



## Important details about New York Regulation 187

**Effective February 1, 2020, Regulation 187 will create new duties and obligations for both producers and insurance carriers on life insurance business in New York. As a producer, your role is to use your professional skill in collecting and evaluating suitability information, fully disclose favorable and unfavorable components of a policy, and make a suitable recommendation based on the best interests of the customer.**

The role of John Hancock as the insurance carrier is to track and monitor the producers selling our products and ensure completion of training prior to making recommendations. Carriers must also establish a system of supervision to oversee that the producer's duties are being met in individual transactions and ensure they are suitable.

For additional information, refer to the details below.

<b>What is Regulation 187?</b>	Regulation 187 is a new regulation in New York that impacts all life insurance policies sold in that state. This Regulation requires that life insurance sales in New York must be suitable for the client, and in the client's best interests, based upon available information at the time the policy is sold. Producers may not consider incentives to themselves (financial or otherwise) when making recommendations to their clients.
<b>What determines whether a sales transaction is suitable?</b>	Regulation 187 provides a number of factors that the producer must consider in determining whether a sales transaction is suitable, including age, income, financial situation, financial objectives, risk tolerance, and intended use of the policy, amongst others. John Hancock will introduce a new form to help capture this information.  If a transaction is not suitable or in the best interests of a client based upon the criteria in the Regulation, John Hancock will not be able to issue that policy.
<b>When does the Regulation go into effect?</b>	Regulation 187 went into effect for annuity transactions on August 1, 2019. For life insurance sales, Regulation 187 will go into effect on February 1, 2020.
<b>How does Regulation 187 impact my producers?</b>	Producers will be required to complete training on both Regulation 187 and John Hancock's products. There will be two trainings – one on the Regulation itself, and a separate one for John Hancock's products.
<b>How does Regulation 187 impact my firm?</b>	While there are no specific impacts at the firm level, Case Managers and New Business team members should be notified that New York cases will have additional requirements, including the trainings the producer will need to complete. Failure to complete these requirements by the producer will prevent cases from being issued.

<p><b>Is there any impact to Replacements and the Regulation 60 process?</b></p>	<p>Replacement business in New York must be suitable and in the best interests of the client; it will still be subject to New York Replacement Regulation 60 and our Reg 60 process.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> the consumer's other policy replacements within the preceding 36 months must be considered in deciding whether a replacement is suitable.</p>
<p><b>Will additional forms be required when applying for a John Hancock life insurance policy in New York?</b></p>	<p>Yes. We will introduce a new suitability form in January 2020 that will be required to be completed in addition to the core application.</p>

## Regulation 187 Training

As previously mentioned, producers will be required to complete training on both Regulation 187 and John Hancock's products. Refer to the following questions for specific details about the training requirements.

<p><b>Where will Regulation 187 training be available?</b></p>	<p>A number of vendors will be offering Regulation 187 training, and John Hancock will accept training completed through LIMRA, RegEd, and Kaplan.</p>
<p><b>When will Regulation 187 best interest training become available?</b></p>	<p>Best interest training is currently available on the LIMRA, RegEd and Kaplan platforms. Beginning in January 2020, John Hancock will receive evidence of completion from these vendors.</p>
<p><b>When will Regulation 187 John Hancock product training become available?</b></p>	<p>John Hancock product training will be made available on the LIMRA, RegEd and Kaplan platforms beginning in January 2020.</p>
<p><b>How will I notify John Hancock that I have completed the Regulation 187 training?</b></p>	<p>John Hancock will track and validate that training has been completed directly from the vendor platforms. Producers do not need to supply record of training completion.</p>
<p><b>When should producers complete the Regulation 187 training?</b></p>	<p>Carrier-specific product training should be completed before the submission of business to John Hancock.</p>
<p><b>How do I access John Hancock-specific product training?</b></p>	<p>Details on how to fulfill the John Hancock-specific product training will be available in the coming weeks.</p>

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