

(4) *Periods of less than 12 months.* A fractional part of a year which is a taxable year under sections 441(b) and 7701(a)(23) is a preceding or a succeeding taxable year for the purpose of determining under section 812 the first, second, etc., preceding or succeeding taxable year. For the determination of the loss from operations for periods of less than 12 months, see section 818(d) and the regulations thereunder.

(5) *Amount of loss to be carried.* The amount which is carried back or carried over to any taxable year is the loss from operations to the extent it was not absorbed in the computation of gain from operations for other taxable years, preceding such taxable year, to which it may be carried back or carried over. For the purpose of determining the gain from operations for any such preceding taxable year, the various operations loss carryovers and carrybacks to such taxable year are considered to be applied in reduction of the gain from operations in the order of the taxable years from which such losses are carried over or carried back, beginning with the loss for the earliest taxable year.

(6) *Corporate acquisitions.* For the computation of the operations loss carryovers in the case of certain acquisitions of the assets of a life insurance company by another life insurance company, see section 381(c)(22) and the regulations thereunder.

(b) *Portion of loss from operations which is a carryback or a carryover to the taxable year in issue—(1) Manner of computation.* (i) A loss from operations shall first be carried back to the earliest taxable year permissible under section 812(b) and paragraph (a) of this section for which such loss is allowable as a carryback or a carryover. The entire amount of the loss from operation shall be carried back to such earliest year.

(ii) Section 812(b)(2) provides that the portion of the loss from operations which shall be carried to each of the taxable years subsequent to the earliest taxable year shall be the excess (if any) of the amount of the loss from operations over the sum of the offsets (as defined in section 812(d) and paragraph (a) of § 1.812-5) for all prior taxable

years to which the loss from operations may be carried.

(2) *Illustration of principles.* The application of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. T, a life insurance company (which is not a new company as defined in section 812(e)(1)), has a loss from operations for 1960. The entire amount of the loss from operations for 1960 shall first be carried back to 1958. The amount of the carryback to 1959 is the excess (if any) of the 1960 loss over the offset for 1958. The amount of the carryover to 1961 is the excess (if any) of the 1960 loss over the sum of the offsets for 1958 and 1959. The amount of the 1960 loss remaining (if any) to be carried over to 1962, 1963, or 1964 shall be computed in a like manner.

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§ 1.812-5 Offset.

(a) *Offset defined.* Section 812(d) defines the term “offset” for purposes of section 812(b)(2) and paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of § 1.812-4. For any taxable year the offset is only that portion of the increase in the operations loss deduction for the taxable year which is necessary to reduce the life insurance company taxable income (computed without regard to section 802(b)(3)) for such year to zero. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the offset shall be determined with the modifications prescribed in paragraph (b) of this section. Such modifications shall be made independently of, and without reference to, the modifications required by paragraph (a) of § 1.812-3 for purposes of computing the loss from operations itself.

(b) *Modifications—(1) Operations loss deduction—(i) In general.* Section 812(d)(2) provides that for purposes of section 812(d)(1) (relating to the definition of offset), the operations loss deduction for any taxable year shall be computed by taking into account only such losses from operations otherwise allowable as carryovers or as carrybacks to such taxable year as were sustained in taxable years preceding the taxable year in which the life insurance company sustained the loss from operations from which the offset is to be deducted. Thus, for such purposes the loss from operations for the loss year or for any taxable year thereafter shall not be taken into account.

(ii) *Illustration of principles.* The provisions of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. In computing the operations loss deduction for 1960, Y, a life insurance company, has a carryover from 1958 of \$9,000, a carryover from 1959 of \$6,000, a carryback from 1961 of \$18,000, and a carryback from 1962 of \$10,000, or an aggregate of \$43,000 in carryovers and carrybacks. Thus, the operations loss deduction for 1960, for purposes of determining the tax liability for 1960, is \$43,000. However, in computing the offset for 1960 which is subtracted from the loss from operations for 1961 for the purpose of determining the portion of such loss which may be carried over to subsequent taxable years, the operations loss deduction for 1960 is \$15,000, that is, the aggregate of the \$9,000 carryover from 1958 and the \$6,000 carryover from 1959. In computing the operations loss deduction for such purpose, the \$18,000 carryback from 1961 and the \$10,000 carryback from 1962 are disregarded. In computing the offset for 1960, however, which is subtracted from the loss from operations for 1962 for the purpose of determining the portion of such 1962 loss which may be carried over for subsequent taxable years, the operations loss deduction for 1960 is \$33,000, that is, the aggregate of the \$9,000 carryover from 1958, the \$6,000 carryover from 1959, and the \$18,000 carryback from 1961. In computing the operations loss deduction for such purpose, the \$10,000 carryback from 1962 is disregarded.

(2) *Recomputation of deductions limited by section 809(f)*—(i) *In general.* If in any taxable year a life insurance company has deductions under section 809(d) (3), (5), and (6), as limited by section 809(f), and sustains a loss from operations in a succeeding taxable year which may be carried back as an operations loss deduction, such limitation and deductions shall be recomputed. This recomputation is required since the carryback must be taken into account for purposes of determining such limitation and deductions.

(ii) *Illustration of principles.* The provisions of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example:

(a) *Facts.* The books of P, a life insurance company, reveal the following facts:

Taxable year	Taxable investment income	Gain from operations	Loss from operations
1959	\$9,000,000	\$10,000,000	.....
1960 .....	.....	.....	(\$9,800,000)

The gain from operations thus shown is computed without regard to any operations loss deduction or deductions under section 809(d) (3), (5), and (6), as limited by section 809(f). Assume that for the taxable year 1959, P has (without regard to the limitation of section 809(f) or the operations loss deduction for 1959) a deduction under section 809(d)(3) of \$2,500,000 for dividends to policyholders and no deductions under section 809(d) (5) or (6).

(b) *Determination of section 809(f) limitation and deduction for dividends to policyholders without regard to the operations loss deduction for 1959.* In order to determine gain or loss from operations for 1959, P must determine the deduction for dividends to policyholders for such year. Under the provisions of section 809(f), the amount of such deduction shall not exceed the sum of (1) the amount (if any) by which the gain from operations for such year (determined without regard to such deduction) exceeds P's taxable investment income for such year, plus (2) \$250,000. Since the gain from operations as thus determined (\$10,000,000) exceeds the taxable investment income (\$9,000,000) by \$1,000,000, the limitation on such deduction is \$1,250,000 (\$1,000,000 plus \$250,000). Accordingly, only \$1,250,000 of the \$2,500,000 deduction for dividends to policyholders shall be allowed. The gain from operations for such year is \$8,750,000 (\$10,000,000 minus \$1,250,000).

(c) *Recomputation of section 809(f) limitation and deduction for dividends to policyholders after application of the operations loss deduction for 1959.* Since P has sustained a loss from operations for 1960 which shall be carried back to 1959 as an operations loss deduction, it must recompute the section 809(f) limitation and deduction for dividends to policyholders. Taking into account the \$9,800,000 operations loss deduction for 1959 reduces gain from operations for such year to \$200,000 (\$10,000,000 minus \$9,800,000). Since the gain from operations as thus determined (\$200,000) is less than the taxable investment income (\$9,000,000), the limitation on the deduction for dividends to policyholders is \$250,000. Thus, only \$250,000 of the \$2,500,000 deduction for dividends to policyholders shall be allowed. The gain from operations for such year as thus determined is \$9,750,000 (\$10,000,000 minus \$250,000) since for purposes of this determination the operations loss deduction for 1959 is not taken into account (see section 812(c)(1)). Accordingly, the offset for 1959 is \$9,750,000 (the increase in the operations loss deduction for 1959, computed without regard to the carryback for 1960, which reduces life insurance company taxable income for 1959 to zero); thus, the portion of the 1960 loss from operations which shall be carried forward to 1961 is \$50,000 (the excess of the 1960 loss (\$9,800,000) over the offset for 1959 (\$9,750,000)).

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(3) *Minimum limitation.* The life insurance company taxable income, as modified under this paragraph, shall in no case be considered less than zero.

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§ 1.812-6 New company defined.

Section 812(e) provides that for purposes of part I, subchapter L, chapter 1 of the Code, a life insurance company is a "new company" for any taxable year only if such taxable year begins not more than 5 years after the first day on which it (or any predecessor if section 381(c)(2) applies or would have applied if in effect) was authorized to do business as an insurance company.

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§ 1.812-7 Application of subtitle A and subtitle F.

Section 812(f) provides that except as modified by section 809(e) (relating to modifications of deduction items otherwise allowable under subtitle A of the Code) subtitles A and F of the Code shall apply to operations loss carrybacks and carryovers, and to the operations loss deduction, in the same manner and to the same extent that such subtitles apply in respect of net operation loss carrybacks, net operating loss carryovers, and the net operating loss deduction of corporations generally. For the computation of the operations loss carrybacks and carryovers, and of the operations loss deduction in the case of certain acquisitions of the assets of a life insurance company by another life insurance company, see section 381(c)(2) and the regulations thereunder.

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§ 1.812-8 Illustration of operations loss carrybacks and carryovers.

The application of § 1.812-4 may be illustrated by the following example:

(a) *Facts.* The books of M, a life insurance company, organized in 1940, reveal the following facts:

Taxable year	Taxable investment income	Gain from operations	Loss from operations
1958	\$11,000	\$15,000	.....
1959	23,000	30,000	.....
1960 .....	.....	.....	(\$75,000)
1961	25,000	20,000	.....

Taxable year	Taxable investment income	Gain from operations	Loss from operations
1962 .....	.....	.....	(150,000)
1963	22,000	30,000	.....
1964	40,000	35,000	.....
1965	62,000	75,000	.....
1966	25,000	17,000	.....
1967	39,000	53,000	.....

The gain from operations thus shown is computed without regard to any operations loss deduction. The assumption is also made that none of the other modifications prescribed in paragraph (b) of § 1.812-5 apply. There are no losses from operations for 1955, 1956, 1957, 1968, 1969, 1970.

(b) *Loss sustained in 1960.* The portions of the \$75,000 loss from operations for 1960 which shall be used as carrybacks to 1958 and 1959 and as carryovers to 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, and 1965 are computed as follows:

(1) *Carryback to 1958.* The carryback to this year is \$75,000, that is, the amount of the loss from operations.

(2) *Carryback to 1959.* The carryback to this year is \$60,000 (the excess of the loss for 1960 over the offset for 1958), computed as follows:

Loss from operations	\$75,000
Less:	
Offset for 1958 (the \$15,000 gain from operations for such year computed without the deduction of the carryback from 1960)	15,000
Carryback	60,000

(3) *Carryover to 1961.* The carryover to this year is \$30,000 (the excess, if any, of the loss for 1960 over the sum of the offsets for 1958 and 1959), computed as follows:

Loss from operations	\$75,000
Less:	
Offset for 1958 (the \$15,000 gain from operations for such year computed without the deduction of the carryback from 1960)	\$15,000
Offset for 1959 (the \$30,000 gain from operations for such year computed without the deduction of the carryback from 1960 or the carryback from 1962)	30,000
Sum of offsets	45,000
Carryover	30,000

(4) *Carryover to 1962.* The carryover to this year is \$10,000 (the excess, if any, of the loss for 1960 over the sum of the offsets for 1958, 1959, and 1961), computed as follows:

Loss from operations	\$75,000
Less:	
Offset for 1958 (the \$15,000 gain from operations for such year computed without the deduction of the carryback from 1960)	\$15,000