

Internal Revenue Service, Treasury

§ 1.801-7

Example. The books of Y, an insurance company, selling life insurance, noncancellable health and accident insurance, and cancellable accident and health insurance, reflect (after adjustment under sections 806(a) and 801(d)) the following facts for the taxable year 1958:

	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Mean of year
1. Life insurance reserves	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$4,000
2. Unearned premiums, and unpaid losses (whether or not ascertained), on noncancellable accident and health insurance not included in life insurance reserves	400	600	500
3. Unearned premiums, and unpaid losses (whether or not ascertained), on cancellable accident and health insurance	1,800	2,200	2,000
4. All other insurance reserves required by law	900	1,100	1,000
5. Total reserves	7,500

The rules provided by section 801 require that the sum of the mean of the year figures in items 1 and 2 comprise more than 50 percent of the mean of the year figure in item 5 for an insurance company to qualify as a life insurance company. Thus, Y would qualify as a life insurance company for the taxable year 1958 as the sum of the mean of the year figures in items 1 and 2 (\$4,500) comprise 60 percent of the mean of the year figure in item 5 (\$7,500).

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§ 1.801-6 Adjustments in reserves for policy loans.

(a) *In general.* Section 801(d) provides that for purposes only of determining whether or not an insurance company is a life insurance company (as defined in section 801(a) and paragraph (b) of § 1.801-3), the life insurance reserves (as defined in section 801(b) and § 1.801-4), and the total reserves (as defined in section 801(c) and paragraph (a) of § 1.801-5), shall each be reduced by an amount equal to the mean of the aggregates, at the beginning and end of the taxable year, of the policy loans outstanding with respect to contracts for which life insurance reserves are maintained. Such reduction shall be made after any adjustments required under section 806(a) and § 1.806-3 have been made.

(b) *Policy loans defined.* The term *policy loans* includes loans made by the insurance company, by whatever name

called, for which the reserve on a contract is the collateral.

(c) *Illustration of principles.* The provisions of section 801(d) and this section may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. The books of T, an insurance company, selling only life insurance and cancellable accident and health insurance, reflect (after adjustment under section 806 (a)) the following facts for the taxable year 1958:

	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Mean of year
1. Life insurance reserves	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,500
2. Policy loans	50	850	450
3. Life insurance reserves less policy loans	1,050
4. Unearned premiums, and unpaid losses (whether or not ascertained), on cancellable accident and health insurance	900	1,600	1,250
5. Total reserves adjusted for policy loans (item 3 plus item 4)	2,300

As the rules provided by section 801 (a) and (d) require that the figure in item 3 (\$1,050) be more than 50 percent of the mean of the year figure in item 5 (\$2,300) for an insurance company to qualify as a life insurance company, T would not qualify as a life insurance company for the taxable year 1958.

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§ 1.801-7 Variable annuities.

(a) *In general.* (1) Section 801(g)(1) provides that for purposes of part I, subchapter L, chapter 1 of the Code, an annuity contract includes a contract which provides for the payment of a variable annuity computed on the basis of recognized mortality tables and the investment experience of the company issuing such a contract. A variable annuity differs from the ordinary or fixed dollar annuity in that the annuity benefits payable under a variable annuity contract vary with the insurance company's investment experience with respect to such contracts while the annuity benefits paid under a fixed dollar annuity contract are guaranteed irrespective of the company's actual investment earnings.

(2) The reserves held with respect to the annuity contracts described in section 801(g)(1) and subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall qualify as life insurance reserves within the meaning of