

MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 6-K  
July 13, 2009

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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Form 6-K

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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of July, 2009

Commission File Number 1-14942

MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

200 Bloor Street East,  
North Tower 10  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4W 1E5  
(416) 926-3000

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(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1):

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Yes  No

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If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-  
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The registrant's material change report filed with this Form 6-K as Exhibit 99.1, is incorporated by reference in the registration statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by the registrant on Form S-8 (Registration Nos. 333-12610, 333-13072, 333-91102, 333-114951, 333-129430 and 333-157326) and on Form F-3 (Registration No. 333-159176), by the registrant and John Hancock Variable Life Insurance Company on Form F-3 (Registration Nos. 333-155653 and 333-155652, respectively) and by the registrant and John Hancock Life Insurance Company on Form F-3 (Registration Nos. 333-155649-01 and 333-155649, respectively) and by the registrant and John Hancock Life Insurance Company (USA) on Form F-3 (Registration Nos. 333-159101-01 and 333-159101, respectively) and by the registrant and John Hancock Life Insurance Company of New York (Registration Nos. 333-159100-01 and 333-159100, respectively). Except for the foregoing, no other document or portion of document filed with this Form 6-K is incorporated by reference in the above registration statements.

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DOCUMENTS FILED AS PART OF THIS FORM 6-K

The following documents, filed as exhibits to this Form 6-K, are incorporated by reference as part of this Form 6-K:

| Exhibit | Description of Exhibit                     |
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| 99.1    | Material change report dated July 13, 2009 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Angela  
Shaffer  
Name: Angela Shaffer  
Title: Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Date: July 13, 2009

EXHIBIT INDEX

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