

# Ex-Ante - Basis of Illustration - Capacity for Loss

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The **Capacity for Loss** tab will need to be completed for each investment on the Illustration.

Complete the questionnaire:

The screenshot displays the Synaptic Pathways software interface for a 'Test Illustration Apr22'. The main content area is titled 'Capacity For Loss' and contains a questionnaire with seven questions. The interface includes a navigation bar at the top with options like 'Research', 'Review', 'Client Check-in', and 'Report'. On the left, there are panels for 'Review' instructions, '7IM Platform' details (including Individual Savings Accounts and Self Invested Personal Pension), and an 'About' section. The questionnaire questions are:

- My Client will need to start spending the investment return at the following point in the future. (Options: < 5 yrs, 5 to 9 yrs, 10 to 14 yrs, 15 to 19 yrs, > 20 yrs)
- My Client doesn't have any significant outstanding debts and doesn't expect to incur any during the period of the investment (eg. mortgage or credit cards). (Options: Strongly Disagree, Disagree, No Opinion, Agree, Strongly Agree)
- My Client's spouse, partner or family member is likely to be able and willing to support them financially if circumstances require. (Options: Strongly Disagree, Disagree, No Opinion, Agree, Strongly Agree)
- It would be relatively easy for my Client to cut expenditure in retirement if circumstances require. (Options: Strongly Disagree, Disagree, No Opinion, Agree, Strongly Agree)
- My Client is flexible about their investment horizon. They could wait before using their investment. (Options: Strongly Disagree, Disagree, No Opinion, Agree, Strongly Agree)
- In consideration of sequence risk, in the worst case scenario, my client can afford to lose **26.67%** or more, in any one year, defined as the worst year of returns in the forecast, assuming a 20 year term. This equates to the 5% (or 1 in 20) worst outcomes from the Moody's mathematical simulation. This may equate to **£4,560.57** in the first year. (Options: Yes, No)
- As an adviser, I assess a minimum appropriate term for this investment scenario to be

Supporting Notes to meet MIFID Compliance: A text area with a rich text editor for entering notes.

Additional Information: A yellow box providing context on 'min gain' and the importance of Capacity for Loss.

Navigation: 'Back' and 'Continue to Check-In' buttons are at the bottom.

You will not be able to proceed to the Check-in without the Capacity for Loss statement completed.

You must complete the capacity for loss statement before this item can be marked as reviewed. X

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### Capacity For Loss

Use the Capacity for Loss Questionnaire to audit the discussion around whether committing to an extended term is appropriate for your client.

It will not be appropriate to commit the client to long term savings if they cannot commit to leaving the funds invested long term.

1. My Client will need to start spending the investment return at the following point in the future.

< 5 yrs
5 to 9 yrs
10 to 14 yrs
15 to 19 yrs
> 20 yrs

2. My Client doesn't have any significant outstanding debts and doesn't expect to incur any during the period of the investment(eg. mortgage or credit cards).

Strongly Disagree
Disagree
No Opinion
Agree
Strongly Agree

3. My Client's spouse, partner or family member is likely to be able and willing to support them financially if circumstances require.

Strongly Disagree
Disagree
No Opinion
Agree
Strongly Agree

4. It would be relatively easy for my Client to cut expenditure in retirement if circumstances require.

Strongly Disagree
Disagree
No Opinion
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Strongly Agree

5. My Client is flexible about their investment horizon. They could wait before using their investment.

Strongly Disagree
Disagree
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6. My Client can afford to lose **26.74%** in any one year, as a worst case scenario this could equate to **£13,888.49** loss in the final year of the **10 year** term proposed.

Yes
No

7. As an adviser, I assess a minimum appropriate term for this investment scenario to be **10 to 14 yrs**

#### Additional Information

A Client should not be exposed to risks they do not understand, nor are 'willing and able to take'.

The Moody's researchInvestmentItem calculates a 'min gain' value for the investment scenario which are displayed in question 6.

The 'min gain' is a stochastic value from the Moody's Analytics researchInvestmentItem and indicates the extent of losses expected in a 'bad year', defined as the worst performing year in a 20 year term or a 5% probability.

Advisers should use the 'min gain' to quantify possible losses in the short term and make a judgement as to whether losses are affordable to the client. A Client who is unprepared for loss is likely to sell up and crystallise losses, forgoing the opportunity to recover.

The longer money can be invested, the better the returns are likely to be. Capacity for Loss increases with term, so extending and recording a client's commitment to their investment horizon is an essential part of investment planning, risk management and proof of suitability.

You have the opportunity to add any **Supporting Notes to meet MiFID Compliance** :

#### Supporting Notes to meet MiFID Compliance

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Before moving onto the Check-in, review the remaining tabs in the Basis of Illustration.

Note - All Investments will need to be reviewed before moving onto the Check-In.

Next tab is Suitability:

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