order. Alternatively, in accordance with rules established by the Plan Administrator, the Lincoln National Corporation Benefits Committee (the “Committee”), you may elect to have all of your account used to purchase a deferred annuity contract that is available through the Company or an affiliate.

If you retire prior to your Required Beginning Date (see above), and your account value is greater than \$1,000, you may elect to defer your distribution until your Required Beginning Date.

If you do not complete and return your distribution form, your distribution will automatically be deferred until your Required Beginning Date. Upon your Required Beginning Date, your distribution will be paid in the form of a lump sum unless you send written notice prior to that time that you wish to initiate the processing of your distribution in another form of payment.

Distribution at Disability

For purposes of this Plan, “Disability” or “Disabled” means that you are unable to engage in all or substantially all duties pertaining to your employment with the Company, by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or which has or is expected to last for at least 12 months. If you become totally Disabled and your Disability is expected to last for at least 12 months, or is expected to result in your death, you should contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500. LRSC will require a letter from the Social Security Administration indicating you have been determined to be disabled and are eligible for disability benefits. LRSC will also accept as proof of Disability a signed letter from your doctor stating that you are totally and permanently Disabled.

If your Disability is determined by the Disability Reviewer (who is set forth in the section entitled “How to Claim Benefits” on page 30) to not meet the Plan’s eligibility requirements for distribution, you will receive written notice of such determination from LRSC. You will then have up to 180 days in which to appeal the benefit determination. Once your appeal request is received by the Lincoln National Corporation Benefits Claims and Appeals Committee, a decision will be made within 45 days and you will be notified of the decision in writing. See the section entitled “Appealing a Denied Claim” on page 31 for more information about filing an appeal.

If your Disability is determined by the Disability Reviewer to meet the Plan’s eligibility requirements for distribution, you may receive your distribution in one of the payment forms described in the section entitled “Forms of Payment” on page 21 following the receipt of your completed distribution form.

Distribution at Death

Upon your death, your spouse (if you are married at the time of your death) or your beneficiary (if you are single at the time of your death) will be entitled to the full value of all amounts credited to your Plan accounts established for you under the Plan, including any unvested amounts. Your “spouse” means the person to whom you are married at the relevant time, provided that the marriage between you and such individual is legally recognized as valid under any state law. The distribution will be paid in a lump sum or any other option available under the Plan (see the section entitled “Forms of Payment” on page 21) after receiving the application for a distribution from your beneficiary. Your distribution will be reduced by any outstanding loans in your account.

If you are married and wish to designate someone other than your spouse as beneficiary, refer to the section entitled “Beneficiary Designation” on page 29.

For distributions made on account of your death, your non-spouse beneficiary may request a **direct rollover** from the Plan to an inherited IRA rollover account under the guidelines established by the IRS. For Plan Years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, distributions made on account of your death to a non-spouse

beneficiary are subject to the direct rollover requirements of Code section 401(a)(31), the notice requirements of Code section 402(f) and the mandatory withholding requirements of Code section 3405(c).

In the event of multiple beneficiaries, an account will be established for each beneficiary. Any periodic withdrawals by any beneficiary will be in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

Death Benefits under USERRA-Qualified Military Service

If you die while performing qualified military service, your survivors are entitled to any additional benefits provided under the Plan (other than those related to your period of military service) as if you had resumed and then terminated employment on account of death.

Distribution at Termination of Employment

If your employment is terminated (other than by reason of Retirement, involuntary termination, Disability or death) with all LNC affiliates, you will be entitled only to the value of your pre-tax contributions, any after-tax contributions, Roth 401(k) contributions, any rollover contributions, and any vested Company contributions. Nonvested Company contributions and earnings thereon will be forfeited (see the section entitled “Vesting and Forfeiture Rules” on page 16). The distribution will be paid in one of the payment forms described in the section entitled “Forms of Payment” below following the receipt of your completed distribution form in good order. You may make an election to receive a partial distribution of your vested account balance at any time, provided that the minimum partial distribution is no less than \$500. Alternatively, in accordance with rules established by the Committee, you may elect to have all of your account used to purchase a deferred annuity contract that is available through the Company or an affiliate.

If you terminate prior to your Required Beginning Date, and your account value is greater than \$1,000, you may elect to defer your distribution until your Required Beginning Date (see the section entitled “Required Minimum Distribution” on page 19). If you do not make an election and your account value is greater than \$1,000, your distribution will automatically be deferred until your Required Beginning Date. Upon your Required Beginning Date, your distribution will be paid in the form of a lump sum unless you send written notice that you wish to initiate the processing of your distribution in another form of payment.

If you become an employee of a nonparticipating affiliate of the Company, no further contributions (other than any additional Company contribution for the year) will be made on your behalf. If you become an “agent” (as such term is defined under the Plan document) of the Company or its affiliate, you may enroll in the LNC Agents’ 401(k) Savings Plan (the “Agents’ 401(k) Plan”) through the Lincoln website at LincolnFinancial.com. You will be prompted to designate your contribution percentage, as well as your investment fund allocations. You may also enroll by calling the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500.

If you enroll in the Agents’ 401(k) Plan, your account balance under this Plan will be transferred to that plan. In such a case, a portion of your account may need to be accounted for separately because the plan to which your account balance is being transferred does not record keep or maintain “similar” accounts.

Forms of Payment

You may elect to have the distribution of your account paid in one of the following payment forms:

Lump Sum Payment

Upon your termination of employment, Disability, or if you are a beneficiary or an alternate payee named in a Qualified Domestic Relations Order or “QDRO” (see the section entitled “Qualified Domestic Relations Order” on page 22), you may elect a single lump sum payment of your entire account, or your entire account

except the portion invested in a guaranteed retirement income investment fund or “GRIIF” (see the section entitled “Guaranteed Retirement Income Benefit” below).

Installment Payments

Upon your termination of employment on or after attainment of age 55, Disability, or if you are a beneficiary or an alternate payee named in a QDRO, you may elect to have your entire account or your entire account except the portion invested in a GRIIF paid in installments. These payments will be made in up to five (5) annual withdrawals of an amount at least equal to the greater of (1) 20% of your account (or the portion of your account not invested in a GRIIF) or (2) \$1,000, with the fifth (5th) and final withdrawal equal to 100% of your account (or the portion of your account not invested in a GRIIF). During the payout period, your remaining account balance will stay invested in the manner you have elected.

Systematic Withdrawal Option

Upon your termination of employment, Disability, or if you are a beneficiary or an alternate payee named in a QDRO, you may elect to have your entire account or your entire account except the portion invested in a GRIIF paid in the form of a series of periodic payments. The Systematic Withdrawal option is an automated disbursement that allows you to choose the amount, and frequency of the distributions you receive (i.e., monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually). You have the flexibility to change your Systematic Withdrawal amount or duration of your payments at any time by completing a new request form which can be found online at LincolnFinancial.com. On the home page, click on “Forms>MOVING MONEY TO/FROM ACCOUNT>Systematic withdrawal request” and download the form and complete in full. Your completed form can be sent to LRSC by mail or fax as instructed on the form. You may also call the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 for assistance in changing your systematic withdrawal. During the payout period, your remaining account balance will stay invested in the manner you have elected.

Guaranteed Retirement Income Benefit

If all or a portion of your account is invested in one or more guaranteed retirement income investment funds (“GRIIF”), you may elect on or after attaining age 65 (or such other eligible age for starting the guaranteed retirement income benefit under the terms of the GRIIF) an available guaranteed retirement income benefit with respect to such fund or funds. Under this option, at the time of distribution, the investment is moved to the retirement fund. However, you can move your funds back to a GRIIF of choice without any impact to the percentage you will receive.

To the extent permitted under the GRIIF, you may, during the payout period, withdraw amounts from the portion of your account invested in the GRIIF in excess of the guaranteed income benefit, subject to reduction in the periodic amounts of the guaranteed retirement income benefit in accordance with the terms of the GRIIF.

For more information about the GRIIF or the guaranteed retirement income benefit, and the distribution thereof, go to LincolnFinancial.com/retirementinfocenter or contact your Lincoln Financial Retirement Consultant (see page 8).

Qualified Domestic Relations Order

You cannot transfer, assign, pledge, or encumber any Plan benefits payable to you to another person, except as provided pursuant to a valid Qualified Domestic Relations Order (“QDRO”), in the case of a federal tax lien or in connection with a loan from the Plan to a participant.

Upon the Company's receipt of written notice from you or your spouse of a pending domestic relations order, a Domestic Relations Restriction ("DRR") will be placed on your interest in the Plan. The DRR will be removed only upon notice that no domestic relations order is forthcoming, or upon final approval and implementation of a QDRO.

The Plan Administrator has established a sample form, special rules, and procedures relating to QDROs under this Plan. You may request a copy of these procedures and the sample form by contacting:

QDRO Consultants Co.
3071 Pearl Road
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Note: If you are invested in the self-directed brokerage account (see the section entitled "Self-Directed Brokerage Account" on pages 47 and 54), and your balance in your non-self-directed broker account funds are insufficient to satisfy the provisions of your QDRO, you will be required to initiate a liquidation/transfer from your self-direct brokerage account of the amount needed to satisfy the QDRO.

Participant Loans

The Plan permits you to take a loan against your account and make payments with interest back to your account.

For information regarding the Plan's loan feature, see the Supplement on Plan Loans ("Supplement") attached hereto. The Supplement describes the Plan's loan feature and the terms and conditions that apply to receiving and repaying Plan loans. If you have questions about Plan loans after reading the Supplement, please contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500.

To request a loan, log on to LincolnFinancial.com. On the home page, click on "*Retirement>Account>Loan Information>Loan Actions>Request a Loan*." You can also call the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 to request a loan.

Note: If you terminate employment with an outstanding loan balance and leave your account balance in the Plan, you may continue repaying your loan through the use of an Automated Clearing House until your loan is paid in full. Ninety (90) days of non-payment will cause your loan to default and will result in a deemed distribution. If you take a full distribution of your account balance, your loan balance will be deducted from the distribution amount otherwise payable to you.

In-service Withdrawals

Under certain circumstances, you may be permitted to withdraw money from one or more of your Plan accounts while you are still working for the Company. However, depending on your age or circumstances, 20% of the distribution may be withheld to pay federal income taxes. In addition, certain excise or “penalty” taxes may apply to amounts withdrawn from the Plan. The rules regarding each distribution may be different and will also depend upon from which Plan account your distribution is taken.

Limitations on an in-service withdrawal:

- (1) an in-service withdrawal is subject to any limitations or restrictions applicable to the Investment Options in which your account(s) are invested;
- (2) the minimum amount that you can withdraw from each of your account(s) at any time is \$500; and
- (3) you may not be able to take an immediate distribution from your account(s) if the Plan is terminated or if a notice of Plan termination has been issued.

Under no circumstances will amounts withdrawn from your account reduce your account balance below the outstanding balance of any loans from your account.

See the section entitled “Income Tax” on page 26 for more information about the tax treatment of Plan distributions.

After-Tax Contribution Account

You may withdraw all or any portion of your After-Tax Contribution Account (after-tax contributions made prior to January 1, 1989), subject to the limitations noted above. **Note:** If the amount of your After-Tax Contribution Account is less than \$500, you must withdraw the entire amount.

Company Contribution Account

Except for safe harbor matching contributions, which cannot be withdrawn unless you are age 59½ or older, you may withdraw all or any portion of your “matured” Company Contribution Account. Company contributions “mature” after having been in your Company Contribution Account for at least 2 years after the contribution was credited for the applicable Plan Year. Non-matured Company contributions are those that have been credited for less than 2 years. If you have been a participant in the Plan for less than 5 years, you are only permitted to withdraw matured Company contributions – you may not withdraw non-matured Company contributions. If you have been in the Plan for 5 or more years, however, you may withdraw matured or non-matured Company contributions.

Pre-Tax Contribution, Roth 401(k) Contribution and Safe Harbor Matching Contribution Accounts

If you have attained age 59½, you may withdraw all or any portion of your Pre-Tax Contribution Account, Roth 401(k) Contribution Account and safe harbor matching contribution account, subject to the limitations as outlined above in “[Limitations on an in-service withdrawal.](#)”

Note: If you withdraw all or a portion of your Roth 401(k) Contribution Account, the earnings thereon will be subject to the “Qualified Distribution” rules. See the section entitled “Income Tax” on page 26 for more information about a Qualified Distribution.

Rollover Contribution Account

You may withdraw all or a portion of your Rollover Contribution Account in the Plan, subject to the limitations as outlined above in [“Limitations on an in-service withdrawal.”](#)

Roth 401(k) Rollover Contribution Account

You may withdraw all or a portion of your Roth 401(k) Rollover Contribution Account, however, the earnings thereon will be subject to the “Qualified Distribution” rules. See the section entitled “Income Tax” on page 26 for more information about a Qualified Distribution. In addition, the withdrawal is subject to the limitations as outlined above in [“Limitations on an in-service withdrawal.”](#)

After-Tax Rollover Contribution Account

You may withdraw all or any portion of your After-Tax Rollover Contribution Account, subject to the limitations as outlined above in [“Limitations on an in-service withdrawal.”](#)

Hardship Withdrawals

If you have taken all distributions (other than hardship distributions) currently available under all plans that the Company and our affiliates maintain, and you have not yet attained age 59½, you may be able to withdraw amounts attributable to pre-tax contributions and Roth 401(k) contributions (not including earnings) if you are experiencing a financial hardship.

The following expenses constitute immediate and heavy financial need for purposes of qualifying for a hardship withdrawal from your Pre-Tax Contribution and/or Roth 401(k) Contribution Account(s):

- Medical expenses for you, your spouse or eligible dependents, that are not reimbursed by any medical insurance plan;
- The purchase (excluding mortgage payments) of a principal residence for you;
- Payment of tuition and related educational fees (including room and board) for post-secondary education for the next 12 months for you, your spouse or your dependents;
- Payment of amounts needed to prevent the foreclosure of, or your eviction from, your primary residence;
- Burial or funeral expenses for your deceased parents, spouse, children or dependents; or
- Expenses for the repair of damage to your principal residence that would qualify for the casualty deduction under Code section 165, determined without regard to Code section 165(h)(5) and whether the loss exceeds 10% of adjusted gross income.

The withdrawal must be demonstrably necessary due to your immediate and heavy financial need, and the withdrawal cannot exceed the exact amount required to meet the hardship. However, the hardship withdrawal may include an amount necessary to pay any taxes and penalties associated with the withdrawal.

Periods of Military Service Treated as Severance from Employment for In-Service Withdrawals

If you are a Plan participant performing service in the uniformed services and on active duty for more than 30 days, you will be treated as having incurred a severance from employment during such period and the Plan’s restrictions on in-service distributions will not apply. If you elect to receive a distribution of your pre-tax

contributions, you may not make any pre-tax contributions to the Plan during the 6-month period beginning on the date of your distribution.

Requesting an In-Service Withdrawal

To request an in-service withdrawal, log on to [LincolnFinancial.com](https://www.lincolffinancial.com). On the home page, click on “Forms (top, far right)>MOVING MONEY TO/FROM ACCOUNT” and then the applicable type of distribution you wish to take. You can (1) download the form; (2) request that the form be emailed to you; or (3) call the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 for help.

Reminder, if you wish to withdraw pre-tax contributions and/or Roth 401(k) contributions prior to attainment of age 59½, you must include your reason for such withdrawal. For a hardship distribution, the Company will rely upon your self-certification that your request meets the requirements for a hardship withdrawal as set forth in the section entitled “Hardship Withdrawals” above. **It is your responsibility to document and retain any and all information that the IRS may require to support this claim.**

Assignment

You cannot assign or transfer the assets held by the Trustee for your account, except in connection with a loan you may have taken from your Plan account. A QDRO may designate an alternate payee and such designation is not considered an assignment or transfer of assets. The rules and procedures establishing a QDRO may be obtained from QDRO Consultants Co. (see the section entitled “Qualified Domestic Relations Order” on page 22).

However, if you commit a crime against the Plan or you breach a fiduciary duty to the Plan, a court order may order, or a legal settlement may provide that all or a portion of your account will be assigned to the Plan.

Income Tax

You pay no federal income tax on pre-tax contributions, Company contributions, investment income, or on any growth experience in your account until you take a distribution from your account.

Whenever a lump sum distribution is made to you due to termination of employment, Retirement, Disability or death, a 20% federal income tax will be automatically withheld from any taxable cash distribution, unless you directly roll over the taxable portion of the distribution to an IRA or an employer plan (a tax qualified plan) that will accept the rollover. Distributions prior to death, Disability or age 59½ are also subject to an additional penalty tax of 10%.

If you first receive the distribution and then roll it over to an IRA or an employer plan (a tax qualified plan) within 60 days thereafter, the 20% federal income tax withholding will still be taken from the taxable portion of the distribution. If you direct to roll over only part of the taxable distribution, the 20% federal income tax withholding will be taken from the portion of the distribution not rolled over.

Roth 401(k) Contributions, Roth 401(k) Rollover Contributions and In-Plan Roth Conversions

Your Roth 401(k) contributions, Roth 401(k) rollover contributions and In-Plan Roth Conversions are after-tax contributions and, therefore, are not taxed when distributed. However, withdrawals of Roth contributions may include a portion of taxable earnings as part of the withdrawal. The earnings on your Roth 401(k) Contribution Account, Roth 401(k) Rollover Account and In-Plan Roth Conversion Account can be distributed to you tax-free if the withdrawal is considered a “Qualified Distribution.” A “Qualified Distribution” is a withdrawal:

- (1) Taken after death, Disability (as defined in the section entitled “Distribution at Disability” on page 20), or after attainment of age 59½; and
- (2). Occurring at least 5 years after you make your first Roth 401(k) contribution or In-Plan Roth Conversion.

You can roll your Roth 401(k) Contribution Account, your Roth 401(k) Rollover Contribution Account and In-Plan Roth Conversion Account into a Roth IRA or to a new employer’s plan if it allows Roth 401(k) contributions and Roth 401(k) rollover contributions.

Distribution Statement

Whenever a distribution is made to you, you will receive a statement showing the amount of taxable income in the distribution. From time to time, you will receive general tax information regarding distributions from the Plan; however, you should consult your personal tax adviser to determine your specific tax situation.

Tax Effects of the Plan

The actual tax consequences for you will depend on your own circumstances. **Accordingly, a qualified tax adviser should be consulted.** Tax information provided in this document is of a general nature and should not be taken as personal tax advice.

Your pre-tax contributions are subject to FICA and FUTA taxes when the contribution is made.

You will not be taxed on Plan loans made in accordance with federal tax requirements if they are repaid according to their terms. For more information about Plan loans and repayment thereof, see the Supplement attached hereto.

Amounts received by you upon withdrawal prior to termination of service in excess of after-tax contributions made prior to January 1, 1987, and not previously received (if any), will be taxable as ordinary income. After pre-1987 after-tax contributions have been withdrawn, distributions of amounts attributable to post-1986 after-tax contributions will be partially taxed as ordinary income. The taxable amount is the amount bearing the same ratio to the post-1986 after-tax contributions as the earnings attributable to those contributions bear to the total value of your After-Tax Contribution Account at the time of withdrawal.

Distributions under the Plan upon Retirement, Disability, death or other termination of service in excess of after-tax contributions made prior to January 1, 1987, and not previously received (if any), are generally taxable as ordinary income. Distributions of amounts attributable to post-1986 after-tax contributions are taxable on a prorated basis as described above. (However, a special income averaging method of taxation may be available with respect to amounts taxable as ordinary income if you were born before January 1, 1936.)

If you receive a distribution within one taxable year of all amounts credited to your account and you do not roll over all or part of such distribution, part or all of the amount will be taxed as ordinary income. You may also be eligible to make a tax-free rollover of the taxable portion of a distribution of less than 100% of the balance of your accounts. Rollovers may be made to an IRA or annuity, or to an employer plan (a tax qualified plan) if the plan allows such rollovers.

A 20% federal income tax withholding may apply to “eligible rollover distributions.” All taxable distributions from the Plan are “eligible rollover distributions,” except (1) annuities paid out over life or life expectancy, (2) installments paid for a period spanning 10 years or more, (3) required minimum distributions (see the section entitled “Required Minimum Distribution” on page 19), and (4) hardship withdrawals (see the section entitled “Hardship Withdrawals” on page 25). A mandatory 20% federal income tax withholding is imposed on any eligible rollover distribution that an employee does not elect to have paid in a direct rollover to another qualified plan or IRA. In the event a distribution is comprised of LNC common stock, LNC common stock is not required to be sold to satisfy income tax withholding requirements.

In addition, you may be required to pay a 10% excise (or penalty) tax on the distributed amounts that are taxable. The 10% penalty will not apply in certain situations, including the following:

- Your account is paid to you after the attainment of age 59½;
- Your account is paid to you after you terminate service with the Company and its affiliates on or after the date you attain age 55;
- Your account is paid to you or your beneficiary(ies) because of your death or in most cases of Disability (as defined in the section entitled “Distribution at Disability” on page 20);
- You incur certain tax-deductible medical expenses for the year;
- Payment is directed to an alternate payee pursuant to a QDRO (see the section entitled “Qualified Domestic Relations Order” on page 22);
- Payment is made in substantially equal installments over your life expectancy or the joint life expectancy of you and your spouse/beneficiary (however, the Plan does not currently offer a life annuity option);
- You roll over or directly transfer the taxable amount of your account to an IRA or another qualified employer-sponsored plan as defined by the Code; or
- Your physician certifies that you have an illness or condition that is reasonably expected to result in your death within 84 months (7 years).

Stock Distributions

With respect to the LNC Stock Fund, should you receive all or part of a lump sum distribution in the form of shares of LNC common stock (also referred to as an “in-kind delivery”), the excess of the fair market value on the date of a total distribution over its cost basis (the “net unrealized appreciation”) will not be taxed at the time of distribution. If stock is received other than in a total distribution, only the net unrealized appreciation attributable to nondeductible after-tax contributions will not be taxed at the time of distribution. However, if you receive a lump sum distribution of stock, you may elect to be taxed at the time of distribution under procedures prescribed by the IRS in accordance with Code section 402(e)(4).

When you are eligible to make a withdrawal or receive a distribution from the Plan, you may elect to have the value of your investment in the LNC Stock Fund paid to you in:

1. Cash;
2. Shares of LNC common stock; or
3. A combination of cash and shares of LNC common stock.

This election can be specified on the “Cash Distribution Request” form available from LRSC or at LincolnFinancial.com.

Should you elect to directly receive any shares of LNC stock, you’ll receive notification from Lincoln National Corporation’s transfer agent, EQ Shareowner Services, when the shares have been re-registered in your name. EQ Shareowner Services will then hold the shares on your behalf until receiving direction from you.

Should you elect to roll over any shares of LNC common stock rather than receiving them directly, EQ Shareowner Services will send a credit notification statement to the rollover institution. The credit notification statement provides instructions to the rollover institution on how to transfer the shares to your account.

This process of receiving shares of LNC common stock generally takes 10-17 business days following receipt of a Distribution Request form in good order.

Please contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 with questions.

Dividends on your LNC common stock that you elect to receive in cash are taxable income and are not subject to the 10% excise penalty described under the section entitled “Tax Effects of the Plan” above. You will receive a Form 1099 DIV at year-end from LRSC, reported with your Form W-2 information.

Statement of Account

Shortly after the end of each calendar quarter, you will receive a statement of your Plan accounts. This statement will include the following information for the preceding calendar quarter: (1) the amount of any contributions to your Plan account (after-tax contributions made prior to January 1, 1989, pre-tax contributions, Roth 401(k) contributions, Company contributions, In-Plan Roth Conversions, Rollover Contributions, Roth 401(k) rollover contributions, after-tax rollover contributions, loan repayments, etc.) and how they are invested in the Plan; (2) the amount, if any, of investment earnings or losses credited to your Plan accounts; (3) a statement of the assets currently held for you by the Plan Trustee; and (4) a lifetime income illustration. Stock dividends, stock splits and similar changes will be reflected through the appropriate adjustments to any investment you have in the LNC Stock Fund. You can also review your accounts at any time by logging on to LincolnFinancial.com. Here you will have the ability to generate real-time account activity summaries any time you need them, and you can specify the desired time period from a list of common options or enter customized date ranges. You should contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 if you need assistance.

You should notify LRSC within 30 days after the statement date if you believe your statement to be incorrect; otherwise, it will be deemed to be correct.

Beneficiary Designation

You may designate a beneficiary or beneficiaries to whom, in the event of your death, your Plan account will be distributed. At any time, your beneficiary designation may be initiated, changed or cancelled by logging on to LincolnFinancial.com. To add or make any changes, go to the home page and click on “Retirement>My info>Beneficiaries.” You can (1) make the changes online; (2) download the form from “Get help> Get

forms>Beneficiary designation and spousal waiver;” (3) request that the form be emailed to you; or (4) call the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 for help. You will receive a confirmation of your change from LRSC.

Regardless of what you may have elected, if you are married on the date of your death, all Plan benefits will be paid to your surviving spouse unless you have filed a beneficiary designation form, consented to and signed by your spouse and notarized, which designates a different beneficiary. (Your “spouse” means the person to whom you are married at the relevant time provided that the marriage between you and such individual is legally recognized as valid under any state law.) If you die before receiving full payment of your benefits under the Plan and without a designated beneficiary (or if your designated beneficiary predeceases you) your Plan account will be distributed in the following order: (1) your spouse; (2) if no spouse, to your child or children in equal shares (with the share of any deceased child distributed among descendants of that child); (3) if none of the above, to your parents in equal shares or the entire amount to your surviving parent; (4) if none of the above, to your sibling(s) in equal shares; and (5) if none of the above, to the executor or administrator or your estate.

Periodically and whenever you have a significant life event, such as a divorce, you should review your beneficiary designation carefully and contact LRSC to change your beneficiary designation if desired. **It is your responsibility to ensure that your beneficiary designation is up to date.**

Veterans’ Act

The following applies if you serve in the United States armed forces and return to employment with the Company in accordance with terms set forth by law: First, you will be able to make up any pre-tax contributions or Roth 401(k) contributions you would have made had you not been in the service. Second, your Plan account will be credited with the amount of any additional Company contributions that would have been made had you not been in the service based on what you actually make up as well as any missed Company core contributions. Also, if you have an outstanding loan, you will not be required to make repayments while you are in the service for a period determined by law. Please contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 for further details.

How to Claim Benefits

When you terminate employment, you may request a distribution of your account by logging on to LincolnFinancial.com. On the home page, click on “Get help> Get forms>MOVING MONEY TO/FROM ACCOUNT” and then the applicable form for the type of distribution you wish to take. You can (1) download the form; (2) request that the form be emailed to you; or (3) call the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 for help. The completed form must be returned to LRSC as instructed on the form. All distributions will be made as soon as administratively possible as long as your form is in good order.

If you are filing a claim for Disability benefits, you will first need to file with the Company’s Chief Human Resources Officer or their delegate (“Disability Reviewer”) at Lincoln National Corporation, c/o HR Total Rewards, 150 N. Radnor Chester Road, Suite D2, Radnor, PA 19087.

Appealing a Denied Claim

If you or your beneficiary (collectively “claimant”) feels that you are not receiving a Plan benefit that you should, you may file a written claim for that benefit with the Committee (or its delegate) at Lincoln National Corporation Benefits Committee, c/o HR Total Rewards, 150 N. Radnor Chester Road, Suite D2, Radnor, PA 19087.

Denial of Claim

If a claim is denied in whole or in part, the Committee (or its delegate) will notify a claimant, in writing, of its decision.

Timing of Notice. In non-Disability cases, the notice of denial must be given within 90 days after the claim is received by the Committee (or its delegate). If special circumstances (such as a hearing) require a longer period, a claimant will be notified in writing, before the expiration of the 90-day period after the expected decision date and the reasons for an extension of time; provided, however, that no extensions will be permitted beyond 90 days after expiration of the initial 90-day period.

If a claim of Disability is wholly or partially denied, the Disability Reviewer will notify a claimant of such adverse decision within 45 days after the claim is received by the Committee (or its delegate). If the Disability Reviewer determines that an extension is necessary for reasons beyond their control, the Disability Reviewer may extend this period for an additional 30 days by notifying a claimant of the reasons for the extension and the date when they can expect to receive a decision. The Disability Reviewer may extend this period for a second 30-day period by again complying with the requirements applicable to the initial 30-day extension. If an extension is provided in order to allow a claimant time to provide additional information necessary to review the claim, the response deadlines applicable to the Disability Reviewer will be tolled upon the earlier of (1) the date 45 days after the date of the request for additional information or (2) the date the Disability Reviewer receives the additional information. Prior to wholly or partially denying a claim of Disability, a claimant will be provided, free of charge, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated, or rationale used, in making the benefit determination in connection with the claim. New evidence or rationale will be provided as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the date on which the notice of adverse benefit determination is required to be provided in order to give a claimant a reasonable opportunity to respond prior to that date.

Content of Notice. The notice of a denial of claim will set forth:

- the specific reason(s) for the denial of the claim;
- a reference to specific provision(s) of the Plan on which the denial is based;
- a description of any additional material or information necessary to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary; and
- an explanation of the procedure for review of the denied or partially denied claim, including your right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA following an adverse benefit determination on review.

In addition, if the notice is in reference to a claim of Disability, the notice will set forth, if applicable, any internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion relied upon in making the adverse determination, or a statement that such a rule, guideline, protocol, or other criterion was relied upon

in making the adverse determination and that a copy of such rule, guideline, protocol, or other criterion will be provided free of charge to a claimant upon request.

Request for Review of Denial - Appeals

Upon denial of a claim in whole or in part, a claimant (or authorized representative) has the right to submit a written request to the Lincoln National Corporation Benefits Claims and Appeals Committee ("Appeals Committee") for a full and fair review of the denied claim, and upon request and free of charge, to reasonable access and copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claim for benefits and may submit issues and comments in writing. Appeals and request for documents should be sent to the Lincoln National Corporation Benefits Appeals Committee, c/o HR Total Rewards, 150 N. Radnor Chester Road, Suite D2, Radnor, PA 19087.

Scope of Review. The review on appeal takes into account all comments, documents, records, and other information submitted by a claimant relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

Timing of Request for Review. A request for review of a claim on appeal must be submitted within 60 days (180 days in the case of a claim on appeal of Disability) after receipt by a claimant of written notice of the denial of their claim. If a claimant fails to file a request for review within such time period, the appeal is deemed abandoned and a claimant is precluded from reasserting it.

Contents of Request for Review. If a claimant files a request for review, the request must include a description of the issues and evidence they deem relevant. Failure to raise issues or present evidence on review will preclude those issues or evidence from being presented in any subsequent proceeding or judicial review of the claim.

Special Procedures for Appeal of Disability. Any claim of Disability will be first referred to, or filed with, the Disability Reviewer. If the claim is denied and a claimant wants a review of the denial, the Appeals Committee will conduct the review, without the Disability Reviewer if the Disability Reviewer is a member of such committee. This procedure is designed to ensure that the review is conducted by an entity different than the entity that issued the initial denial. The Appeals Committee must not give deference to the initial decision, and a review decision shall be issued according to the time periods set out below. The Appeals Committee must provide for the identification of medical or vocational experts whose advice was obtained on behalf of the Plan in connection with a claimant's adverse benefit determination, without regard to whether the advice was relied upon in making the benefit determination.

Denial Upon Review

Timing of Denial Notice. In non-Disability cases, the Appeals Committee must render its decision on the review of the claim no more than 60 days after receipt of the request for review, except that this period may be extended for an additional 60 days if the Appeals Committee determines that special circumstances (such as a hearing) require such extension. If an extension of time is required, written notice of the expected decision date and the reasons for the extension will be furnished to a claimant before the end of the initial 60-day period.

In Disability cases, the Appeals Committee must render its decision on the review of the claim no more than 45 days after receipt of the request for review, except that this period may be extended for an additional 45 days if the Appeals Committee determines that special circumstances (such as a hearing) require such extension. If an extension of time is required, written notice of the expected decision date and the reasons for the extension will be furnished to a claimant before the end of the

initial 45-day period. In such cases, if an extension is provided in order to allow a claimant time to provide additional information necessary to review the appeal, the response deadlines applicable to the Appeals Committee will be tolled until the earlier of (1) the date 45 days after the date of the request for additional information or (2) the date the reviewer receives the additional information. Prior to wholly or partially denying a claim of Disability, a claimant will be provided, free of charge, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated, or rationale used, in making the benefit determination in connection with the claim. New evidence or rationale will be provided as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the date on which the notice of adverse benefit determination is required to be provided in order to give a claimant a reasonable opportunity to respond prior to that date.

Contents of Denial of an Appeal. If the Appeals Committee denies the appeal (i.e., makes an adverse determination), it will provide a prompt written decision setting forth:

- the specific reason(s) for the adverse determination;
- a reference to specific Plan provisions on which the adverse determination was made;
- a statement that a claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claim for benefits; and
- a statement describing any voluntary appeal procedures offered by the Plan and a claimant's right to obtain the information about such procedures and a statement of a claimant's right to bring an action under section 502(a) of ERISA.

In addition, if the notice is in reference to the appeal or denial of a Disability claim, the notice will set forth, if applicable, any internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion relied upon in making the adverse determination, or a statement that such a rule, guideline, protocol, or other criterion was relied upon in making the adverse determination and that a copy of such rule, guideline, protocol, or other criterion will be provided free of charge to a claimant upon request.

Authority of the LNC Benefits Committee and the LNC Benefits Appeals Committee

In fulfilling applicable responsibilities, the Committee, Disability Reviewer, and Appeals Committee will have full authority to interpret and apply in their discretion the provisions of the Plan. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final and binding upon any and all claimants and any person making a claim through or under them.

The decision upon review will be final. If the claim is denied, the Appeals Committee will notify a claimant either in writing or electronically within the applicable day period specified above and will explain the specific reason(s) for denying a claimant's appeal, the Plan provisions that support the decision to deny the appeal, and a statement of the claimant's right to bring a civil action under ERISA section 502(a). ***Claimants will not be entitled to challenge the Appeals Committee's determinations in judicial or administrative proceedings without first complying with the Plan's claims and appeals procedures.*** Any suit or legal action initiated by a claimant under the Plan must be brought no later than one year following a final decision on the claim for benefits. The federal court in the Northern District of Indiana will have the sole and exclusive personal jurisdiction and venue over any dispute that is in any way related to this Plan.

The Committee and the Appeals Committee are fiduciaries under the Plan and each has complete authority and discretion to interpret and administer the Plan. As part of such authority, the Appeals Committee resolves all questions relating to eligibility, participation, coverage and the availability and payment of benefits under the Plan. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final and binding on Plan participants. In addition, each committee may delegate any of its authority to any person or persons it selects.

Plan Trustee and Recordkeeper

Benefits under the Plan are provided through the Plan's Trust, the Trustee of which is the Lincoln Financial Group Trust Company, Inc. Contributions under the Plan are paid into the Plan's Trust. The Trust is intended to meet the requirements of Code section 501(a), so all earnings on the Trust's assets generally accumulate tax-free.

Among the duties of Lincoln Financial Group Trust Company, Inc. are the custody of Plan assets, voting of stock where no direction to vote is received from the participant, and the purchase, sale, and redemption of securities. The Trustee's address is:

Lincoln Financial Group Trust Company, Inc.
One Granite Place
Concord, NH 03301

Lincoln Retirement Services Company, LLC is the recordkeeper for the Plan. The recordkeeper's address is:

Lincoln Retirement Services Company, LLC
1301 South Harrison Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Fees and Expenses

Certain expenses relating to the Plan are charged against the investments in your account. Auditing fees and certain Trustee fees may be charged to each participant's account. Most Trustee fees are paid by the Company, such as the costs of maintaining the LNC Stock Fund, which includes brokerage fees and commissions to buy or sell shares off the open market.

Investment management fees are charged to each of the other funds. Expenses per participant vary, based on the investment fund selected. Expense ratios can be found in the performance chart in the section entitled "Your Investment Options" below or online at [LincolnFinancial.com](https://www.lincolnfinancial.com). On the home page, click on "*Retirement>Investments>Research investments>Fees & Expenses*" for the expense information for each fund. You may also send a written request to Lincoln National Corporation Benefits Committee, c/o HR Total Rewards, 150 N. Radnor Chester Road, Suite D2, Radnor, PA 19087.

Amendment and Termination of the Plan

The Plan Sponsor reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan or suspend the operation of any provisions of the Plan pursuant to action taken by the LNC Board of Directors or its designee. These rights can be used whenever it becomes necessary or it is desirable to do so. The consent of any participant to use any of these rights is NOT required.

The Plan cannot be amended, however, to (1) return Plan assets to the adopting employers, except under limited circumstances provided by applicable federal law; (2) use Plan assets for other than Plan specified purposes; (3) deprive anyone of a benefit they are entitled to under the terms of the Plan; or (4) cause the Plan's qualified status under the Code to be lost.

If the Plan is terminated, all non-vested contributions credited to your account become vested.

Top Heavy Rules

The Internal Revenue Code provides a complicated set of rules for determining whether a plan is "top heavy." Stated simply, the Plan is top heavy if the value of account balances belonging to "key employees" exceeds 60% of the total value of all account balances for all employees. Key employees are generally officers, shareholders, owners and highly compensated employees.

"Top heavy" status would result in the Plan's benefit level and vesting schedule being enhanced. The Company will notify you in the unlikely event the Plan ever becomes top heavy.

Plan Sponsor

The Plan Sponsor is Lincoln National Corporation. The address is:

Lincoln National Corporation
150 N. Radnor Chester Road
Radnor, PA 19087
484-583-1400

Plan Administrator and Named Fiduciary

The Lincoln National Corporation Benefits Committee is the Plan Administrator and Named Fiduciary of the Plan. The Plan Administrator shall have the exclusive right to construe and interpret the terms of the Plan and to determine eligibility for benefits and may delegate its duties. Any correspondence with the Plan Administrator should be directed to:

Lincoln National Corporation Benefits Committee
c/o HR Total Rewards
150 N. Radnor Chester Road
Suite D2
Radnor, PA 19087
484-583-1400

The Lincoln National Corporation Benefits Claims and Appeals Committee is the fiduciary that rules on appeals of denied claims. Appeals should be sent to:

Lincoln National Corporation Benefits Claims and Appeals Committee
c/o HR Total Rewards
150 N. Radnor Chester Road
Suite D2
Radnor, PA 19087

Participating Employers

Employers as of June 1, 2026⁶:

- (1) Lincoln Investment Management Company
- (2) Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York
- (3) Lincoln National Corporation
- (4) Lincoln National Management Corp
- (5) The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company

Plan Year

The Plan Year is January 1 through December 31.

Agent for Service of Legal Process

The designated Agent for Service of Legal Process is the Company's Executive Vice President and General Counsel, who can be contacted at the following address:

Lincoln National Corporation
150 N. Radnor Chester Road
Suite A3
Radnor, PA 19087

Service of Legal Process may also be made upon the Plan Administrator or Trustee.

⁶ Effective May 6, 2024, the following employers were sold to Osaic, Inc. and will no longer be Participating Employers under the Plan: California Fringe Benefit & Insurance and Marketing Corp., LFA Limited Liability Co., LFA Management Corporation and Lincoln Financial Advisors Corporation. In addition, their employees will no longer be eligible to participate in the Plan after May 5, 2024.

Identification Numbers

The Employer Identification Number that has been assigned to the Lincoln National Corporation by the IRS is 35-1140070.

The Employer Identification Number that has been assigned to the Lincoln National Corporation Benefits Committee by the IRS is 35-1620788.

The Plan Number that has been assigned to the LNC Employees' 401(k) Savings Plan is 009.

Legal Note

This is an abbreviated description of the Plan and your rights and obligations under the Plan. The Plan document contains the entire Plan wording, and its language will control the operation of this Plan for you and for the Company.

Tax Advice Notice: The Company does not provide tax, accounting or legal advice. Individuals should consult their own independent adviser as to any tax, accounting or legal statements made herein.

Your Rights and Protection under ERISA

ERISA provides that all Plan participants shall be entitled to:

Receive information about your Plan and benefits

- Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations such as worksites, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefit Security Administration.
- Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts, copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series), the procedures for determining whether a court order qualifies as a "qualified domestic relations order" or as a "qualified medical child support order" and an updated summary plan description. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
- Receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of the summary annual report.
- Obtain a statement telling you whether you have a right to receive a Plan benefit and, if so, what your benefits would be if you stop working under the Plan now. If you are not fully vested, the statement will tell you how many more years you have to work to be fully vested. This statement must be requested in writing and is not required to be given more than once every 12 months. The Plan must provide the statement free of charge.

Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries

In addition to creating rights for plan participants ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your Plan, called “fiduciaries” of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other Plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

Enforce your rights

If your claim for a benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why it was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of Plan documents or the latest annual report from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator.

If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court (you should first check with the Plan Administrator on your claim and use the Plan’s appeal process, as applicable). In addition, if you disagree with the Plan’s decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan’s money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

Assistance with Questions

If you have questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration at 866 444-EBSA (3272).

Your Rights and Protection under Federal Securities Law

Noted portions of the SPD, and all subsequent amendments to those portions (whether distributed to participants by formal amendment or by notice in employer publications and in other employer media), together with the documents listed below, constitute a Prospectus for the Plan that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Section 10(a) Prospectus”):

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025;
- Those portions of our Proxy Statement for our 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareholders which were also incorporated by reference into Part III of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025;
- Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2026;
- Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 31, 2026, April 16, 2026 and June 1, 2026; and
- The description of our Common Stock contained in Form 10 filed with the SEC on April 28, 1969, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating that description.

The documents cited above are hereby incorporated by this reference into the Section 10(a) Prospectus and are made a part thereof from the date of filing of these documents. Copies of any or all of these documents as well as the SPD and all amendments to those documents are available to participants at no charge, upon written request to the Lincoln National Corporation Benefits Committee, c/o HR Total Rewards, 150 N. Radnor Chester Road, Suite D2, Radnor, PA 19087.

Your Investment Options

Investment Supplement – Effective June 1, 2026

Depending on your investment needs and objectives, you may decide to concentrate or diversify the assets currently credited to your Plan accounts among the various Investment Options described below. You may also wish to allocate any future contributions made to your Plan accounts -- your pre-tax contributions, Roth 401(k) contributions, Rollover Contributions and any Company contributions (as defined in the sections entitled “Company Matching Contributions” and “Additional Company Contribution” on page 9) – among these Investment Options.

LRSC is the Plan’s current recordkeeper and third-party administrator. LRSC will deem any investment direction(s) you give them to be continuing directions until you affirmatively change them. Your Company contributions (safe harbor matching, core and, if applicable, transition), will be invested in the same Investment Options you have selected for your pre-tax contributions and/or Roth 401(k) contributions. If you have not given LRSC specific investment directions for your Plan accounts, LRSC will automatically invest your contributions into the Plan’s Qualified Default Investment Alternative (“QDIA”). The Plan’s QDIA is the State Street Target Retirement Fund (a target-date fund) that most closely matches the year you attain age 65. The State Street Target Retirement Funds are considered a QDIA under U.S. Department of Labor regulations. Contributions that are invested in the State Street Target Retirement Fund in the absence of your investment direction will remain in this fund, unless and until you affirmatively elect to transfer your assets to another Investment Option available under the Plan.

Trading Restriction & Other Limitations.

Unless prohibited by trading restrictions imposed by the Plan, the various Investment Options, or the rules and regulations pertaining to insider trading in LFG securities, you may change your investment directions at any time. You may also transfer part or all of your current Plan account balances from one Investment Option to another Investment Option, again subject to any trading restrictions imposed by the Plan, the Investment Options involved, and Company rules against insider trading. Any changes to your current investment directions, or transfers permitted among Investment Options, will be effective on the date the transaction is processed via [LincolnFinancial.com](https://lfg.sharepoint.com/sites/int-policies/Policies/InsiderTradingPolicy.pdf) or through the Lincoln Customer Contact Center by calling 800-234-3500.

If you are a Section 16 Insider of the Company, any reallocation of current investments from other Investment Options into the LNC Stock Fund, changes to your investment directions involving future contributions into the LNC Stock Fund (increasing or decreasing investment), and certain other transactions, will not be permitted at any time without pre-clearance through our Legal Department. For officers and certain other employees, reallocations and changes to investment directions involving the LNC Stock Fund will be restricted to “open window” periods during which the individual is not restricted from trading. For more information about the trading restrictions relating to the LNC Stock Fund and whether they apply to you, please refer to the *LFG Insider Trading & Confidentiality Policy*, which is posted at:

<https://lfg.sharepoint.com/sites/int-policies/Policies/InsiderTradingPolicy.pdf>

Transfers out of the Lincoln Stable Value Account Option (“LSVAO”) and into an option that competes with the LSVAO may be subject to a “90-Day Equity Wash” requirement. If the wash requirement is in effect and you wish to move money out of the LSVAO and into a competing option, you must first “wash it” by moving the money into a (non-competing) equity investment option for a minimum of 90 days. After the 90 days are

up, the money can be moved into a competing fund without penalty or further restriction. None of the Investment Options currently offered are considered as competing funds. However, because other “competing funds” may be available through a self-directed brokerage account (“SDBA”), the SDBA may be considered a competing fund in the future. The SDBA will be deemed a competing fund if the LSVAO balances of Plan participants who have a SDBA are 10% or more of the total stable value balances for the Plan. Currently the SDBA is not considered a competing fund. In the unlikely event the SDBA becomes a competing fund and you wish to move money from the LSVAO into the SDBA, you would need to move the money into one of the other non-competing Plan Investment Options first, leave it there for at least 90 days, and then move it into the SDBA.

The 90-Day Equity Wash requirement is only in effect if the current yield of the Barclays Stable Income Market Index fund is greater than the 5-year historical average of this fund. The 90-Day Equity Wash requirement has not been in effect for the Plan since its conversion to LRSC in October 2008.

Transfers out of the LSVAO may also be limited or delayed during calendar quarters when current interest rates are higher than the 5-year historical average.

Any restriction will be announced approximately 3 weeks prior to placing the restriction in effect and will be announced through LincolnFinancial.com.

In order to prevent market timing, excessive trading, and similar abuses, the managers of the various Investment Options may impose additional trading restrictions or redemption fees triggered by certain kinds of trades or trading activities. In some cases, as disclosed in the Company’s policies, trades will be monitored to ensure compliance. For mutual fund investment options, please see the relevant prospectus for information on trading restrictions or applicable redemption fees. For collective investment trust options, please consult the relevant disclosure statements for such information. These documents are available online at: LincolnFinancial.com, or by requesting them through the Lincoln Customer Contact Center: 800-234-3500. Other than the 90-Day Equity Wash requirement described above, the LSVAO is not subject to any market timing or excessive trading restrictions or redemption fees. The LNC Stock Fund is not subject to any market timing or excessive trading restrictions or redemption fees.

Investments in the Plan

The Plan Trustee, Lincoln Financial Group Trust Company Inc., will invest your contributions as soon as reasonably possible after receipt, and in accordance with your investment directions and the provisions of the Plan. In addition to purchasing shares of LNC common stock on the open market, the Plan Trustee may from time to time purchase authorized and unissued shares directly from us or purchase outstanding shares directly from our shareholders. Under the terms of the Plan, certain fees, commissions, and other expenses for these transactions will be charged to your account in the Plan.

In deciding how to invest your Plan account, you should carefully consider which Investment Options are right for you. **You should read the following information carefully when making Plan investment decisions about these Investment Options. You can find additional performance information online at LincolnFinancial.com.** This information will help you to understand the investment choices and the differences among them. The information provided to you in the following description of Investment Options should not be construed as an investment recommendation for any particular Investment Option.

Comparative Performance of Investment Options

In general, the following table sets forth the annualized yield earned on the Investment Options currently offered by the Plan over certain periods of time - assuming the reinvestment of dividends and interest. All rates of return represent past performance and are not necessarily indicative of future performance. Many

conditions affecting performance - such as inflation, business growth and interest rates - may be different in the future. Investment return and principal value may fluctuate and your investment in the future may be worth more or less than the original amount invested. The table below has been prepared to assist you in making your investment directions under the Plan. However, the value of this information is limited, and we recommend that you consult a qualified investment adviser before making any investment decisions.

The performance figures have been reduced to reflect some, but not all, of the fees and expenses affecting the Investment Options. Except as otherwise stated in the description of “Expense” for each Investment Option, the “Net Expense Ratio” of an Investment Option reflects reductions in the performance figures due to investment management fees, contract fees and other operating expenses. See the description of “Expense” for each Investment Option for more detail about these fees and expenses, as well as for any additional fees and expenses which, if shown, would have the effect of further reducing the performance figures. In cases where the charges were not included, note that the performance figures would be reduced if such expenses were deducted from performance data.

Investment Lineup as of June 1, 2026									
Fund Performance – Average Annual Total Return*		Performance as of March 31, 2026					Expense Ratio %		
Fund Name	Ticker/ Fund ID	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Inception Date	* 10 Yrs. Or Since Inception	Gross	± Net
<u>Tier 1 – Asset Allocation</u>									
<u>Target Date Funds – Class M</u>									
State Street Target Retirement Income Fund	85744W630	0.50	10.13	8.32	4.54	6/30/2009	5.55	0.07	0.07
State Street Target Retirement 2025 Fund	85744W713	0.29	12.23	10.09	5.31	9/30/2009	7.80	0.07	0.07
State Street Target Retirement 2030 Fund	85744W697	-0.73	14.36	11.55	5.93	6/30/2009	8.61	0.07	0.07
State Street Target Retirement 2035 Fund	85744W689	-1.17	16.13	12.46	6.39	9/30/2009	9.18	0.07	0.07
State Street Target Retirement 2040 Fund	85744W671	-1.27	17.46	13.26	6.85	6/30/2009	9.69	0.07	0.07
State Street Target Retirement 2045 Fund	85744W663	-1.33	18.57	13.93	7.21	9/30/2009	10.10	0.07	0.07
State Street Target Retirement 2050 Fund	85744W655	-1.37	19.54	14.55	7.54	10/31/2009	10.34	0.07	0.07
State Street Target Retirement 2055 Fund	85744W648	-1.38	20.01	14.72	7.64	4/30/2011	10.39	0.07	0.70
State Street Target Retirement 2060 Fund	85744W465	-1.39	20.01	14.72	7.64	4/1/2015	10.39	0.07	0.07
State Street Target Retirement 2065 Fund	857480354	-1.38	20.01	14.73	7.64	12/31/2019	9.80	0.07	0.07
State Street Target Retirement 2070 Fund	856917422	-1.39	20.01	---	---	3/14/2025	17.96	0.07	0.07
<u>Tier 2 – Passive Core</u>									
State Street U.S. Bond Index Fund – Class K	85744W259	0.04	4.34	3.62	0.29	4/30/2009	1.68	0.04	0.04
State Street S&P 500 Index Fund – Class K	85744W705	-4.34	17.77	18.30	12.04	5/1/1997	14.14	0.013	0.013
State Street Russell Small/Mid Cap Index Fund – Class K	85744W242	-1.18	21.44	15.41	4.96	6/30/2002	11.31	0.04	0.04
State Street Global All Cap Equity Ex-US Index Fund – Class K	85744W531	1.25	27.28	15.23	7.45	3/31/2011	8.75	0.07	0.07

Investment Lineup as of June 1, 2026									
Fund Performance – Average Annual Total Return*		Performance as of March 31, 2026					Expense Ratio %		
Fund Name	Ticker/ Fund ID	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Inception Date	* 10 Yrs. Or Since Inception	Gross	± Net
<i>Tier 3 – Active Core</i>									
Lincoln Stable Value Account F395	---	0.91	3.40	3.13	3.08	5/1/1983	3.04	---	---
PIMCO Diversified Real Asset Collective Trust	999984PI2	7.35	11.24	7.78	6.33	10/30/2009	5.44	0.410	0.410
JPMCB Large Cap Growth Fund - CF-E Class ⁷	20261K701	-8.48	13.47	20.18	11.07	11/4/2024	18.37	0.35	0.35
Nomura Small Cap Value Fund R6 ⁸	DVZRX	5.63	20.45	12.33	6.55	5/2/2016	9.23	0.71	0.71
AB Discovery Growth Fund - Class Z	CHCZX	-3.35	18.45	10.45	0.27	5/30/2014	11.21	0.67	0.67
Acadian All Country World Ex U.S. Equity CIT – Class F	00426P787	0.17	25.28	18.40	9.59	7/2/2019	11.64	0.54	0.54
MFS International Growth CIT-CL 4	55275K727	---	12.40	10.57	6.60	6/12/2007	9.74	0.57	0.57
FIAM Core Plus Commingle Pool – Class H	30257M579	0.04	5.10	4.87	1.28	6/30/2004	4.25	0.19	0.19
BlackRock Equity Dividend Fund M CIT	09259D597	-1.07	15.49	14.14	9.45	9/20/2019	11.49	0.28	0.28
<i>Tier 4 – Specialty Option</i>									
LNC Stock Fund	99X760104	-19.42	3.98	23.79	-6.07	10/1/2008	2.82	---	---
<i>Target Date Funds – Income America**</i>									
Income America In Retirement Fund - Class 5ForLife-L	97184J326	-0.63	9.61	8.29	---	12/8/2022	8.28	0.84	0.84
Income America 2030 Fund - Class 5ForLife-L	97184J292	-0.68	10.69	9.13	---	12/8/2022	9.13	0.84	0.84

⁷ Effective March 11, 2026, JPMCB Large Cap Growth Fund CF-A Class was replaced with CF-E Class.

⁸ Effective December 2025, Delaware Small Cap Value Fund R6 was renamed “Nomura Small Cap Value Fund R6.”

Investment Lineup as of June 1, 2026									
Fund Performance – Average Annual Total Return*		Performance as of March 31, 2026					Expense Ratio %		
Fund Name	Ticker/ Fund ID	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Inception Date	* 10 Yrs. Or Since Inception	Gross	± Net
Income America 2035 Fund - Class 5ForLife-L	97184J284	-0.76	11.61	9.75	---	12/8/2022	9.75	0.84	0.84
Income America 2040 Fund - Class 5ForLife-L	97184J276	-0.83	12.87	10.50	---	12/8/2022	10.50	0.83	0.83
Income America 2045 Fund - Class 5ForLife-L ⁹	97184T381	--	--	--	-			0.83	0.83

The performance data above represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results.

* Average annual total return for period specified or since inception if the fund's age is less than the number of years shown.

** OREGON - As with any lifetime income offering that leverages an insurance product to provide the guarantees, the insurance companies providing the guarantees for this product have filed for state approval of their insurance guarantees where required. At this time, the approval process in Oregon remains in progress.

± Expense ratios are net of any temporary fee waiver currently in effect. Please see the description of “Expense” for each option for more detail.

⁹ Effective March 11, 2026, Income America 2045 Fund 5ForLife was added to the Investment Lineup.

Types of Investment Options

Collective Investment Trusts. A collective investment trust, or “CIT,” is an investment fund that is similar to a mutual fund in that it invests in stocks, bonds, and other investments. However, CITs are exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”) and are therefore not subject to the same fees, expenses and regulatory requirements - or regulatory protections - as mutual funds. CITs may only hold the assets of qualified retirement and government plans, including 401(k) plans, Taft-Hartley plans, profit sharing and cash balance plans, and governmental 457 plans. An investor in a CIT holds a “unit” of the CIT. This investment is neither insured nor guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency or entitled to the protections of the 1940 Act.

In addition to the quoted net expense ratios, other expenses, including legal, auditing, custody service and tax form preparation, investment and reinvestment expenses may apply with respect to your CIT investment. The PIMCO and Acadian CITs available for investment under the Plan are maintained by SEI Trust Company; the J.P. Morgan CIT is maintained by J.P. Morgan Asset Management; the BlackRock CIT is maintained by BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A.; the Fidelity CIT is maintained by Fidelity Institutional Asset Management Trust Company; and the MFS CIT is maintained by MFS Heritage Trust Company. The State Street CITs available for investment under the Plan are maintained by the State Street Global Advisors Trust Company. The Income America™ 5ForLife CITs available for investment under the Plan are maintained by Great Gray Trust Company, LLC.

Participation or investment in a CIT is governed by the terms of the trust and participation materials. An investor should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses of the CIT before investing. The disclosure statement for each CIT together with the declaration of trust contains this and other important information and should be read carefully before investing or sending money. For disclosure statements and the declaration of trust, please contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500. You can also obtain information about the Investment Option lineup, including fact sheets on each option, online at [LincolnFinancial.com/retirementinfocenter](https://lincolnfinancial.com/retirementinfocenter).

Mutual Funds. Mutual funds invest in stocks and bonds and other investments and are registered with the SEC as an investment company under the 1940 Act. Investors in a mutual fund are “shareholders” in a fund with all of the rights and protections provided by the 1940 Act. With respect to a mutual fund investment option, an investor should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the investment company before investing. The prospectus for the mutual fund contains this and other important information and should be read carefully before investing or sending money. For prospectuses, please contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center by calling 800-234-3500 or visit [LincolnFinancial.com](https://lincolnfinancial.com). On the home page, click on “Retirement>Investments” then the type of investment information you wish to view. You can also obtain information about the Investment Option lineup, including fact sheets on each option, online at [LincolnFinancial.com/retirementinfocenter](https://lincolnfinancial.com/retirementinfocenter).

Insurance Products. The Lincoln Stable Value Fund is a fixed annuity issued by The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, IN, 46802, on Form 28866-SV and state variations thereof. Guarantees are based upon the claims-paying ability of the issuer. Contributions received in any quarter will earn interest at the portfolio rate in effect for the quarter, with a minimum guaranteed interest rate.

Company Securities. The primary purpose of the LNC Stock Fund is to allow you to invest in the securities of Lincoln National Corporation. For a description of the risks associated with investment in Lincoln National Corporation, please refer to the Risk Factors in Lincoln National Corporation’s filings with the SEC

incorporated by reference herein (see the section entitled “Your Rights and Protection under Federal Securities Law” on page 38).

Self-Directed Brokerage Account (“SDBA”). The Schwab Personal Choice Retirement Account (“PCRA”) is a SDBA that allows you to pick your preferred investments and carry out your own investment strategy by providing you with a variety of investment selections that aren’t offered under the Plan’s current investment line up.

For more information about the PCRA, see the section entitled “Self-Directed Brokerage Account” on page 54.

Risks Associated with the Investment Options

It is important to keep in mind one of the main axioms of investing: the higher the risk of losing money, the higher the potential reward. The reverse, also, is generally true: the lower the risk, the lower the potential reward. As you consider investing in the Plan’s Investment Options, you should take into account your personal risk tolerance. Diversification within your investment portfolio can reduce risk. Recent events in the financial sector and the corresponding market volatility reinforce the importance of a well-diversified portfolio, which is one of the most effective ways to ride out short-term market fluctuations. When you diversify your portfolio – whether by investing in a ready-mixed fund with exposure to a number of investment sectors, or by investing in a number of funds representing different asset classes or styles – you can potentially reduce risk and increase your exposure to various market opportunities.

The Investment Options are subject to one or more risks which are described in the fund fact sheet for each Investment Option, and in greater detail in the prospectus materials (for mutual funds), disclosure statements (for collective investment trusts), and miscellaneous disclosure materials referenced in this document. **Please remember that this Investment Supplement is only a brief summary of those primary disclosure materials, and is not intended to replace or supersede those materials.**

Please note:

Before investing, you should review the full explanation of risks associated with each investment before making a decision to invest. Copies of the prospectuses and disclosure statements for mutual funds and collective investment trusts are available by contacting the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET) or by visiting LincolnFinancial.com. You can also obtain information about the Investment Option lineup, including the fund fact sheet for each Investment Option, online at LincolnFinancial.com/retirementinfocenter.

You should read the fund fact sheets, full prospectuses and disclosure statements for an explanation of each of the Investment Options and risks involved in investing in any one of the Investment Options offered under the Plan.

Tier 1 – Asset Allocation Target Date Funds

(Target date funds provide a diversified portfolio that adjusts automatically based on the number of years remaining until retirement.)

State Street Target Retirement Funds – Class M

- **Investment Objective:** The State Street Target Retirement Funds (the “Funds”) seek an investment return that approximates, as closely as practicable, before expenses, the performance of a custom benchmark index over the long term.
 - **Manager:** State Street Global Advisors Trust Company
 - **Expense:** 0.07%
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Tier 2 – Passive Core

(Passively managed, low-cost index funds that track the returns of a market index.)

State Street US Bond Index Fund – Class K

(Core Bond)

- **Investment Objective:** The State Street Bond Index Fund (the “Fund”) seeks to offer broadly diversified, low-cost exposure to the overall U.S. Bond Market. The Fund seeks an investment return that approximates as closely as practicable, before expenses, the performance of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index over the long term.
- **Manager:** State Street Global Advisors Trust Company
- **Expense:** 0.04%

State Street S&P 500 Index Fund – Class K

(Large Cap Core)

- **Investment Objective:** The State Street S&P 500 Index Fund (the “Fund”) seeks to offer broad, low-cost exposure to the stocks of large U.S. companies. The Fund seeks an investment return that approximates as closely as practicable, before expenses, the performance of the S&P 500 over the long term.
- **Manager:** State Street Global Advisors Trust Company
- **Expense:** 0.013%

State Street Russell Small/Mid Cap Index Fund – Class K
(Small-Mid Cap Core)

- **Investment Objectives:** The State Street Russell Small/Mid Cap Index Fund (the “Fund”) seeks to offer broad, low-cost exposure to stocks of small and medium sized U.S. Companies. The Fund seeks an investment return that approximates as closely as practicable, before expenses, the performance of the Russell Small Cap Completeness® Index over the long term.
- **Manager:** State Street Global Advisors Trust Company
- **Expense:** 0.04%

State Street Global All Cap Equity Ex-US Index Fund – Class K
(International Equity)

- **Investment Objectives:** The State Street Global All Cap Equity Ex-U.S. Index Fund (the “Fund”) seeks to offer broad, low-cost exposure to stocks of companies, ranging from small to large cap, in developed and emerging countries excluding the United States. The Fund seeks an investment return that approximates as closely as practicable, before expenses, the performance of the MSCI ACWI ex-USA IMI Index over the long term.
- **Manager:** State Street Global Advisors Trust Company
- **Expense:** 0.07%

Tier 3 – Active Core

(Actively managed investment options with a variety of objectives ranging from conservative to aggressive.)

The Lincoln Stable Value Account (Insured Product) – Share B
(Capital Preservation)

- **Investment Objectives:** This Investment Option seeks to provide a competitive current interest rate that translates into the highest possible return with the lowest level of risk while also offering the protection of principal. Contributions made to the Lincoln Stable Value Account in any quarter will earn interest at the quarterly set portfolio rate. The portfolio rate is declared for the quarter and is in effect only for that quarter. The rate of return through March 31, 2026 is 3.0%. The rate of return is fixed quarterly (and is based on the 5-year average of the Barclays Stable Income Market Index plus 0.20% as of one month prior to the beginning of each quarter) but will never fall below the guaranteed minimum annual rate of 3.0%.
- **Manager:** There are multiple investment managers including Goldman Sachs Asset Management, Nomura Investment Management and Lincoln Investment Management Company.
- **Expense:** No asset charges are deducted from participant accounts; however, 0.10% is the investment management expense that The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company pays for the management of the underlying assets.

PIMCO Diversified Real Asset Collective Trust

(Real Assets)

- **Investment Objective:** The objective of the PIMCO Diversified Real Asset Collective Trust (the “Trust”) is to provide strategic exposure to three core real assets: U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protection Securities (TIPS), commodities and real estate. The Trust seeks to achieve its objective by investing under normal circumstances substantially all of its assets in units of the PIMCO Real Return Collective Trust, the PIMCO CommoditiesPLUS® Collective Trust and the PIMCO RealEstatePLUS Collective Trust (the “Underlying Funds”).
- **Manager:** SEI Trust Company serves as the trustee of the Trust and maintains the ultimate fiduciary authority over the management of investments in the Trust. The trustee has engaged PIMCO to act as the investment adviser to the Trust.
- **Expense:** 0.410%

JPMCB Large Cap Growth Fund CF-E Class

(Large Cap Domestic Growth Equity)

- **Investment Objectives:** The Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation primarily through a portfolio of underappreciated growth stocks. The Fund’s benchmark is the Russell 1000 Growth Index.
- **Manager:** J. P. Morgan Asset Management is the registered investment adviser. J. P. Morgan Asset Management is the brand name for the asset management business of JPMorgan Chase & Co. and its affiliates worldwide.
- **Expense:** 0.35%

Nomura Small Cap Value Fund R6 (formerly Delaware Small Cap Value Fund R6)

(SMID Cap Domestic Value Equity)

- **Investment Objectives:** The Fund is a small cap value fund that seeks capital appreciation. The benchmark for this Fund is the Russell 2000 Value Index.
- **Manager:** Nomura Asset Management
- **Expense:** 0.71%

AB Discovery Growth Fund Class Z

(Small-Mid Cap Domestic Growth Equity)

- **Investment Objectives:** The investment seeks out opportunities for fundamental stock selection in the small cap market with fewer industry analysts.
- **Manager:** AllianceBernstein Investments, Inc. (ABI) is the distributor of the AB family of mutual funds. ABI is a member of FINRA and is an affiliate of AllianceBernstein LP, the adviser of the fund.
- **Expense:** 0.67%

Acadian All-Country World ex-US Equity CIT Fund– Class F

(International (ex-US) Value Equity)

- **Investment Objectives:** The Acadian All-Country World ex-US Equity CIT Fund (the “Trust”) seeks long term capital appreciation by investing primarily in common stocks of international issuers. The Trust seeks an investment return that approximates as closely as practicable, before expenses, the performance of the MSCI ACWI ex-US Net Index.
- **Manager:** SEI Trust Company serves as the trustee of the Trust and maintains the ultimate fiduciary authority over the management of investments in the Trust. The trustee has engaged Acadian Asset Management LLC, to act as the investment adviser to the Trust.
- **Expense:** 0.54%. Acadian’s investment management fee is 0.45%. The Trust will be charged with certain operating expenses, including, but not limited to, custody fees, securities pricing fees, annual audit fees, tax filing fees, annual Form 5500 expenses, National Securities Clearing Corporation (“NSCC”) fees for CIT transactions via the NSCC system, website hosting and maintenance fees and manual trading fees. The operating expenses are capped at 0.10%.

MFS International Growth Fund (CIT)

(International (ex-US) Growth Equity)

- **Investment Objectives:** The Trust’s investment objective is to seek capital appreciation. The Trust seeks to outperform the MSCI All Country World (ex-US) Growth Index over full market cycles. A full market cycle is defined as typically three to five years. MSCI All Country World (ex-US) Growth Index is a market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance for growth securities in the global developed and emerging markets, excluding the U.S. No assurance can be given that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.
- **Manager:** MFS Heritage Trust Company serves as the trustee of the Trust. The trustee is a subsidiary of Massachusetts Financial Service Company.
- **Expense:** 0.57%. The trustee will bear the Trust’s expenses such that a Trust’s annual administrative and operational expenses do not exceed the indicated expense caps as currently in effect (0.05%). The expense caps will continue until modified by the trustee.

FIAM Core Plus Commingled Pool – Class H

(Core Plus Fixed Income)

- **Investment Objectives:** The Fund’s investment objective is to achieve returns that exceed the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (benchmark) through direct or indirect investments in investment-grade and non-investment grade fixed income securities.
- **Manager:** Fidelity Institutional Asset Management Trust Company.
- **Expense:** 0.19%

BlackRock Equity Dividend Fund M
(Large Cap Domestic Value Equity)

- **Investment Objectives:** The Fund's investment objective is to seek long-term total return and current income by investing and reinvesting in a portfolio consisting of equity securities issued by U.S. companies, with a focus on dividend-paying securities issued by companies with large market capitalizations. The Fund may engage in active trading of portfolio securities to achieve its investment objective.
- **Manager:** BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A.
- **Expense:** 0.28%

Guaranteed Retirement Income Fund

Income America™ 5ForLife

(Target Date Funds with a Guaranteed Income Component)

- **Investment Objectives:** The Income America™ 5ForLife Funds seek the optimal risk-adjusted return consistent with the asset allocation mix determined by the glide path of the Target Date series. The Funds seek to meet its investment objective by investing in a diversified portfolio of both passive and actively managed mutual funds, exchange traded funds, other collective investment trusts, stable value products, general account annuity contracts and money market funds.
- **Manager:** Great Gray Trust Company, LLC serves as the trustee of the Trust and maintains the ultimate fiduciary authority over the management of, and investments made in, the Trust.
- **Expense:** 83-84% depending on vintage. Total fee includes investment management, trustee and advisory fees of 36% or 37% plus 47% which represents the insurance cost of the guarantee.

LNC Stock Fund

- **Investment Objectives:** This Investment Option is referred to as an Employee Stock Ownership Plan. It is designed to provide participants with the opportunity to invest in LNC securities.
- **Investment Strategies:** To achieve its objective, this Investment Option invests mainly in shares of the common stock of LNC ("LNC Common Stock") but may also invest in cash or short-term money-market securities to provide the liquidity and flexibility necessary to sell or exchange units of the fund quickly and easily, generally on a daily basis. When the amount of short-term investments in the Fund fall outside the range of 2.5% to 3.5% of its net assets, LNC Common Stock is either bought or sold to bring the short-term investments back into the target range.
- **Primary Risks:** There are risks involved with investing, including possible loss of principal. Investment-Style Risk and Market Risk. This is a non-diversified Investment Option, investing in the stock of a single issuer. It is therefore a riskier investment than an Investment Option that invests in

a diversified pool of stocks of companies with similar characteristics as this account. For a description of the risks associated with investment in LNC Common Stock, see “Risk Factors” detailed in the most recently filed LNC Annual Report (10-K) or LNC Quarterly Reports (10-Q). It is a market-valued account, meaning that both the principal value and the investment return may go up and down based on the market price of the LNC Common Stock held in the Fund. For a more detailed description of LNC Common Stock. See the section entitled “Lincoln National Corporation Common Stock and Preferred Stock” below.

- **Dividends:** You have the option to receive your LNC Stock Fund dividends in cash or to reinvest them. Dividends paid with respect to your investment in the fund will be automatically reinvested and no action is required if you wish to reinvest your dividends. If you choose to receive your dividends in cash, your dividends will be paid by check as soon as administratively practicable after the dividend payment date. Only dividends from your investments in the LNC Stock Fund that have been in the Plan for at least two years can be distributed in cash.

If you are currently invested in the LNC Stock Fund, and would like to receive dividends in cash, you may change the default dividend reinvestment option by calling the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500. Changes made by 4 p.m. ET on the last business day before dividends are paid will be applied to the dividends payable on or about February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. You may change this election as often as you wish, but only the last election on file before the deadline for the applicable dividend payment date will control.

You should be aware that choosing to receive your dividends in cash may result in a lower account value upon retirement, due to fewer assets in the Plan and diminished ability to leverage the power of pre-tax compounding of earnings.

- **Share Ownership:** The LNC Stock Fund is a “unitized” stock fund and is the way you can invest in LNC Common Stock within the Plan. When investing in the LNC Stock Fund, you are purchasing **units** of the Fund, not actual shares of stock; the Fund owns the actual shares of stock.

The “units” you own represent your pro-rata share of the Fund's total assets. The unit value is determined daily using the values of the underlying assets at the daily closing price of each asset. The same economic or market conditions and trends that cause the price of LNC Common Stock to fluctuate will similarly influence the unit price of the LNC Stock Fund, although the LNC Stock Fund's *unit price* and the *market price* of LNC Common Stock are likely to be different. Additionally, the percentage of short-term investments being held, bought or sold by the fund and any gains/losses realized on the sales of LNC Common Stock impact the investment returns of the unitized LNC Stock Fund.

You may become a direct owner of shares of LNC Common Stock through the Plan only when you take a withdrawal or distribution and elect to receive shares of LNC Common Stock.

- **Share Voting Rights:** If you invest in this Investment Option, you will have “pass-through voting rights.” This means that Lincoln Financial Group Trust Company, Inc. will vote the shares in the manner that you direct, if you sign and return the proxy card in time. You will have voting rights for the number of shares in this Investment Option that is proportionate to the size of your investment. Otherwise, Lincoln Financial Group Trust Company, Inc. will vote your interest in the Investment Option in the same proportion as the other Plan participants who voted.

- **Trading Restrictions:** Officers of LNC and certain other participants of LNC (“Restricted Employees”) with access to inside information are subject to regular quarterly trading restrictions imposed by LFG’s “Insider Trading and Confidentiality Policy” on any transaction, except normal payroll deductions, that might cause an increase or decrease in that person’s interest in the Fund. Except for trading under a written securities trading plan meeting the requirements of Rule 10b5-1, Restricted Employees may only engage in transactions to increase or decrease their interest in LNC Stock Fund during previously announced open window trading periods. Other participants may also be subject to trading restrictions under the Policy.
- **Account Manager:** Lincoln Financial Group Trust Company, Inc.
- **Expense:** 0.00%.

Self-Directed Brokerage Account

The Plan offers a self-directed brokerage account through Schwab Personal Choice Retirement Account® (“PCRA”) which allows you access to a broad range of investments, such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. In order to have access to the Plan’s PCRA, you must review and complete a number of forms. These forms are available to you to download online at LincolnFinancial.com.

By establishing a PCRA within the Plan, you acknowledge that you, the Plan participant, and not the Plan fiduciary, are solely responsible for selecting investments through the PCRA, and that the Plan fiduciary has not vetted or screened any investments available through the PCRA.

A quarterly maintenance fee will be deducted for investments in your PCRA.

If you have any questions about the instructions or forms, you should contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center for assistance at 800-234-3500 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET).

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORPORATION COMMON STOCK AND PREFERRED STOCK

General

Our restated articles of incorporation currently authorize the issuance of 800,000,000 shares of Common Stock and 10,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock. We may issue our Preferred Stock from time to time in one or more series by resolution of our board of directors. As of May 1, 2026, we had 191,213,197 issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.

The following descriptions of the classes of our capital stock are summaries, do not purport to be complete, and are subject, in all respects, to the applicable provisions of our restated articles of incorporation (including a board of directors’ certificate of resolution designating the rights and preferences of the Series A and Series B preferred stock), our amended and restated bylaws and our Registration Statement on Form 10 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 28, 1969, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description, which, in each case, are incorporated by reference into

the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, and the applicable provisions of the Indiana Business Corporation Law (the “IBCL”).

Common Stock

Transfer Agent and Registrar. Our Common Stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “LNC.” The registrar and transfer agent is EQ Shareowner Services.

Voting Rights. Except as set forth below under “Anti-Takeover Provisions - Certain State Law Provisions,” each holder of record of our Common Stock is entitled to one vote for each share of our Common Stock held on all matters submitted to a vote of the shareholders, including election of directors. Holders of our Common Stock do not have cumulative voting rights with respect to the election of directors or any other matter.

Dividend Rights. The holders of our Common Stock may receive cash dividends, if and when declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available for that purpose, and subject to preferential rights of the holders of Preferred Stock or other special classes of stock.

Liquidation Rights. In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of our Common Stock will be entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payments to creditors and after satisfaction of the liquidation preference, if any, of the holders of any Preferred Stock that may at the time be outstanding.

Preemptive Rights. Holders of our Common Stock do not have any preemptive or similar equity rights.

Preferred Stock

General. Our restated articles of incorporation authorize our board of directors to provide for the issuance of up to 10,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, in one or more series, and to fix by resolution and to the extent permitted by the IBCL, the relative rights, preferences and limitations of each series of Preferred Stock, including dividend, redemption, liquidation, sinking fund, conversion and other provisions in the resolutions or certificate establishing or designating the series, without a vote or any other action taken by our shareholders.

Shares Outstanding. We currently have two series of preferred stock outstanding, our 9.250% Fixed Rate Reset Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series C, liquidation preference \$25,000 per share (the “Series C Preferred Stock”), and our 9.000% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series D, liquidation preference \$25,000 (the “Series D Preferred Stock”). As of November 1, 2024, 20,000 shares of Series C Preferred Stock and 20,000 shares of Series D Preferred Stock were outstanding. We have two series of depositary shares outstanding, each of which represent interests in our Series C Preferred Stock or our Series D Preferred Stock.

Voting Rights. Unless otherwise provided in accordance with our amended and restated bylaws, each holder of preferred stock would be entitled to one vote per share and to vote together, as a single class, with holders of our common stock on all matters submitted to a vote of the common shareholders. In addition, at any time when six or more quarterly dividends, whether or not consecutive, on one or more series of the preferred stock are in default, the holders of all preferred stock at the time outstanding as to which such default exists will be entitled, at the next annual meeting of shareholders, voting as a class, to vote for and elect two of LNC’s directors. In the case of any vacancy in the office of a director occurring among the directors elected by the holders of the shares of the preferred stock voting as a class the remaining director or directors elected by the holders of the shares of the preferred stock may elect a successor or successors to hold office until the next annual or special meeting of the shareholders.

So long as any shares of preferred stock remain outstanding, LNC shall not, without the approval of the holders of a majority of the preferred stock, voting as a class:

- amend LNC's restated articles of incorporation to create or authorize any kind of stock ranking prior to or on a parity with the preferred stock with respect to payment of dividends or distribution on dissolution, liquidation or winding up, or create or authorize any security convertible into shares of stock of any such kind;
- amend, alter, change or repeal any of the express terms of the preferred stock, or of any series thereof, then outstanding in a manner prejudicial to the holders thereof; provided, that if any such amendment, alteration, change or repeal would be prejudicial to the holders of one or more, but not all, of the series of the preferred stock at the time outstanding, only such consent of the holders of two-thirds of the total number of outstanding shares of all series so affected shall be required, unless a different or greater vote shall be required by law;
- authorize the voluntary dissolution of LNC or any revocation of dissolution proceedings previously approved, authorize the sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the property of LNC, or approve any limitation of the term of existence of LNC; or
- merge or consolidate with another corporation in such manner that LNC does not survive as a continuing entity, if thereby the rights, preferences, or powers of the preferred stock would be adversely affected, or if there would thereupon be authorized or outstanding securities which LNC, if it owned all of the properties then owned by the resulting corporation, could not create without the approval of the holders of the preferred stock.

Dividends. The holders of our preferred stock may receive cash dividends, if and when declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available for that purpose. Holders of the Series C Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by our board of directors, out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends of the stated amount per share, non-cumulative cash dividends that accrue for the relevant dividend period semiannually in arrears on the first day of March and September of each year, commencing on March 1, 2023. Dividends will accrue on the stated liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share (1) from the date of original issue to, but excluding, March 1, 2028 at a fixed rate per annum of 9.250%, and (2) for each five-year period thereafter at a rate per annum equal to the five-year treasury rate as of the most recent period commencement plus 5.318%. Holders of the Series D Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by our board of directors, out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends of the stated amount per share, non-cumulative cash dividends that accrue for the relevant dividend period quarterly in arrears on the first day of March, June, September and December of each year, commencing on March 1, 2023. Dividends will accrue on the stated liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share from the date of original issue at a fixed rate per annum of 9.000%.

So long as any Series C Preferred Stock or Series D Preferred Stock remains outstanding for any dividend period, unless the full dividends for the latest completed dividend period on all outstanding Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock have been declared and paid, or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof has been set aside, no dividend shall be paid or declared or set aside for payment, and no distribution may be made, on our common stock or any other shares of our junior stock (other than a dividend payable solely in shares of stock that rank junior to the Series C Preferred Stock or Series D Preferred Stock, as the case may be, in the payment of dividends in the distribution of assets on any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of LNC); no monies may be paid or made available for a sinking fund for the redemption or retirement of common stock or other junior stock nor shall any shares of junior stock be purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired for consideration by us, directly or indirectly during a dividend period

Redemption. LNC has the option to redeem the Series C Preferred Stock (1) in whole but not in part within 90 days after the occurrence of a rating agency event at a redemption price equal to 102% of the stated amount

of a share of Series C Preferred Stock (initially, \$25,500 per share of Series C Preferred Stock), plus an amount equal to any dividends per share that have accrued but not been declared and paid for the then-current dividend period to, but excluding, such redemption date, and (2)(a) in whole but not in part within 90 days after the occurrence of a regulatory capital event, or (b) in whole or in part, from time to time, during the three-month period prior to March 1, 2028, and during the three-month period prior to each date on which the interest rate is reset thereafter in each case, at a redemption price equal to the stated amount of a share of Series C Preferred Stock (initially, \$25,000 per share of Series C Preferred Stock), plus an amount equal to any dividends per share that have accrued but not been declared and paid for the then-current dividend period to, but excluding, such redemption date. LNC has the option to redeem the Series D Preferred Stock (1) in whole but not in part, at any time prior to December 1, 2027, within 90 days after the occurrence of a rating agency event at a redemption price equal to 102% of the stated amount of a share of Series D Preferred Stock (initially, \$25,500 per share of Series D Preferred Stock), plus an amount equal to any dividends per share that have accrued but not been declared and paid for the then-current dividend period to, but excluding, such redemption date, and (2)(a) in whole but not in part, at any time prior to December 1, 2027, within 90 days after the occurrence of a regulatory capital event or (b) in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time on or after December 1, 2027, in each case, at a redemption price equal to the stated amount of a share of Series D Preferred Stock (initially, \$25,000 per share of Series D Preferred Stock), plus an amount equal to any dividends per share that have accrued but not been declared and paid for the then-current dividend period to, but excluding, such redemption date.

For both the Series C Preferred Stock and the Series D Preferred Stock, “rating agency event” means that any nationally recognized statistical rating organization that then publishes a rating for us amends, clarifies or changes the criteria it uses to assign equity credit to securities such as the preferred stock and the amendment, clarification or change reduces the length of time the preferred stock receives a particular level of equity credit or lowers the equity credit assigned by the applicable rating agency to the applicable preferred stock. For both the Series C Preferred Stock and the Series D Preferred Stock, “regulatory capital event” means that we become subject to capital adequacy supervision by a capital regulator that includes group-wide prescribed capital adequacy requirements and the capital adequacy requirements that apply to us as a result of being so subject set forth criteria pursuant to which the aggregate stated amount of the applicable preferred stock would not qualify as capital under such capital adequacy requirements.

The Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock are not subject to any mandatory redemption, sinking fund or other similar provisions, and the holders of such series of preferred stock have no right to require the redemption or repurchase of such series of preferred stock (or any depositary shares representing such series of preferred stock).

Liquidation Preference. Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of LNC, holders of the Series C Preferred Stock and the Series D Preferred Stock are entitled to receive out of the assets of LNC available for distribution to shareholders, before any distribution is made to holders of common stock or other junior stock, a liquidating distribution in the amount of \$25,000 per share of Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock, plus any declared and unpaid dividends, without accumulation of any undeclared dividends. Distributions will be made *pro rata* as to the Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock and any other parity stock outstanding at such time and only to the extent of LNC’s assets, if any, that are available after satisfaction of all liabilities to creditors.

In any such distribution, if the assets of LNC are not sufficient to pay the liquidation preferences in full to all holders of the Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock and all holders of any class or series of our stock that ranks on a parity with the Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock in the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of LNC, the amounts paid to the holders of Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock and to the holders of any parity stock will be paid *pro rata* in accordance with the respective aggregate liquidation preferences of those holders. In any such

distribution, the “liquidation preference” of any holder of preferred stock means the amount payable to such holder in such distribution (assuming no limitation on our assets available for such distribution), including any declared but unpaid dividends in the case of any holder of stock on which dividends accrue on a noncumulative basis (and any unpaid, accrued cumulative dividends in the case of any holder of stock on which dividends accrue on a cumulative basis). If the liquidation preference has been paid in full to all holders of the Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock and any holders of liquidation preference parity stock, the holders of our other stock shall be entitled to receive all remaining assets of LNC according to their respective rights and preferences.

For purposes of this section, the merger or consolidation of LNC with any other entity, including a merger or consolidation in which the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock receive cash, securities or other property for their shares, or the sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of the assets of LNC, for cash, securities or other property will not constitute a liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of LNC.

Listing. The Series C Preferred Stock is currently traded in the over-the-counter market. The Series D Preferred Stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol “LNC PRD.”

Anti-Takeover Provisions

Certain State Law Provisions.

Chapter 43 of the IBCL also restricts business combinations with interested shareholders. It prohibits certain business combinations, including mergers, sales of assets, recapitalizations, and reverse stock splits, between certain corporations having 100 or more shareholders that also have a class of voting shares registered with the SEC under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (which includes us) and an interested shareholder, defined as the beneficial owner of 10% or more of the voting power of the outstanding voting shares of that corporation, for five years following the date the shareholder acquired such 10% beneficial ownership, unless the acquisition or the business combination was approved by the board of directors in advance of that date. If the combination was not previously approved, the interested shareholder may effect a combination after the five-year period only if the shareholder receives approval from a majority of the disinterested shares or the offer meets certain fair price criteria. A corporation may elect to opt out of these provisions in an amendment to its articles of incorporation approved by a majority of the disinterested shares. Such an amendment, however, would not become effective for 18 months after its passage and would apply only to stock acquisitions occurring after its effective date. Our restated articles of incorporation do not elect to opt out of these provisions.

Chapter 42 of the IBCL includes provisions designed to protect minority shareholders in the event that a person acquires, pursuant to a tender offer or otherwise, shares giving it more than 20%, more than 33⅓%, or more than 50% of the outstanding voting power (which we refer to as “control shares”) of an “issuing public corporation”. Unless the issuing public corporation’s articles of incorporation or bylaws provide that Chapter 42 does not apply to control share acquisitions of shares of the corporation before the control share acquisition, an acquirer who purchases control shares cannot vote the control shares until each class or series of shares entitled to vote separately on the proposal, by a majority of all votes entitled to be cast by that group (excluding the control shares and any shares held by officers of the corporation and employees of the corporation who are directors thereof), approve in a special or annual meeting the rights of the acquirer to vote the control shares. Unless otherwise provided in a corporation’s articles of incorporation or bylaws before a control share acquisition has occurred, in the event that control shares acquired in a control share acquisition are accorded full voting rights and the acquiring person acquires control shares with a majority or more of all voting power, all shareholders of the issuing public corporation have dissenters’ rights to receive the fair value of their shares.

“Issuing public corporation” means a corporation which is organized in Indiana, has 100 or more shareholders, its principal place of business, its principal office or substantial assets within Indiana and one of the following:

- more than 10% of its shareholders resident in Indiana;
- more than 10% of its shares owned by Indiana residents; or
- 1,000 shareholders resident in Indiana.

An issuing public corporation may elect not to be covered by the statute by so providing in its articles of incorporation or bylaws. Our restated articles of incorporation do not elect to opt out of these provisions.

Indiana insurance laws and regulations provide that no person may acquire our voting securities if that person would directly or indirectly be in control of us after the acquisition, unless that person has provided certain required information to us and to the Indiana Insurance Commissioner and the Indiana Insurance Commissioner has approved the acquisition. Control of us is presumed to exist if any person beneficially owns 10% or more of our voting securities. Furthermore, the Indiana Insurance Commissioner may determine, after notice and hearing, that control exists despite the absence of a presumption to that effect. Consequently, no person may acquire, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of our voting securities to be outstanding after any offering of securities pursuant to this prospectus, or otherwise acquire control of us, unless that person has provided such required information to the Indiana Insurance Commissioner and the Indiana Insurance Commissioner has approved such acquisition.

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APPENDIX A

Transition Contributions

Prior to January 1, 2018, transition contributions were made in an amount equal to a certain percentage of your Eligible Earnings if, as of December 31, 2007: (1) you were an active Plan participant; (2) the combination of your age and years of vesting service (your “Points”) was at least equal to “46”; and (3) you were a legacy LNC Participant with a minimum of 10 years of vesting service, or a legacy JP Participant with a minimum of 5 years of vesting service. Once your transition contribution percentage was established, it never changed. Transition contributions ended on the earlier of: (1) your termination of employment with the Company (unless you were re-hired before December 31, 2017, in which case your transition contributions resumed until December 31, 2017); (2) your becoming an ineligible employee; or (3) after a period of 10 years (December 31, 2017). You were eligible for this transition contribution regardless of whether you contributed to the Plan. Your transition contribution percentage was determined based on the following table:

Transition Contribution Points

Points = Age (rounded up to the next whole year) + Vesting Service (rounded down to the next whole year)

Points (age + service at 12/31/2007)	Transition Contribution Percentage	Points (age + service at 12/31/2007)	Transition Contribution Percentage	Points (age + service at 12/31/2007)	Transition Contribution Percentage	Points (age + service at 12/31/2007)	Transition Contribution Percentage
45 or below	0.00%	55	2.00%	65	4.0%	75	6.0%
46	0.20%	56	2.20%	66	4.2%	76	6.20%
47	0.40%	57	2.40%	67	4.40%	77	6.40%
48	0.60%	58	2.60%	68	4.60%	78	6.60%
49	0.80%	59	2.80%	69	4.80%	79	6.80%
50	1.00%	60	3.00%	70	5.00%	80	7.00%
51	1.20%	61	3.20%	71	5.20%	81	7.20%
52	1.40%	62	3.40%	72	5.40%	82	7.40%
53	1.60%	63	3.60%	73	5.60%	83	7.60%

Points (age + service at 12/31/2007)	Transition Contribution Percentage	Points (age + service at 12/31/2007)	Transition Contribution Percentage	Points (age + service at 12/31/2007)	Transition Contribution Percentage	Points (age + service at 12/31/2007)	Transition Contribution Percentage
54	1.80%	64	3.80%	74	5.80%	84	7.80%
						85 or above	8.00%

Vesting years of service are determined based on the definition of vesting years of service under the terms of the Lincoln National Corporation Retirement Plan for Employees Hired Prior to January 1, 2008.

Your core contributions and, if applicable, transition contributions, will be invested in the same manner as your current elections. If you do not currently contribute to the Plan, the core contributions and, if applicable, transition contributions will automatically be invested in the Plan's current Qualified Default Investment Alternative ("QDIA"). You can transfer amounts out of the QDIA and invest in any available Investment Option at any time by visiting the Lincoln website at: LincolnFinancial.com, or you can contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500.



Supplement on Plan Loans

LNC Employees' 401(k) Savings Plan

Summary Plan Description & Prospectus

Effective June 1, 2026

This document provides summary information about the terms and provisions of an employer-sponsored tax-qualified plan. If there are any conflicts between this information and the actual terms and provisions of the official plan documents, the plan documents control. The Lincoln National Corporation reserves the right to amend or terminate any employer-sponsored plans at any time.

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Introduction

This Supplement on Plan Loans (“Supplement”) has been established by the Plan Administrator for the LNC Employees’ 401(k) Savings Plan (the “Plan”) as a supplement to and part of the LNC Employees’ 401(k) Savings Plan Summary Plan Description & Prospectus (the “SPD”). This Supplement describes the Plan’s loan feature and the terms and conditions that apply to receiving and repaying Plan loans.

The **Glossary** (see page 9) defines terms that appear in bold in the Supplement.

If you have questions about Plan loans after reading this Supplement, please contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

Loan Overview

If you qualify, you can borrow money from your Plan account. A Plan loan is secured by part of your Plan account. Plan loans may offer advantages over Plan withdrawals:

- You don’t need proof of hardship to take out a loan.
- Loans aren’t taxed unless you default.
- You pay interest on the loan into your own Plan account.
- As you repay the loan, you restore your retirement savings to its pre-loan level.

But Plan loans do have some drawbacks:

- Plan loans are subject to strict legal limits and other requirements.
- You repay the loan with after-tax dollars that are taxed again when you receive money from the Plan.
- The interest you pay on the loan may be less than the investment return you could earn by leaving your money in the Plan.
- If you default on the loan (see the section entitled **Default** on page 7):
 - your account is not restored to its pre-loan level;
 - the unpaid balance is treated as a payment to you; and
 - unless you borrowed only **after-tax contributions** from your account, you will owe income tax, and possibly a 10% penalty tax, on the unpaid balance, even though you receive no money when you default.

How Loans Affect Your Plan Account

A Plan loan is actually an investment fund transfer. The amount you borrow from your account is “transferred” from your other investment funds to a special loan investment fund. Of course, your special loan investment fund contains no actual money because you get the money when you take out a loan. This special loan fund

contains only an accounting entry that shows that you “invested” some of your Plan account in a loan to yourself.

The actual money you borrow is removed from the following accounts, as applicable, on a pro rata basis (including related investment earnings):

1. **pre-tax contribution** account;
2. **Roth 401(k) contribution** account;
3. **after-tax contribution** account;
4. **pre-tax rollover contribution** account;
5. **Roth 401(k) rollover contribution** account;
6. **after-tax rollover contribution** account;
7. **in-plan Roth conversion** account;
8. **matured company contribution** account; and
9. **non-matured company contribution** account.

Note:

1. Within each of these categories, the loan amount will come from the investment options (subject to any withdrawal restrictions applicable to such investment option) in which you are invested on a *pro-rata basis*.
2. Loan proceeds will only be withdrawn from Income America 5ForLife target date funds to fund the loan to the extent necessary after all other investment funds have been depleted.
3. In-plan Roth conversion sources will mirror any pre-conversion sources.

Here’s an example. Assume Joan’s Plan account balance is \$12,000, invested as follows:

Before Loan				
Category of Money	State Street Target Date 2050 Fund	Lincoln Stock Fund	Stable Value Fund	Total
pre-tax contribution	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$ 500	\$3,500
matured company contribution	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$8,500
Total	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$12,000

Joan borrows \$5,000 from her Plan account. Pro-rata, the first \$1,458.33 is taken from **pre-tax contribution** funds. The other \$3,541.67 is taken from her **matured company contribution** funds. **Matured company contribution** funds are those that have been credited to her account for at least 2 years.

After the loan, Joan’s Plan account would look like this:

After Loan					
Category of Money	State Street Target Date 2050 Fund	Lincoln Stock Fund	Stable Value Fund	Loan	Total
pre-tax contribution	\$1,166.67	\$583.33	\$291.67	\$1,458.33	\$3,500
matured company contribution	\$2,333.33	\$1,750.00	\$875.00	\$3,541.67	\$8,500
Total	\$3,500.00	\$2,333.33	\$1,166.67	\$5,000	\$12,000

Who Qualifies for a Plan Loan

You will qualify for a Plan loan only if:

- you are an active Lincoln employee (or on an approved leave of absence);
- you have no more than **1** other outstanding Plan loan;
- you have a vested Plan account balance of at least \$1,000 (after any other Plan loan amounts are subtracted); and
- you have no unsatisfied defaulted loans from any Lincoln sponsored plan.

See the section entitled **Default** on page 7 for information on how and when Plan loans go into default.

How Much You Can Borrow

Number of Loans

You can have no more than **2** outstanding Plan loans at any given time.

Size of Loan

The minimum loan amount is \$500.

The maximum total outstanding loan amount you may have at any time from all Lincoln sponsored tax-qualified plans is the lesser of:

- \$50,000 or
- 50% of your vested account balance.

Your maximum loan amount may be affected by your account investments and your Plan loan history.

- Federal law requires the Plan to apply the loan limits on the day your loan is granted, and 50% of your account value can be lower on the date your loan is granted than on the day of your loan request.
- If you had any outstanding loan balances from any Lincoln tax-qualified retirement plans during the 12-month period ending on the day before the date of your new loan, the \$50,000 limit will be reduced by the excess of the highest total outstanding loan balance you had during that 12-month period over any outstanding loan balance on the effective date of the new loan.

Here is an example of how an outstanding loan balance will reduce the maximum loan amount for vested account balances of \$100,000 or less:

Jane's vested account balance is \$60,500, but \$10,500 of that is the unpaid balance on an \$11,500 loan she took the previous January 1. On July 1, she applies for another loan.

Here's the calculation for the maximum amount available for Jane's second loan:

Available vested account balance on July 1	\$50,000
Plus, the current outstanding loan balance	+10,500
Total vested account balance	\$60,500
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50% of vested account balance	\$30,250
Less the highest outstanding loan balance in the last 12 months	-11,500
Amount available for second loan	\$18,750

Here is an example of how an outstanding loan balance will reduce the maximum loan amount for vested account balances exceeding \$100,000:

On July 1, Susan's vested account balance is \$200,000, but \$19,000 of that is the unpaid balance on a \$50,000 loan she took three years earlier. The highest balance of the loan over the last 12-month period was \$27,000.

Here's the calculation for the maximum amount available for Susan's second loan:

Total maximum legally permitted loan amount	\$50,000
Less excess of highest 12-month balance over current	
Outstanding loan balance (\$27,000-\$19,000=\$8,000)	- 8,000
Adjusted maximum loan amount	\$42,000
Less current outstanding loan balance	-19,000
Amount available for second loan	\$23,000

Loan Interest Rates

You have to pay interest on your Plan loans. You pay interest to yourself because it is added to your Plan account as investment earnings. Your loan's interest rate is the Plan loan rate in effect when your loan is approved and processed.

Plan loan interest rates:

- are set on the first day of the calendar quarter;
- will apply to any loan processed during that quarter; and
- once set, will not change while the loan is outstanding.

The annual interest rate for a Plan loan is bank prime rate (as published in a Federal Reserve statistical release) increased by 1%.

You can find out the interest rate that applies to your loan when you request a loan by logging on to LincolnFinancial.com or by calling the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

The Term of Your Loan

A loan's "term" is the repayment period. The term of a Plan loan can be from 1 to 60 months (1-240 months if a loan is used to purchase your principal residence). If you want a loan for longer than 60 months, you must supply evidence satisfactory to the Plan Administrator (such as a copy of an Agreement of Sale) that you will use the loan to buy or construct your principal residence.

How Repayments Are Credited

Loan repayments include both principal (partial return of the borrowed money) and interest.

- Loan payments are credited to your Plan account on a pro-rated basis across all the types of contributions from which the money was taken from your account when you took out the loan. See the section above entitled **How Loans Affect Your Plan Account** for more information. How repayments are credited is important; it may affect the amount of money in your account available for withdrawals.
- Interest payments are treated as investment earnings in your account. Interest will be taxable to you when you receive it as a Plan payment. Interest you pay on loans of your tax deferred contributions is subject to the same withdrawal restrictions that apply to investment results on tax deferred contributions.
- Repayments are deposited into Plan investment funds according to the investment elections you have in effect at the time of the repayment, regardless of what investment funds were the source of the loan.

How to Apply for a Plan Loan

To request a loan, log on to LincolnFinancial.com. On the home page, click on "Retirement>Account>Loan Information>New Loan Request." You can also call the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 to request a loan.

To apply for a loan, start your application online or by phone. Based on the information you provide, a loan application form will be provided to you electronically. Review, complete, sign and return the loan application form based on the instructions printed on the form by the date indicated. If the requested loan term is for 1 to 240 months, you will need to include with the form any necessary supporting documents to prove that your loan is to buy or construct your principal residence.

The computer-generated loan application form will include:

- your name, address and other basic information;
- the amount and term of your loan;
- the deadline for returning your completed loan application form;
- a place to indicate whether the loan is to purchase or construct your principal residence;

- the repayment installment amount and frequency of repayments;
- certain required disclosures about the financing costs of the loan;
- a Promissory Note (described below); and
- the fax number and mailing address you use to submit your completed application. You should read the entire form and make sure it contains the loan amount and loan term you want before you sign it. If your properly completed loan application and supporting documents are not received by the deadline shown on the application, your application will be voided and you will need to re-start the loan application process.

The Loan Approval Process

The Plan Administrator has arranged for Lincoln Retirement Services Company (“LRSC”), the Plan’s recordkeeper, to review loan applications, determine whether your application is on time and whether you are eligible for the loan you have requested, and to approve the loan if everything is in order.

Part of the loan approval process is to check whether your loan is within the Plan’s loan limits (see the section **How Much You Can You Borrow** above). If the value of your Plan account drops after you request a loan so that the amount you requested exceeds the limits, LRSC will contact you about your options.

If your loan is approved, your loan amount will be sent to you via direct deposit provided you supply your bank information.

The Plan charges a fee of \$50 to process any loan. This charge is deducted from your loan proceeds when your loan is processed. The fee of \$50 will apply to each loan you take from the Plan.

Upon receipt of your signed loan application and supporting documents (if the loan request is to buy or construct your principal residence), LRSC will review your application, and if it meets the Plan’s requirements, will approve the loan and deposit the loan proceeds into your bank account through the use of an Automated Clearing House (“ACH”).

The Promissory Note

Your loan agreement will include a Promissory Note. When you sign and return your loan application to LRSC, you are agreeing to the terms of the loan agreement and Promissory Note.

The Promissory Note:

- is your promise to the Plan to repay the loan;
- authorizes deductions of after-tax loan repayments from your paycheck;
- gives the Plan the right to deduct money from your Plan account if you default; and
- spells out the term of the loan, the interest rate, the total amount payable, and the frequency and amount of each repayment installment.

Repayment

Repayment of your loan will be on an after-tax basis through biweekly payroll deductions.

If you **terminate employment** with an outstanding loan balance and leave your account balance in the Plan, you may continue repaying your loan through the use of an ACH until your loan is paid in full. Please contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 to provide your banking information and to authorize the ACH payments from your bank account.

Prepayment

There is no penalty for early payoff. If you wish to pay off your loan balance early, you will be required to pay it back with a cashier's check or money order. Please contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 to obtain your payoff amount and mailing instructions.

Default

You will default on a Plan loan as soon as any repayment is 90 days overdue. If you default, the Plan must treat the entire outstanding loan balance as a payment to you – a “deemed distribution.” The taxable amount of the deemed distribution must be reported to the IRS as income in the year of the default. You will owe taxes (and perhaps a 10% early distribution penalty tax) on the taxable portion of the deemed distribution.

As soon as the law permits, your loan account will be reduced to zero and your Plan account balance will be reduced by the amount of your defaulted loan. If your Plan loan money came from any **pre-tax contributions**, the actual account reduction is delayed until a distribution is processed from the Plan. Even though your loan account may show a balance, it is only a technical accounting entry. It represents money you borrowed and failed to repay.

If a deemed distribution occurs when you make a Plan withdrawal or receive a regular distribution, the federally required 20% withholding will be based on the deemed distribution plus the amount you actually receive. Otherwise, no withholding is required in case of a deemed distribution.

A default is automatic. You may not receive advance notice that you are in danger of defaulting when a repayment is overdue. You can avoid default only by paying all overdue amounts before the 90th day after the original due date of the missed payment.

Events That Affect Plan Loans

Leave of Absence

If you have an outstanding Plan loan when you go on a paid leave of absence, loan repayments will continue. If your rate of pay during the paid leave of absence is less than the loan repayment amount, you may suspend loan repayments for up to 12 months. Please contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 for details.

If you have an outstanding Plan loan when you go on an unpaid leave of absence and you are repaying the loan through bi-weekly pay deductions, you may continue repaying your loan through the use of an ACH. You should contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 to set up such arrangements.

Payroll deductions will resume when you return to work.

Regardless of whether loan repayments are suspended, the entire balance of the loan must be paid within 60 months (unless it is a principal residence loan). To the extent the loan balance has increased (due to the accumulation of additional interest while repayments are suspended), you can elect to increase the amount of loan repayments or pay the remaining balance with the last regularly scheduled payment. Please contact the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 for details.

Military Leave of Absence

If you go on a military leave of absence on account of qualified military service, you will have the option to suspend your monthly loan repayments. During a loan repayment suspension period, the applicable interest accrued will not exceed six percent (6%) per year provided you provide written notice and a copy of your call-up or extension orders to the Lincoln Customer Contact Center within 180 days following the end of your military leave of absence. When you return to work, your loan may be re-amortized (that is, the repayments will be recalculated to factor in the accrued interest) and the term of your loan will be extended by the period of your qualified military service, you can make up the missed payments in a lump sum or during the remainder of the loan. Call the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 for more information. Your loan repayments will begin within two pay periods after you return to work or as soon as administratively practical.

Death

If you die with an unpaid loan balance:

- no further loan repayments will be accepted from your beneficiary or estate;
- the unpaid loan balance, including any accrued but unpaid interest, will be treated as a loan offset and will be deducted from your vested account balance;
- following application of the loan offset, any remaining vested account balance will be distributed to your beneficiary in accordance with the Plan's distribution provisions (refer to the Plan's Summary Plan Description);
- the amount of the loan offset will be reported to the IRS as taxable income to your beneficiary for the taxable year in which the offset occurs; and
- the amount distributed to your beneficiary will not include the unpaid loan balance.

Retirement or Termination of Employment (Account Balance More than \$1,000)

If your vested account balance plus your outstanding loan balance exceeds \$1,000 when you **terminate employment** with an unpaid loan balance, you will have 3 options for handling the unpaid loan:

1. leave your account balance in the Plan and continue repaying your outstanding loan balance in monthly installments via ACH until the loan is paid in full
 - to avoid default and arrange for continued loan payments, you must call the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 to provide your banking information and authorize the ACH payments from your bank account;
2. repay the outstanding loan balance in full;
 - to pay off the loan to avoid default, you must call the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 800-234-3500 and arrange to repay the entire outstanding loan balance; or
3. accept the default
 - to default on the loan, simply ignore the options outlined above; the unpaid loan balance will be treated as a taxable distribution to you.

If you close your Plan account, or withdraw all available money **after you terminate employment**, you cannot repay the outstanding loan balance. Any unpaid loan balance will automatically be treated as in default and as a deemed distribution to you in the year you receive your remaining Plan money.

Retirement or Termination of Employment (Account Balance \$1,000 or Less)

If your vested account balance plus your outstanding loan balance is \$1,000 or less when you **terminate employment** with an unpaid loan balance, your Plan account will be closed automatically (the “account closing rule”). Your unpaid loan amount is added to the actual money in your account to determine whether your vested account balance is \$1,000 or less.

If you are subject to the account closing rule, you will not have the option to continue to repay the loan through monthly installments. You can repay the loan in full (to be able to include that amount in a rollover) or accept a loan default.

Glossary

after-tax contributions

Amounts deducted from compensation after withholding has been calculated for federal and most state and local taxes; contributed to the Plan before January 1, 1989.

after-tax rollover contributions

After-tax contributions transferred from another qualified plan into this Plan as a direct rollover.

company

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company contributions	Amounts the company contributes to your account such as a safe harbor matching contribution, a core contribution, a discretionary matching contribution (pre-2008) and a transition contribution (pre-2018).
in-plan Roth conversion	Amounts moved from your pre-tax contribution account into a Roth after-tax account under this Plan.
matured company contributions	The portion of the company contribution account that has been credited to your account for at least 2 years.
non-matured company contributions	The portion of the company contribution account that has been credited to your account for less than 2 years.
pre-tax contributions	Amounts deducted from your compensation under Internal Revenue Code section 401(k) that are taken from your pay before withholding is calculated for federal and most state and local taxes.
rollover contributions	Amounts transferred from another qualified plan or from a traditional or conduit individual retirement account.
Roth 401(k) contributions	A form of after-tax contributions that are deducted from your pay after withholding is calculated for federal and most state and local taxes. Roth 401(k) contributions are subject to special rules related to Plan loans, withdrawals, and taxes upon distribution.
Roth 401(k) rollover contributions	Roth 401(k) contributions transferred from another qualified plan into this Plan as a direct rollover.
terminate employment	The date you end your employment relationship with the company and all affiliates.