

## 2026 Quick Reference Guide to Retirement Plans

### Features and Account Establishment

	Roth IRA	Traditional IRA	SEP IRA	Simple IRA	SIMPLE 401(k)	Individual 401(k) & Traditional 401(k)	Profit Sharing & Money Purchase	Defined Benefit
<b>Who may establish the plan?</b>	Individuals with earned income or whose spouse has earned income, regardless of age. Income limitations apply	Individual with earned income or whose spouse has earned income regardless of age	Sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations, subchapter S corporations, not-for-profit organizations	Employers with 100 employees or less who do not maintain another retirement plan	Employers with 100 employees or less who do not maintain another retirement plan	Sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations, subchapter S corporations, not-for-profit organizations Individual 401(k) only: Only available to self-employed individual without common-law employee. Spouses of owners and partners in a partnership may be eligible for participation.	Sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations, subchapter S corporations, not-for-profit organizations	Sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations, subchapter S corporations, not-for-profit organizations
<b>How does the plan compare in terms of administrative cost and complexity?</b>	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Individual 401(k): Low Traditional 401(k): High	Medium	Very High
<b>What are the most important features?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Withdrawals of contributions are always tax-free</li> <li>Qualified distributions of earnings are tax-free</li> <li>Contributions are not tax-deductible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax-deferred earnings growth</li> <li>Contributions may be tax-deductible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax-deferred earnings growth</li> <li>No annual IRS filing requirements</li> <li>Contributions may be deductible for employer</li> <li>Simple to establish and maintain</li> <li>Discretionary employer contributions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax-deferred earnings growth</li> <li>Contributions may be tax-deductible for employer</li> <li>No annual IRS filing requirements</li> <li>Employees can have funding responsibility</li> <li>Deferred contributions can reduce employee's taxable income</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax-deferred earnings growth</li> <li>Plan design flexibility</li> <li>Contributions may be tax-deductible for employer</li> <li>Employees can have funding responsibility</li> <li>Deferred contributions can reduce employee's taxable income</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax-deferred earnings growth</li> <li>Contributions may be tax-deductible for employer</li> <li>No discrimination testing</li> <li>Not subject to top-heavy rules</li> <li>Employees can have funding responsibility</li> <li>Deferred contributions can reduce employee's taxable income</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax-deferred earnings growth</li> <li>Plan design flexibility</li> <li>Contributions may be tax-deductible for employer</li> <li>Vesting schedules</li> <li>Profit Sharing: discretionary contributions</li> <li>Money Purchase: mandatory contributions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax-deferred earnings growth</li> <li>Contributions may be tax-deductible for employer</li> <li>Possibility for substantially higher contribution levels over other types of retirement plans</li> <li>Favors older, more highly compensated employees</li> <li>Vesting schedules</li> </ul>
<b>What are the requirements for participation?</b>	<p><b>Single Filer, and MAGI<sup>1</sup> is:</b> &lt; \$153,000: Full contribution ≥ \$153,000, but &lt; \$168,000: Partial contribution ≥ \$168,000: No contribution</p> <p><b>Joint Filer, and MAGI<sup>1</sup> is:</b> &lt; \$242,000: Full contribution ≥ \$242,000, but &lt; \$252,000: Partial contribution ≥ \$252,000: No contribution</p> <p><b>Married Filing Separately, and MAGI<sup>1</sup> is:</b> &gt; \$0, but &lt; \$10,000: Partial contribution ≥ \$10,000: No contribution</p>	<p>If an active participant in a retirement plan at work:<sup>2</sup></p> <p><b>Single Filer, and MAGI<sup>1</sup> is:</b> &lt; \$81,000: Full deduction ≥ \$81,000, but &lt; \$91,000: Partial deduction ≥ \$91,000: No deduction</p> <p><b>Joint Filer, and MAGI<sup>1</sup> is:</b> &lt; \$129,000: Full deduction ≥ \$129,000, but &lt; \$149,000: Partial deduction ≥ \$149,000: No deduction</p> <p><b>Married Filing Separately, and MAGI<sup>1</sup> is:</b> &gt; \$0, but &lt; \$10,000: Partial deduction ≥ \$10,000: No deduction</p>	Individual must have worked for employer for at least three of last five preceding years; at least 21 years of age and \$800 in annual compensation <sup>3</sup>	Individuals who earned \$5,000 in compensation in any two preceding calendar years and are expected to earn \$5,000 in current year <sup>3</sup>	Employees with at least one year of service; one year is defined as at least 1,000 hours in the previous 12 months; at least 21 years of age <sup>3</sup>	Please refer to the plan document for details	Please refer to the plan document for details	Please refer to the plan document for details

## Account Contributions and Accessibility

	Roth IRA	Traditional IRA	SEP IRA	Simple IRA
<b>Annual contribution limit: Individual/Employee (as of 01/01/2026)</b>	100% of earned income up to \$7,500. Individuals 50 and older may contribute up to \$8,600.	100% of earned income up to \$7,500. Individuals 50 and older may contribute up to \$8,600.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traditional IRA contributions are permitted into the SEP IRA</li> <li>Employee contributions are not permitted</li> </ul>	100% of earned income up to \$17,000. Individuals 50 and older may contribute up to \$21,000. Individuals 60-63 may contribute up to \$22,250. No Traditional or Roth IRA contributions permitted into SIMPLE IRA accounts.
<b>Annual deductible contribution limit: Employer (as of 01/01/2026)</b>	N/A	N/A	25% of compensation or \$72,000, whichever is less, for incorporated businesses; lesser of 25% of net earnings from self-employment or \$72,000 for self-employed business owners/partners. Subject to \$360,000 cap on compensation/net earnings.	Match deferrals dollar-for-dollar up to 3% (lesser percentage may be elected under certain circumstances) of employee compensation or net earnings from self-employment or 2% nonelective contribution (subject to \$360,000 cap on compensation/net earnings for 2% contribution only).
<b>Mandatory contributions</b>	No	No	No	Employer – Yes Employee – No
<b>Establishment deadline</b>	Tax filing date for prior year contribution. No extensions permitted.	Tax filing date for prior year contribution. No extensions permitted.	Tax filing date, plus extensions.	Oct. 1 of the current year for new plans.
<b>Contribution deadline</b>	Tax filing date for prior year contribution. No extensions permitted.	Tax filing date for prior year contribution. No extensions permitted.	Tax filing date, plus extensions.	Employer – tax filing date, plus extensions. Employee – December 31 for deferral from payroll.
<b>Form of contributions</b>	Cash only	Cash only	Cash only	Cash only
<b>Investments directed by</b>	Individual	Individual	Individual	Individual
<b>Allowable investments</b>	Please refer to your retirement plan document for information about allowable investments in your specific plan. Your Financial Advisor can help you choose specific investments appropriate for meeting your goals.			
<b>Loan availability</b>	No	No	No	No
<b>Vesting</b>	Full and immediate	Full and immediate	Full and immediate	Full and immediate
<b>5500 Filing</b>	No	No	No	No
<b>Taxation of distributions<sup>†</sup></b>				
<b>- Before Age 59½</b>	Contributions may be withdrawn tax-free at any time. Earnings are subject to ordinary income tax plus 10% early withdrawal penalty. Exceptions may apply.	Ordinary income tax plus 10% early withdrawal penalty. Exceptions to 10% penalty may apply.	Ordinary income tax plus 10% early withdrawal penalty. Exceptions to 10% penalty may apply.	Ordinary income tax plus 25% early withdrawal penalty within first two years of participation, 10% thereafter. Exceptions to penalty may apply.
<b>- After Age 59½</b>	Contributions may be withdrawn tax-free at any time. Earnings are tax-free if IRA established for five years or more.	Ordinary income tax. No penalty.	Ordinary income tax. No penalty.	Ordinary income tax. No penalty.
<b>Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)</b>	No RMDs required for the account owner.	Start the year individual turns age 73.	Start the year individual turns age 73, even if the account owner is still working.	Start the year individual turns age 73, even if the account owner is still working.
<b>Transfers</b>	No limit on ACAT/Non-ACAT transfers.	No limit on ACAT/Non-ACAT transfers.	No limit on ACAT/Non-ACAT transfers.	No limit on ACAT/Non-ACAT transfers.
<b>Rollovers</b>	Applies on an IRA-by-IRA basis. Consult IRS Publication 590 for more information.	Applies on an IRA-by-IRA basis. Consult IRS Publication 590 for more information.	Applies on an IRA-by-IRA basis. Consult IRS Publication 590 for more information.	Applies on an IRA-by-IRA basis. Consult IRS Publication 590 for more information.

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<b>Annual contribution limit: Individual/Employee (as of 01/01/2026)</b>	100% of earned income up to \$17,000. Individuals 50 and older may contribute up to \$22,250 and those ages 60-63 may contribute up to \$35,750.	Individuals may contribute 100% of compensation up to \$24,500 for elective deferrals. Individuals age 50 and older may contribute \$32,500 and those ages 60-63 may contribute \$35,750. Employer contributions are limited to 25% of compensation. The total employer and employee contribution cannot exceed \$72,000 (\$80,000 if age 50+ and \$83,250 if ages 60-63).	No pre-tax employee contributions. Individuals may receive up to 25% of compensation or \$72,000, whichever is less. Other limitations apply. Employee contributions are not permitted.	No employee contributions permitted.
<b>Annual deductible contribution limit: Employer (as of 01/01/2026)</b>	Match deferrals dollar-for-dollar up to 3% of employee compensation or net earnings from self-employment or 2% nonelective contribution (subject to \$360,000 cap on compensation/net earnings).	25% of compensation or \$72,000, whichever is less for incorporated businesses; lesser of 20% of net earnings from self-employment or \$72,000 for self-employed business owners/partners. Elective deferral portion of 401(k) contributions are not taken into account for percentage calculations. Subject to \$360,000 cap on compensation/net earnings.	25% of compensation or \$72,000, whichever is less for incorporated businesses; lesser of 20% of net earnings from self-employment or \$72,000 for self-employed business owners/partners. Subject to \$360,000 cap on compensation/net earnings.	Limits are based on complex actuarial assumptions that incorporate age and compensation of employees. Subject to \$360,000 cap on compensation/net earnings.
<b>Mandatory contributions</b>	Employer – Yes Employee – No	No	Profit Sharing – No Money Purchase – Yes	Yes
<b>Establishment deadline</b>	Oct. 1 of the current year for new plans.	Fiscal year-end (12/31 for calendar-year plan)	Fiscal year-end (12/31 for calendar-year plan)	Fiscal year-end (12/31 for calendar-year plan)
<b>Contribution deadline</b>	Employer – tax filing date, plus extensions. Employee – December 31 for deferral from payroll.	Employer – tax filing date, plus extensions. Employee – December 31 for deferral from payroll.	Tax filing date, plus extensions.	Tax filing date, plus extensions.
<b>Form of contributions</b>	Cash only	Cash or securities (special rules apply)	Profit Sharing: Cash or securities (special rules apply) Money Purchase: Cash only	Cash only
<b>Investments directed by</b>	Employer/Trustee or Individual	Employer/Trustee or Individual	Employer/Trustee or Individual	Employer/Trustee
<b>Allowable investments</b>	Please refer to your retirement plan document for information about allowable investments in your specific plan. Your Financial Advisor can help you choose specific investments appropriate for meeting your goals.			
<b>Loan availability</b>	Yes, if permitted by plan	Yes, if permitted by plan	Yes, if permitted by plan	Yes, if permitted by plan
<b>Vesting</b>	Full and immediate	Full and immediate vesting for employee salary deferrals and earnings. Benefits attributable to employer contributions can be subject to deferred vesting for up to six years of service dependent of the plan document.	May have deferred vesting, depending on the plan document.	Dependent upon the plan document.
<b>5500 Filing</b>	Yes	Yes. Owner-only plans with balances less than \$250,000 may be exempt from filing.	Yes. Owner-only plans with balances less than \$250,000 may be exempt from filing.	Yes. Owner-only plans with balances less than \$250,000 may be exempt from filing.
<b>Taxation of distributions<sup>†</sup></b>				
<b>- Before Age 59½</b>	Ordinary income tax plus 10% early withdrawal penalty. Exceptions to 10% penalty may apply.	Distributions are only permitted by what is outlined in the plan document.	Distributions are only permitted by what is outlined in the plan document.	Distributions are only permitted by what is outlined in the plan document.
<b>- After Age 59½</b>	Ordinary income tax. No penalty.	Ordinary income tax. No penalty.	Ordinary income tax. No penalty.	Ordinary income tax. No penalty.
<b>Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)</b>	May not aggregate RMD amounts from multiple plans. RMD must be distributed from each respective plan. RMDs may be delayed until retirement, unless the account owner owns 5% or more of the business.	May not aggregate RMD amounts from multiple plans. RMD must be distributed from each respective plan. RMDs may be delayed until retirement, unless the account owner owns 5% or more of the business.	May not aggregate RMD amounts from multiple plans. RMD must be distributed from each respective plan. RMDs may be delayed until retirement, unless the account owner owns 5% or more of the business.	May not aggregate RMD amounts from multiple plans. RMD must be distributed from each respective plan. Generally not required if still working and less than 5% owner of the business.
<b>Transfers</b>	Employer may transfer plan to like account. Employee may not transfer assets from plan during employment.	Employer may transfer plan to like account. Employee may not transfer assets from plan during employment.	Employer may transfer plan to like account. Employee may not transfer assets from plan during employment.	Employer may transfer plan to like account. Employee may not transfer assets from plan during employment.
<b>Rollovers</b>	Must have triggering event (e.g., plan termination, death, severance from employment, disability, attainment of age 59 ½) to roll into IRA or other retirement plan. Must be permitted under plan document.	Must have triggering event (e.g., plan termination, death, severance from employment, disability, attainment of age 59 ½) to roll into IRA or other retirement plan. Must be permitted under plan document.	Must have triggering event (e.g., plan termination, death, severance from employment, disability, attainment of age 59 ½) to roll into IRA or other retirement plan. Must be permitted under plan document.	Must have triggering event (e.g., plan termination, death, severance from employment, disability, attainment of age 59 ½) to roll into IRA or other retirement plan. Must be permitted under plan document.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: <http://www.irs.gov/publications>

<sup>2</sup> A deductible IRA contribution is available to a spouse not covered by an employer plan who files a joint return with someone who is if MAGI is less than \$246,000.  
Source: <https://www.irs.gov/publications/p590a>

<sup>3</sup> Maximum restrictions; less restrictive eligibility requirements may be selective by the employer.

\* Before taking any distributions from your retirement account, check with your tax advisor for additional information about taxes or penalties that may or may not apply to you.

† Distributions from Roth IRAs are considered to come from contributions first, followed by converted funds and then earnings.

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