



# Brighthouse Shield® Level Select 6-Year Annuity

Customize a Solution





# How a Brighthouse Shield Level Annuity Can Diversify a Portfolio

A Brighthouse Shield® Level Select 6-Year Annuity offers growth opportunities by linking to well-known market indices. And with a level of downside protection, it can help limit the impact of market volatility.<sup>1</sup> Plus, a Shield annuity features no annual fees.<sup>2</sup>

Sound like a good strategy? This guide lets you plug in your numbers and see it in action.



## Protect retirement assets

A Brighthouse Shield Level Annuity provides a level of protection to help ensure that losses are limited when markets turn volatile.



## Participate in growth opportunities

With a Shield annuity, balance is built in. This means that even with a guaranteed level of protection, there are opportunities to take advantage of market growth.



## Pay no annual fees

Unlike many financial products, there are no annual fees with a Shield annuity.

# Let's Get Started

To see how a Shield annuity can be customized, follow the step-by-step instructions below and place the corresponding answers on the following page.

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- 01 Purchase Payment** – Also known as the premium, it's the portion of retirement assets placed into the contract.
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- 02 Term** – The term is the number of years that a Shield Option (combination of term, index, level of protection, and either a Cap Rate or Step Rate) is in effect. Your financial professional can provide you with term lengths that are available within your contract.
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- 03 Index** – The annuity can track your choice of indices: S&P 500® Index, Russell 2000® Index, and MSCI EAFE Index.<sup>A,B,C</sup>
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- 04 Shield Level of Protection** – Also known as the Shield Rate, it provides protection for your investment up to a certain percentage. Your financial professional can provide the options available.
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- 05 Cap Rate or Step Rate** – There are two rate options to choose from. Cap Rate is the maximum performance that can be earned at the end of the term based on index performance. Step Rate credits a predetermined percentage of growth if index performance is either flat or up at the end of the term. In exchange for a predetermined percentage of growth, Step Rates are generally lower than Cap Rates for the same Shield Options. Cap Rates and Step Rates will vary based on the selected term, index, and level of protection.
- New contract rates can be obtained from your financial professional or on [www.brighthousefinancial.com/shieldrates](http://www.brighthousefinancial.com/shieldrates).
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- 06 Average Index Price Returns** – These are the historical 1-, 3-, and 6-year price returns of the available indices on a rolling monthly basis (referred to as observations). Please reference the historical price returns chart on page 04 to find this percentage.
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- 07 Historical Success Rate** – This is the likelihood that the investment will stay flat because losses are fully protected by the Shield Rate or increase in value over the course of the term, using historical price returns of the available indices. This number can be found on page 04.



## See the numbers in action

Customize the Shield annuity by filling in the numbered boxes below, following the step-by-step instructions on the previous page.

### 03 Index

- ☐ S&P 500 Index
- ☐ Russell 2000 Index
- ☐ MSCI EAFE Index

01 Purchase Payment

02 Term

05 Cap Rate or Step Rate

06 Average Index  
Price Return

04 Shield Level  
of Protection

07 Historical  
Success Rate



## Shield annuities – built to help you reach your goals

Choosing a Shield annuity for a portion of your retirement assets provides exposure to equities by linking to well-known indices. And with the built-in level of protection offered, it can help you stay invested for the long haul, knowing that a portion of any index loss can be protected when markets turn volatile.

Helping to smooth out the highs and lows that come with investing in equities can make a Shield annuity a valuable part of a retirement portfolio.



## Historical index price returns

The chart below reflects the historical 1-, 3-, and 6-year price returns of the available indices on a rolling monthly basis (referred to as observations). Rolling monthly periods include returns in overlapping cycles starting the last day of each month. For example, Jan. 31, 2018 through Jan. 31, 2019, followed by Feb. 28, 2018 through Feb. 28, 2019, are overlapping 1-year rolling periods.

The numbers in the table reflect historical price returns since their respective inception dates.

	S&P 500 Index Jan. 1957 – Dec. 2023			Russell 2000 Index Jan. 1979 – Dec. 2023			MSCI EAFE Index Jan. 1970 – Dec. 2023		
	1-Year	3-Year	6-Year	1-Year	3-Year	6-Year	1-Year	3-Year	6-Year
Average Return	8.41%	26.72%	59.08%	10.48%	31.13%	66.88%	8.13%	27.21%	60.13%
Total Observations	792	768	732	528	504	468	636	612	576
% of Total Gains	73.11%	83.07%	86.89%	69.51%	89.48%	99.57%	65.88%	71.24%	86.98%
% of Total Losses	26.89%	16.93%	13.11%	30.49%	10.52%	0.43%	34.12%	28.76%	13.02%

## Historical success rate

Percentage of times losses would not have exceeded the Shield Rate.

	S&P 500 Index Jan. 1957 – Dec. 2023			Russell 2000 Index Jan. 1979 – Dec. 2023			MSCI EAFE Index Jan. 1970 – Dec. 2023		
	1-Year	3-Year	6-Year	1-Year	3-Year	6-Year	1-Year	3-Year	6-Year
Shield 10	86.74%	88.93%	95.08%	83.71%	92.46%	100.00%	82.23%	82.35%	92.01%
Shield 15	92.17%	91.28%	97.81%	89.39%	93.45%	100.00%	89.15%	85.78%	93.75%
Shield 25	97.35%	–	99.18%	97.35%	–	100.00%	95.75%	–	99.48%

Source: Bloomberg, January 2024.



# Build a Brighter Future

Your financial professional can help you determine if a Brighthouse Shield Level Select 6-Year Annuity can work for a portion of your retirement assets.

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- <sup>2</sup> Withdrawals may be subject to withdrawal charges.

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