## VM-22 Appendices

The purpose of the VM-22 Appendices is to demonstrate how VM-22 quarterly and daily Statutory maximum valuation interest rates are calculated. The Appendices show the steps required to calculate the quarterly rates for non-jumbo contracts with premium determination dates of $1 / 1 / 18$ through $3 / 31 / 18$, and daily rates for a jumbo contract with a premium determination date of 1/11/18.

Appendices 1 through 5 show how to determine the inputs required for the valuation interest rate calculation. Appendix 6 then shows the calculation of the Statutory maximum valuation interest rates, using the inputs from Appendices 1 through 5.

Appendix 7 provides details on the timing and data sources used in the calculation of quarterly valuation interest rates.

## Appendix 1: Determination of Weights

## Section 1: Sample Calculation of Table 1 Weights for Valuation Rate Bucket B

The example below shows the calculation of 2018 Table 1 weights for valuation rate bucket $B$, following the steps in VM-22, Section 3.I. Table 1 weights for the other valuation rate buckets follow the same process.

1. Determine the products defined in VM- 22 for the valuation rate bucket. Bucket B products are defined in VM-22, Section 3.I as follows:

Bucket B:
i. Single Life Annuity age 80 and 85 with 0,5 , and 10 -year certain periods
ii. 10-year certain only
2. Annual cash flows are projected assuming annuity payments are made at the end of each year. These cash flows are averaged for each valuation rate bucket across the annuity forms for that bucket using the statutory valuation mortality table in effect for the following calendar year for individual annuities for males, ANB.

The following cash flows are based on a $\$ 5,000$ payment and 2012 IAR Mortality Table Male for a person age x in year 2018.

Note: Color bars show time period groups used in subsequent steps.

Valuation Rate Bucket B Annuity Calculation

| Bucket B Calculation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Iss Age | Att Age | SLA | SL w 5 yr certain | SL w 10 yr certain | Iss Age | Att Age | SLA | SL w 5 yr certain | SL w 10 yr certain | 10 -Year Certain | Average |
| 80 | 80 | 4,848.24 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 85 | 85 | 4,719.94 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 4938.31 |
| 80 | 81 | 4,683.37 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 85 | 86 | 4,422.93 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 4872.33 |
| 80 | 82 | 4,505.11 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 85 | 87 | 4,108.84 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 4801.99 |
| 80 | 83 | 4,315.13 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 85 | 88 | 3,781.62 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 4728.11 |
| 80 | 84 | 4,111.55 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 85 | 89 | 3,440.90 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 4650.35 |
| 80 | 85 | 3,893.64 | 3,893.64 | 5,000.00 | 85 | 90 | 3,090.57 | 3,090.57 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 4138.35 |
| 80 | 86 | 3,660.64 | 3,660.64 | 5,000.00 | 85 | 91 | 2,740.82 | 2,740.82 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 3971.85 |
| 80 | 87 | 3,412.17 | 3,412.17 | 5,000.00 | 85 | 92 | 2,393.16 | 2,393.16 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 3801.52 |
| 80 | 88 | 3,152.44 | 3,152.44 | 5,000.00 | 85 | 93 | 2,053.67 | 2,053.67 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 3630.32 |
| 80 | 89 | 2,879.59 | 2,879.59 | 5,000.00 | 85 | 94 | 1,733.27 | 1,733.27 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 3460.82 |
| 80 | 90 | 2,596.53 | 2,596.53 | 2,596.53 | 85 | 95 | 1,432.11 | 1,432.11 | 1,432.11 | - | 1726.56 |
| 80 | 91 | 2,312.83 | 2,312.83 | 2,312.83 | 85 | 96 | 1,168.14 | 1,168.14 | 1,168.14 | - | 1491.84 |
| 80 | 92 | 2,028.16 | 2,028.16 | 2,028.16 | 85 | 97 | 930.49 | 930.49 | 930.49 | - | 1267.99 |
| 80 | 93 | 1,747.57 | 1,747.57 | 1,747.57 | 85 | 98 | 726.15 | 726.15 | 726.15 | - | 1060.16 |
| 80 | 94 | 1,481.67 | 1,481.67 | 1,481.67 | 85 | 99 | 551.46 | 551.46 | 551.46 | - | 871.34 |
| 80 | 95 | 1,229.34 | 1,229.34 | 1,229.34 | 85 | 100 | 409.43 | 409.43 | 409.43 | - | 702.33 |
| 80 | 96 | 1,007.24 | 1,007.24 | 1,007.24 | 85 | 101 | 295.81 | 295.81 | 295.81 | - | 558.45 |
| 80 | 97 | 805.37 | 805.37 | 805.37 | 85 | 102 | 205.66 | 205.66 | 205.66 | - | 433.30 |
| 80 | 98 | 631.15 | 631.15 | 631.15 | 85 | 103 | 138.61 | 138.61 | 138.61 | - | 329.89 |
| 80 | 99 | 480.82 | 480.82 | 480.82 | 85 | 104 | 89.23 | 89.23 | 89.23 | - | 244.31 |
| 80 | 100 | 358.22 | 358.22 | 358.22 | 85 | 105 | 55.32 | 55.32 | 55.32 | - | 177.23 |
| 80 | 101 | 259.80 | 259.80 | 259.80 | 85 | 106 | 33.19 | 33.19 | 33.19 | - | 125.57 |
| 80 | 102 | 181.02 | 181.02 | 181.02 | 85 | 107 | 19.92 | 19.92 | 19.92 | - | 86.12 |
| 80 | 103 | 122.29 | 122.29 | 122.29 | 85 | 108 | 11.95 | 11.95 | 11.95 | - | 57.53 |
| 80 | 104 | 78.73 | 78.73 | 78.73 | 85 | 109 | 7.17 | 7.17 | 7.17 | - | 36.82 |
| 80 | 105 | 48.81 | 48.81 | 48.81 | 85 | 110 | 4.30 | 4.30 | 4.30 | - | 22.76 |
| 80 | 106 | 29.29 | 29.29 | 29.29 | 85 | 111 | 2.58 | 2.58 | 2.58 | - | 13.66 |
| 80 | 107 | 17.57 | 17.57 | 17.57 | 85 | 112 | 1.55 | 1.55 | 1.55 | - | 8.20 |
| 80 | 108 | 10.54 | 10.54 | 10.54 | 85 | 113 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.93 | - | 4.92 |
| 80 | 109 | 6.33 | 6.33 | 6.33 | 85 | 114 | 0.56 | 0.56 | 0.56 | - | 2.95 |
| 80 | 110 | 3.80 | 3.80 | 3.80 | 85 | 115 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.33 | - | 1.77 |
| 80 | 111 | 2.28 | 2.28 | 2.28 | 85 | 116 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 | - | 1.06 |
| 80 | 112 | 1.37 | 1.37 | 1.37 | 85 | 117 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 | - | 0.64 |
| 80 | 113 | 0.82 | 0.82 | 0.82 | 85 | 118 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.07 | - | 0.38 |
| 80 | 114 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 85 | 119 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.04 | - | 0.23 |
| 80 | 115 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 85 | 120 | - | - | - | - | 0.13 |
| 80 | 116 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 |  |  | - | - | - | - | 0.08 |
| 80 | 117 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.11 |  |  | - | - | - | - | 0.05 |
| 80 | 118 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 |  |  | - | - | - | - | 0.03 |
| 80 | 119 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.04 |  |  | - | - | - | - | 0.02 |
| 80 | 120 | - | - | - |  |  | - | - | - | - | 0.00 |

3. The average of the daily rates in the third quarter (the Quarterly Treasury Rates) for the $2-\mathrm{yr}, 5-\mathrm{yr}, 10-\mathrm{yr}$ and 30-yr US Treasuries are downloaded from https://fred.stlouisfed.org as input to calculate the present values in Step 4.

Q3, 2017 Average Treasury (\%)

| 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 30 Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1.36 | 1.81 | 2.24 | 2.82 |

4. The average cash flows are summed into four time period groups: years 1-3, years 4-7, years 8-15 and years 16-30. (Note: the present value of cash flows beyond year 30 are discounted to the end of year 30 and included in the years 16-30 bucket. This present value is based on the lower of 3\% and the 30-year Treasury rate input in Step 3.)

Sum of Average Cash Flows

| Duration | Sum of Average Cash Flows |
| :---: | :---: |
| $1-3$ | Sum of Rows $1-3$ from Table 1-5 $=14,612.63$ |
| $4-7$ | Sum of Rows $4-7$ from Table $1-5=17,488.65$ |
| $8-15$ | Sum of Rows $8-15$ from Table $1-5=17,310.56$ |
| $16-30$ | Sum of Rows $16-30$ from Table $1-5=2,804.03$ |
| 31 | Set Present Value of Rows 31+ using Interest Rate of $2.82 \%=4.09$ |

5. The present value of each summed cash flow group in Step 4 is then calculated by using the Step 3 US Treasury rates for the mid-point of that group (and using the linearly interpolated US Treasury rate when necessary).

Interpolated Average Treasury Rates

| Time Period Group | $1-3$ | $4-7$ | $8-15$ | $16-30,31+$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mid-Point of Group | 2 | 5.5 | 11.5 | 23 |
|  | 1.36 | 1.85 | 2.28 | 2.62 |
| Mid-Point Treasury Rates |  |  |  |  |

Present Value of Sums of Cash Flows

| Duration | PV Sum of C ash Flows |
| :---: | ---: |
| $1-3$ | $14,612.63 /(1+.0136)^{\wedge} 2=14,223.13$ |
| $4-7$ | $17,488.65 /(1+.0185)^{\wedge} 5.5=15,808.85$ |
| $8-15$ | $17,310.56 /(1+.0228)^{\wedge} 11.5=13,352.02$ |
| $16-30,31+$ | $(2,804.03+4.09) /(1+.0262)^{\wedge} 23=1,550.14$ |

6. The duration-weighted present value of the cash flows is determined by multiplying the present value of the cash flow groups by the midpoint of the time period for each applicable group.

Present Value of Cash Flows Multiplied by Duration

| Duration | PV Sum of Cash Flows * Mid-Point Duration |
| :---: | ---: |
| $1-3$ | $14,223.13 * 2=28,446.26$ |
| $4-7$ | $15,808.85 * 5.5=86,948.67$ |
| $8-15$ | $13,352.02 * 11.5=153,548.22$ |
| $16-30,31+$ | $1,550.14 * 23=35,653.29$ |
| Total | $304,596.45$ |

7. Weights for each cash flow time period group within a valuation rate bucket are calculated by dividing the duration-weighted present value of the cash flow by the sum of the duration-weighted present value of cash flow for each valuation rate bucket.

## Calculation of Table 1 Weights for Valuation Rate Bucket B

| Duration | Table 1 Weights By Duration |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2 | $28,446.26 / 304,596.45=0.0933900033$ |
| 5 | $86,948.67 / 304,596.45=0.2854553068$ |
| 10 | $153,548.22 / 304,596.45=0.5041037874$ |
| 30 | $35,653.29 / 304,596.45=0.1170509025$ |

## Section 2: Determination of Weight Tables 2 through 4

The completed Weights Table 1 is shown below, calculated using the process described in Section 1 for valuation rate buckets A through D.

| Weights Table 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| Bucket | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 30 Year |  |
| A | $26.19582562 \%$ | $50.86877631 \%$ | $21.89565925 \%$ | $1.03973882 \%$ |  |
| B | $9.33900033 \%$ | $28.54553068 \%$ | $50.41037874 \%$ | $11.70509025 \%$ |  |
| C | $4.42359018 \%$ | $14.74706367 \%$ | $47.59367021 \%$ | $33.23567594 \%$ |  |
| D | $2.23031779 \%$ | $7.52527717 \%$ | $26.26320289 \%$ | $63.98120215 \%$ |  |

1. Table 2 is identical to Table 1

| Weights Table 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Bucket | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 30 Year |  |
| A | $26.19582562 \%$ | $50.86877631 \%$ | $21.89565925 \%$ | $1.03973882 \%$ |  |
| B | $9.33900033 \%$ | $28.54553068 \%$ | $50.41037874 \%$ | $11.70509025 \%$ |  |
| C | $4.42359018 \%$ | $14.74706367 \%$ | $47.59367021 \%$ | $33.23567594 \%$ |  |
| D | $2.23031779 \%$ | $7.52527717 \%$ | $26.26320289 \%$ | $63.98120215 \%$ |  |

2. Table 3 is based on the same set of underlying weights as Table 1, but the 10 year and 30 year columns are combined since VM-20 default rates are only published for maturities of up to 10 years.

| Weights Table 3 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bucket | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year |  |
| A | $26.19582562 \%$ | $50.86877631 \%$ | $22.93539807 \%$ |  |
| B | $9.33900033 \%$ | $28.54553068 \%$ | $62.11546899 \%$ |  |
| C | $4.42359018 \%$ | $14.74706367 \%$ | $80.82934615 \%$ |  |
| D | $2.23031779 \%$ | $7.52527717 \%$ | $90.24440504 \%$ |  |

3. Table 4 is derived from Table 1 as follows:
a. Column 1 of Table 4 is identical to column 1 of Table 1.
b. Column 2 of Table 4 is $50 \%$ of column 2 of Table 1.
c. Column 3 of Table 4 is identical to column 2 of Table 4.
d. Column 4 of Table 4 is $50 \%$ of column 3 of Table 1.
e. Column 5 of Table 4 is identical to column 4 of Table 4.
f. Column 6 of Table 4 is identical to column 4 of Table 1.

| Weights Table 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bucket | 1Y-3Y | 3Y-5Y | 5Y-7Y | 7Y-10Y | 10Y-15Y | +15Y |
| A | 26.19582562\% | 25.43438815\% | 25.43438815\% | 10.94782963\% | 10.94782963\% | 1.03973882\% |
| B | 9.33900033\% | 14.27276534\% | 14.27276534\% | 25.20518937\% | 25.20518937\% | 11.70509025\% |
| C | 4.42359018\% | 7.37353184\% | 7.37353184\% | 23.79683510\% | 23.79683510\% | 33.23567594\% |
| D | 2.23031779\% | 3.76263858\% | 3.76263858\% | 13.13160144\% | 13.13160144\% | 63.98120217\% |

4. In every table, the weights in a given row (valuation rate bucket) must add to exactly $100 \%$.

## Appendix 2: Determination of Default Costs

1. From the NAIC website, download the VM-20 prescribed annual default cost table (Table A) in effect for the prior quarter.

In our example, for a non-jumbo contract with a premium determination date in Q1, 2018, the appropriate Table A to use is the one in effect for Q4, 2017. This is the 2016 Table A (the 2017 Table A will be published during Q2, 2018).
2. For WALs 2,5 and 10 years only, select the VM-20 Table A prescribed annual default costs for PBR Credit Ratings 1 through 10.

The default costs to use are shown in the table below.
3. For WALs 2, 5 and 10 years only, calculate the expected default cost, which is a weighted average of the Table A prescribed annual default costs, using the following prescribed portfolio credit quality distribution as weights:

- 5\% Treasuries
- 15\% Aa bonds (5\% PBR2, 5\% PBR3, 5\% PBR4)
- $40 \%$ A bonds (13.33\% PBR5, 13.33\% PBR6, 13.33\% PBR7)
- $40 \%$ Baa bonds (13.33\% PBR8, 13.33\% PBR9, 13.33\% PBR10)

Calculation of Expected Default Costs by WAL (using 2016 Table A)

| WAL <br> (Weighted Average Life) | Investment Grade PBR Credit Rating |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Expected Default Cost |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |  |
|  | Aaa/AAA | Aa1/AA+ | Aa2/AA | Aa3/AA- | A1/A+ | A2/A | A3/A- | Baa1/BBB+ | Baa2/BBB | Baa3/BBB- |  |
| Portfolio Credit Quality Dist | 0.00\% | 5.00\% | 5.00\% | 5.00\% | 13.33\% | 13.33\% | 13.33\% | 13.33\% | 13.33\% | 13.33\% |  |
| 2 | 0.02 | 0.32 | 0.84 | 2.01 | 3.91 | 7.40 | 9.96 | 18.61 | 32.46 | 75.42 | 19.86 |
| 5 | 0.09 | 0.97 | 2.13 | 4.45 | 8.19 | 14.69 | 18.71 | 28.28 | 42.35 | 85.89 | 26.79 |
| 10 | 0.15 | 1.49 | 2.98 | 5.97 | 10.48 | 18.08 | 23.09 | 33.63 | 48.84 | 88.11 | 30.15 |

4. Calculate the default cost for each valuation rate bucket, which is a weighted average of the expected default costs for WALs 2, 5, and 10, using Table 3 for the current calendar year as weights.

Calculation of VM-22 Default Costs by Valuation Bucket

|  | Table 3 Weights |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Val Rate Bucket | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | Default Cost |
| A | 0.261958 | 0.508688 | 0.229354 | 25.75 |
| B | 0.093390 | 0.285455 | 0.621155 | 28.23 |
| C | 0.044236 | 0.147471 | 0.808293 | 29.20 |
| D | 0.022303 | 0.075253 | 0.902444 | 29.67 |

Example - Bucket A: $19.86 \times 26.1958 \%+26.79 \times 50.8688 \%+30.15 \times 22.9354 \%=25.75$

## Appendix 3: Determination of Spreads

1. From the NAIC website, download the VM-22 prescribed spread table (Table X) for the prior quarter.

In our example, for a non-jumbo contract with a premium determination date in Q1, 2018, the appropriate Table $X$ to use is the Q4, 2017 table.
2. For WALs 2, 5, 10 and 30 years only, select the VM-22 quarterly average Table $X$ prescribed spreads for PBR Credit Ratings 1 through 10.

The applicable rows from the Q4, 2017 Table $X$ are shown in the table below.
3. Calculate Expected Spreads by WAL. For WALs $2,5,10$ and 30 years only, calculate the expected spread, which is a weighted average of the Table $X$ spreads, using the following prescribed portfolio credit quality distribution as weights:

- 5\% Treasuries
- 15\% Aa bonds (5\% PBR2, 5\% PBR3, 5\% PBR4)
- 40\% A bonds (13.33\% PBR5, 13.33\% PBR6, 13.33\% PBR7)
- $40 \%$ Baa bonds (13.33\% PBR8, 13.33\% PBR9, 13.33\% PBR10)


## Calculation of 2018 Q1 Expected Spreads by WAL (using 2017 Q4 Table X)

| WAL <br> (Weighted Average Life) | Investment Grade PBR Credit Rating |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Expected Spreads |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |  |
|  | Aaa/AAA | Aa1/AA+ | Aa2/AA | Aa3/AA- | A1/A+ | A2/A | A3/A- | Baa1/BBB+ | Baa2/BBB | Baa3/BBB- |  |
| Portfolio Credit Quality Dist | 0.00\% | 5.00\% | 5.00\% | 5.00\% | 13.33\% | 13.33\% | 13.33\% | 13.33\% | 13.33\% | 13.33\% |  |
| 2 | 20.75 | 28.58 | 36.40 | 40.31 | 44.22 | 48.13 | 56.03 | 63.94 | 71.85 | 122.03 | 59.42 |
| 5 | 33.82 | 39.26 | 44.71 | 51.48 | 58.25 | 65.02 | 78.99 | 92.97 | 106.94 | 139.57 | 79.00 |
| 10 | 50.90 | 58.79 | 66.68 | 74.67 | 82.66 | 90.65 | 106.95 | 123.26 | 139.56 | 155.88 | 103.20 |
| 30 | 88.60 | 97.79 | 106.99 | 115.09 | 123.19 | 131.29 | 157.60 | 183.92 | 210.23 | 191.22 | 148.99 |

4. Calculate the Spread for each valuation rate bucket, which is a weighted average of the Expected Spread for WALs 2, 5, 10, and 30 using Table 2 for the current calendar year as weights.

Calculation of Spreads by Valuation Rate Bucket

| Val Rate <br> Bucket | Table 2 Weights |  |  |  | Spread |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| A | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 30 Year |  |
|  | 0.26196 | 0.50869 | 0.21896 | 0.0104 | $79.90^{*}$ |
|  | 0.09339 | 0.28546 | 0.5041 | 0.11705 | 97.57 |
|  | 0.04424 | 0.14747 | 0.47594 | 0.33236 | 112.91 |
|  | 0.0223 | 0.07525 | 0.26263 | 0.63981 | 129.70 |

*Example - Bucket A: $(59.42 \times .26196)+(79.00 \times .50869)+(103.20 \times .21896)+(148.99 \times .0104)=79.90$

## Appendix 4: Determination of Reference Rates

1. Download the average of the daily rates for the prior quarter ( $\mathrm{Q} 4,2017$ ) for the $2-\mathrm{yr}, 5-\mathrm{yr}, 10-\mathrm{yr}$ and 30-yr US Treasuries from https://fred.stlouisfed.org

Average Quarterly US Treasury Rates

| Quarterly US Treasury Rates from Federal Reserve Economic Database (FRED) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Series Name | DGS2 | DGS5 | DGS10 | DGS30 |
| Constant Maturity | $2-Y r$ Treasury | $5-Y r$ Treasury | $10-Y r$ Treasury | $30-Y r$ Treasury |
| 2017 Q4 | 1.69 | 2.07 | 2.37 | 2.82 |

2. Using weight Table 1, calculate a reference rate for each valuation rate bucket.

Calculation of Q1, 2018 Reference Rates by Valuation Rate Bucket

|  | Table A1-1 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Val Rate Bucket | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 30 Year | Reference Rate |
| A | 26.20\% | 50.87\% | 21.90\% | 1.04\% | 2.04\% |
| B | 9.34\% | 28.55\% | 50.41\% | 11.71\% | 2.27\% |
| C | 4.42\% | 14.75\% | 47.59\% | 33.24\% | 2.45\% |
| D | 2.23\% | 7.53\% | 26.26\% | 63.98\% | 2.62\% |

Example - Bucket A: $(1.69 \times .262)+(2.07 \times .5087)+(2.37 \times .2190)+(2.82 \times .0104)=2.04$

## Appendix 5: Determination of Daily and Average Daily Corporate Rates

## Calculation of Daily Corporate Rates

The example below shows how the daily corporate rates would be calculated for a premium determination date of $1 / 11 / 18$.

1. Download the Bank of America Merrill Lynch U.S. corporate effective yields for each index series shown in the sample below from the St. Louis Federal Reserve website:
https://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/categories/32348. To access a specific series, search the St. Louis Fed website for the series name by inputting the name into the Search box in the upper right corner, or input the following web address: https://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/[replace with series name from Table A5-1 below].

Index Series Names

| Maturity | Series Name |
| :--- | :--- |
| $1 Y-3 Y$ | BAMLC1A0C13YEY |
| $3 Y-5 Y$ | BAMLC2A0C35YEY |
| $5 Y-7 Y$ | BAMLC3A0C57YEY |
| $7 Y-10 Y$ | BAMLC4A0C710YEY |
| $10 Y-15 Y$ | BAMLC7A0C1015YEY |
| $15 Y+$ | BAMLC8A0C15PYEY |

## Sample for Business Day 1/10/18, Downloaded on 1/11/18

| Index Series Name | BAMLC1A0C13YEY | BAMLC2A0C35YEY | BAMLC3A0C57YEY | BAMLC4A0C710YEY | BAMLC7A0C1015YEY | BAMLC8A0C15PYEY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maturity | $1 Y-3 Y$ | $3 Y-5 Y$ | $5 Y-7 Y$ | $7 Y-10 Y$ | $10 Y-15 Y$ |  |
| Rate | 2.45 | 2.88 | 3.26 | 3.55 | $15 Y+$ |  |

2. Calculate the daily corporate rate for each valuation rate bucket, which is a weighted average of the Bank of America Merrill Lynch U.S. corporate effective yields, using Table 4 for the current calendar year as weights.

Calculation of Daily Corporate Rates by Valuation Bucket for Business Day 1/10/18

| Bucket | Table A1-4: Weights for Daily Corporate Rates (Sample) |  |  |  |  |  | Daily <br> Corp Rate (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1Y-3Y | 3Y-5Y | 5Y-7Y | 7Y-10Y | 10Y - 15 Y | +15Y |  |
| A | 26.20\% | 25.43\% | 25.43\% | 10.95\% | 10.95\% | 1.04\% | 3.07* |
| B | 9.34\% | 14.27\% | 14.27\% | 25.21\% | 25.21\% | 11.71\% | 3.50 |
| C | 4.42\% | 7.37\% | 7.37\% | 23.80\% | 23.80\% | 33.24\% | 3.75 |
| D | 2.23\% | 3.76\% | 3.76\% | 13.13\% | 13.13\% | 63.98\% | 3.96 |

[^0]
## Calculation of Average Daily Corporate Rates

The example below shows how the average daily corporate rates would be calculated using data from 7/1/17 through 9/30/17. These would be used for premium determination dates from 1/1/18 through 3/31/18.

1. Download the quarterly average Bank of America Merrill Lynch U.S. corporate effective yields for each index series shown in the sample below from the St. Louis Federal Reserve website:
https://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/categories/32348. To access a specific series, search the St. Louis Fed website for the series name by inputting the name into the Search box in the upper right corner, or input the following web address:
https://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/[replace with series name from below].

Downloaded Average Daily Corporate Rates

| Index Series Name | BAMLC1AOC13YEY | BAMLC2AOC35YEY | BAMLC3AOC57YEY | BAMLC4AOC710YEY | BAMLC7AOC1015YEY | BAMLC8AOC15PYEY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maturity | $1 \mathrm{Y}-3 \mathrm{Y}$ | $3 \mathrm{Y}-5 \mathrm{Y}$ | $5 \mathrm{Y}-7 \mathrm{Y}$ | $7 \mathrm{Y}-10 \mathrm{Y}$ | $10 \mathrm{Y}-15 \mathrm{Y}$ | $15 \mathrm{Y}+$ |
| Rate | 1.99 | 2.48 | 2.97 | 3.40 | 3.98 | 4.27 |

2. Calculate the Average Daily Corporate Rate for each valuation rate bucket, which is a weighted average of the quarterly average Bank of America Merrill Lynch U.S. corporate effective yields, using Table 4 for the calendar year which corresponds to the period over which the Average Daily Corporate Rate is determined as weights.

Calculation of Average Daily Corporate Rates by Valuation Bucket (period 07/01/2017 thru 9/30/2017)

|  | Table A1-4: Weights for Daily Corporate Rates (Sample) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bucket | 1Y-3Y | 3Y-5Y | 5Y-7Y | 7Y-10Y | 10Y-15Y | +15Y | Avg. Corp Rate (\%) |
| A | 25.5\% | 25.4\% | 25.4\% | 11.3\% | 11.3\% | 1.1\% | 2.772* |
| B | 8.9\% | 13.9\% | 13.9\% | 25.4\% | 25.4\% | 12.4\% | 3.342 |
| C | 4.1\% | 7.0\% | 7.0\% | 23.6\% | 23.6\% | 34.6\% | 3.685 |
| D | 2.0\% | 3.5\% | 3.5\% | 12.7\% | 12.7\% | 65.6\% | 3.968 |

*Weighted Average of Bucket A: $(1.99 \times .255)+(2.48 \times .254)+(2.97 \times .254)+(3.40 \times .113)+(3.98 \times .113)+(4.27 \times .011)=$ 2.772

## Appendix 6: Calculation of Maximum Valuation Interest Rates

Section 1: Calculation of Statutory Maximum Quarterly Valuation Rate
The example below shows how the Statutory Maximum Valuation Interest Rates are calculated for premium determination dates from 1/1/18-3/31/18.

1. For each valuation rate bucket, calculate the Quarterly Valuation Rate as follows:
$I_{q}=R+S-D-E$
where:
a. $R$ is the reference rate for that valuation rate bucket (see Appendix 4);
b. $S$ is the spread for that valuation rate bucket (see Appendix 3);
c. D is the default cost for that valuation rate bucket (see Appendix 2); and
d. E is the spread deduction defined as $0.25 \%$.

For non-jumbo contracts, the statutory maximum valuation interest rate is the Quarterly Valuation Rate $\left(I_{q}\right)$ rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one percent ( $1 / 4$ of $1 \%$ ).

Sample Calculation for 1st Quarter 2018:
Calculation of Quarterly Statutory Maximum Valuation Interest Rate

|  | I ${ }_{\mathrm{q}}$ Rounded to .25\% | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{q}}=\mathrm{R}+\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{E}$ | R | S | D | E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bucket | Statutory Maximum Valuation Rate | Quarterly Valuation Rate | Reference Rate | Spread | Default Cost | Expense Provision |
| A | $2.25 \%$ | $2.34 \%$ | $2.04 \%$ | $0.80 \%$ | $0.26 \%$ |  |
| B | $2.75 \%$ | $2.72 \%$ | $2.27 \%$ | $0.25 \%$ |  |  |
| C | $3.00 \%$ | $3.03 \%$ | $2.45 \%$ | $0.28 \%$ | $0.25 \%$ |  |
| D | $3.25 \%$ | $3.37 \%$ | $2.62 \%$ | $0.13 \%$ | $0.29 \%$ | $0.25 \%$ |

## Section 2: Calculation of Statutory Maximum Daily Valuation Rates

$$
I_{d}=I_{q}+C_{d-1}-C_{q}
$$

where:
a. $I_{q}$ is the Quarterly Valuation Rate for the calendar quarter preceding the business day immediately preceding the given date;
b. $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{d}-1}$ is the Daily Corporate Rate (see Appendix 5) for the business day immediately preceding the given date; and
c. $\quad \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{q}}$ is the Average Daily Corporate Rate (see Appendix 5) corresponding to the same period for which $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{q}}$ is applicable.

For jumbo contracts, the statutory maximum valuation interest rate is the Daily Valuation Rate rounded to the nearest one-hundredth of one percent (1/100 of 1\%).

Example for the Daily Valuation Rate Calculation for a premium determination date of 01/11/2018:

$$
\begin{aligned}
I_{(01 / 11 / 2018)}= & I_{(4) \text { (based on data from 07/01/2017 thru } 09 / 30 / 2017)} \\
& +C_{(01 / 10 / 2018)} \\
& -C_{(4) \text { (based on data from 07/01/2017 t thr } 09 / 30 / 2017)}
\end{aligned}
$$

where:
a. $I_{(4)}$ is the Quarterly Valuation Rate for the calendar quarter preceding the business day (01/10/2018) immediately preceding the given date (01/11/2018);
b. $\mathrm{C}_{(01 / 10 / 18)}$ is the Daily Corporate Rate (see Appendix 5) for the business day (01/10/2018) immediately preceding the given date (01/11/2018); and
c. $C_{(4)}$ is the Average Daily Corporate Rate (see Appendix 5) corresponding to the period (07/01/2017-09/30/2017) used to develop $\mathrm{I}_{(4)}$.

Calculation of Daily Statutory Maximum Valuation Interest Rate

|  | $I_{d}$ rounded to $.01 \%$ | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{d}}=01 / 11 / 2018$ | $I_{\text {q }}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $C_{\text {d-1 }}=01 / 10 / 2018$ | $C_{q=4}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bucket | S tat Maximum Valuation R ate | $=\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{q}}+\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{d}-1}-\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{q}}$ |  |  |  |
| A | 2.50\% | 2.497\% | 2.195\% | 3.074\% | 2.772\% |
| B | 2.83\% | 2.832\% | 2.674\% | 3.500\% | 3.342\% |
| C | 3.14\% | 3.136\% | 3.067\% | 3.754\% | 3.685\% |
| D | 3.48\% | 3.477\% | 3.481\% | 3.964\% | 3.968\% |

Appendix 7: Summary of Timing and Data Sources for $q=N^{\text {th }}$ Quarter, Year 20XX

|  | $I_{q}=$ Quarterly Valuation Rate for $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{N}^{\text {th }}$ Quarter | Reference <br> Rate (R) <br> (2) | Spread (S) (3) | Default Cost (D) <br> (4) | Expense <br> Provision <br> (E) <br> (5) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Calculation Date | 3rd business day of the $\mathrm{N}^{\text {th }}$ quarter* | 3rd business day of the Nth quarter | 3rd business day of the Nth quarter* | $1^{\text {st }}$ business day of the Nth quarter | N/A |
| Publication <br> Date on NAIC <br> Website | 3rd business day of the $\mathrm{N}^{\text {th }}$ quarter* | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Data Sources | $R+S-D-E$ | 2, 5, 10, and 30 <br> Yr. US Treasury <br> Rates | VM-22 Table X Spreads | VM-20 Table A in effect on valuation date. <br> For Q1 and Q2, 20XX, use 20XX 2 Table A. For Q3 and Q4, 20XX, use 20XX - 1 Table A. <br> Example: For Q1 and Q2, 2018, use 2016 Table A. For Q3 and Q4, 2018, use 2017 Table A. | Determined <br> by VM-22 <br> Subgroup |
| Data Source Time Period | See columns 2-5 | Average over $\mathrm{N}-\mathbf{1}^{\text {th }}$ quarter | Average over $\mathbf{N}-\mathbf{1}^{\text {th }}$ quarter | 20XX Table $A$ is based on default cost data updated through 20XX - 1 | N/A |
| Data Source <br> Calculation <br> Date | See columns 2-5 | 3rd business day of $\mathbf{N}^{\text {th }}$ quarter | 3rd business day of $\mathbf{N}^{\text {th }}$ quarter* | VM-20 Table $A$ is updated annually during the $2^{\text {nd }}$ quarter | N/A. Held constant at 25 basis points |
| Data Source <br> Publication <br> Date on NAIC <br> Website | See columns 2-5 | N/A | Not currently published, but could be on the 3rd business day of $\mathbf{N}^{\text {th }}$ quarter | Annually during the $2^{\text {nd }}$ quarter | N/A |
| Weight Table Used for Year 20XX, effective $1^{\text {st }}$ business day of 20XX) | See columns 2-5 | Table 1 | Table 2 | Table 3 | N/A |


[^0]:    *Weighted Average of Bucket A: $(2.45 \times .262)+(2.88 \times .2543)+(3.26 \times .2543)+(3.55 \times .1095)+(4.00 \times$ $.1095)+(4.20 \times .0104)=3.07$

