

SUBTITLE F. PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATION
CHAPTER 79. DEFINITIONS

IRC Sec. 7702

Sec. 7702. Life insurance contract defined.

(a) General rule. For purposes of this title, the term "life insurance contract" means any contract which is a life insurance contract under the applicable law, but only if such contract--

- (1) meets the cash value accumulation test of subsection (b), or
- (2) (A) meets the guideline premium requirements of subsection (c), and
(B) falls within the cash value corridor of subsection (d).

(j) Certain church self-funded death benefit plans treated as life insurance.

(1) In general. In determining whether any plan or arrangement described in paragraph (2) is a life insurance contract, the requirement of subsection (a) that the contract be a life insurance contract under applicable law shall not apply.

(2) Description. For purposes of this subsection, a plan or arrangement is described in this paragraph if--

(A) such plan or arrangement provides for the payment of benefits by reason of the death of the individuals covered under such plan or arrangement, and

(B) such plan or arrangement is provided by a church for the benefit of its employees and their beneficiaries, directly or through an organization described in section 414(e)(3)(A) [[26 USCS § 414\(e\)\(3\)\(A\)](#)] or an organization described in section 414(e)(3)(B)(ii) [[26 USCS § 414\(e\)\(3\)\(B\)\(ii\)](#)].

(3) Definitions. For purposes of this subsection--

(A) Church. The term "church" means a church or a convention or association of churches.

(B) Employee. The term "employee" includes an employee described in section 414(e)(3)(B) [[26 USCS § 414\(e\)\(3\)\(B\)](#)].