MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORP Form 6-K May 10, 2012

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

#### Form 6-K

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

For the month of May, 2012

Commission File Number 1-14942

#### MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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

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The registrant's Management's Discussion and Analysis and Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 included on pages 6 to 25 and 26 to 58, respectively, of the registrant's 2012 First Quarter Report to Shareholders filed with this Form 6-K as Exhibit 99.1, are 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), on Form F-3 (Registration No. 333-159176) and on Form F-10 (Registration Nos. 333-179261-01 and 333

179261, 333-168694-01 and 333-168694, 333-164149-01 and 333-164149, 333-161748-01 and 333-161748, 333-159101-01 and 333-159101, respectively) and by the registrant and John Hancock Life Insurance Company of New York on Form F-3 (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.

#### 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
99.1	First Quarter Report to Shareholders
99.2	Certification Chief Executive Officer
99.3	Certification Chief Financial Officer

#### **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 K.

Shaffer

Name: Angela K. Shaffer

Title: Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Date: May 10, 2012

## EXHIBIT INDEX

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