

# **IRA Masterclass**

## **Session 2: Effective Distribution Strategies- From Early Distributions to RMDs**

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# Learning Objectives

**At the end of the session, participants should be able to:**

- 🍏 Identify early distributions and exceptions to the 10% additional tax on early distributions
- 🍏 Create strategies to retain qualifications for exceptions to the 10% additional tax on early distributions
- 🍏 Correct IRA Custodian reporting errors
- 🍏 Managing RMD shortfalls
- 🍏 Coordinate QCDs with RMDs

# Introduction

- 🍏 Distributions can be taken from IRAs at any time
- 🍏 A triggering event is required to take distributions from employer plans.
- 🍏 Distributions are generally treated as ordinary income.
  - Can be taxable or nontaxable.
  - Exceptions apply: Example, net unrealized appreciation (NUA)
- 🍏 Advisors must know the tax treatment of distributions, tax savings options, and how to avoid penalties.
  - And advise accordingly
- 🍏 It's a team effort. The team includes the financial, tax , and (often) legal professionals.



**Before you give advice  
About a  
Distribution/Rollover,  
know the risks of moving  
forward and plan  
accordingly.**







# Appleby's Checklist

- 🍏 The types of accounts on both ends
- 🍏 The age of the client
- 🍏 The status of the client: Owner or beneficiary.
- 🍏 If beneficiary,
  - the class of beneficiary
  - DOB and DOD of participant
- 🍏 Rollover eligibility of assets
- 🍏 Whether an employer plan account holds employer securities and/or after-tax amounts.

# Learning Objective 🍏

Identify early distributions and exception to the 10% additional tax





## **Strategy: Mitigating the 10% additional tax on Early Distributions**



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# Distributions and the 10% Additional Tax

- 🍏 When a participant takes a distribution from his/her retirement account, with few exceptions the amount is treated as ordinary income, unless the amount is properly rolled over
- 🍏 Any taxable portion included in income is subject to a 10% additional tax (early distribution penalty), if the participant was under age 59 ½ at the time of distribution. Exceptions apply!

A woman with dark hair and a joyful expression is the central figure, wearing a floral lei and a patterned shirt. She is surrounded by friends at a birthday celebration, with a large cake in the foreground and warm, ambient lighting in the background.

# **The Age 59 ½ Factor**

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**Distributions from Retirement  
Accounts**



## Age 59 ½ Determination

- 🍏 Age 59 ½ is reached 6-months after 59th birthday
- 🍏 Distributions taken before that date is “early distribution” - subject to additional tax, unless exception applies
- 🍏 Some exceptions apply to IRAs, some apply to employer sponsored retirement plans, some apply to both

# Special Rule for SIMPLE IRAs

- 🍏 The 10% is increased to 25%, if the distribution occurs before the SIMPLE has met the 2-year requirement (the two-year rule)
- 🍏 The two-year period starts the day the first SIMPLE contribution (employer or employee) is made to the SIMPLE IRA.

No tax  
=  
no 10%  
penalty





# Case Study: Amount Subject to the 10% Penalty : Scenario 1



🍎 40-year-old Andy took a distribution of \$80,000 from his traditional IRA

🍎 Andy did not rollover the \$80,000 and it was therefore included in his income

**Scenario 1:** Assume that the entire \$80,000 represents pre-tax funds: Andy will owe a 10% additional tax of \$8,000 ( $\$80,000 \times 10\%$ ), unless he qualifies for an exception.



# Case Study: Amount Subject to the 10% Penalty : Scenario 2

🍏 40-year-old Andy took a distribution of \$80,000 from his traditional IRA

🍏 Andy did not rollover the \$80,000 and it was therefore included in his income

**Scenario 2:** Assume that \$70,000 represents pre-tax funds and \$10,000 represents after-tax funds: Andy will owe an additional tax of \$7,000 ( $\$70,000 \times 10\%$ ), unless he qualifies for an exception.



# Basis Exception-Traditional IRA

- 🍏 Nondeductible contributions to traditional IRAs
- 🍏 Rollover of basis from qualified retirement plans and 403(b)s
- 🍏 No special reporting on Form 1099-R
- 🍏 Must file IRS Form 8606 to track basis to avoid double taxation

# Distribution of Basis- T-IRA

- 🍏 Distributions and conversions include pro-rated amount of pre-tax and after-tax (basis) amount
- 🍏 All traditional, SEP and SIMPLE IRAs aggregated
- 🍏 Exception to pro-rata rule applies to:
  - Rollovers to employer sponsored retirement plans
  - Qualified charitable distributions
  - Qualified HSA funding Distributions

# Reminder

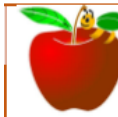
Custodians/Trustees do not withhold the 10% additional tax early distributions



# Mitigating the 10% additional Tax



Determine  
whether the  
type of  
account  
qualifies for  
an  
exception



## Appleby's 2024 Quick Reference Guide for: Early Distribution Penalty

For Traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs and accounts Under Employer Sponsored Retirement Plans

Use this guide to determine whether a pre- age 59 ½ distribution from an IRA or employer plan account could be exempt from the 10% additional tax (early distribution penalty).

Updated with SECURE Act 2.0

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Generally, if you take a distribution from your retirement account before you reach the age of 59½, you will owe the IRS a 10% additional tax (10% early distribution penalty) on the amount. However, there are exceptions to this penalty. The following is a list of these exceptions and the retirement accounts to which they apply.

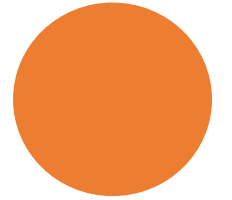
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• <b>IRS Levy:</b> The distribution occurs as a result of an IRS levy	Y	Y	Y
• <b>Rollover:</b> The amount is rolled over within 60 days of receipt	Y	Y	Y
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• <b>Unreimbursed Medical Expenses:</b> The amount is used to pay for eligible unreimbursed medical expenses that exceed 7.5% of adjusted gross income	Y	Y	Y
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• <b>Qualified Distribution:</b> Distribution from a Roth IRA or designated Roth Account [E.g. Roth 401(k)] that meets the requirements to be 'qualified'	N/A	Y	Y <sup>4</sup>
• <b>Health Insurance Premiums:</b> Amount used to pay for health insurance premiums for yourself, your spouse, and your dependents; and you receive the distributions during the year you received unemployment compensation or the following year, but no later than 60 days after you have been reemployed	Y	Y	N
• <b>Qualified birth or adoption distribution distributions:</b> Up to \$5,000, made during the 1-year period beginning on the birth date or on which the legal adoption by the individual of an eligible adoptee is finalized.	Y	Y	Y
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# New Exceptions Under SECURE Act 2.0

Effective for distributions made after SECURE Act 2.0 date of enactment

🍏 **Terminal illness:** Distributions made by individuals who have been certified by a physician as having an illness or physical condition that can reasonably be expected to result in death within 84 months or less after the certification date. **IRAs and Employer Plans**

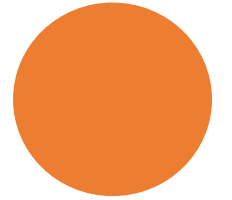




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🍏 **Corrective distributions of excess contributions:** Any attributable earnings must be included in a correction (return of excess contribution) that is done by the **IRA** owner's tax filing due date, plus extensions



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- 🍎 **Domestic Abuse Victims: \$10,000 for victims of domestic abuse:**
- 🍎 Victims of domestic abuse may withdraw up to the lesser of \$10,000 (adjusted for cost-of-living increase) or 50% of their vested account balance
- 🍎 during the one-year period that begins on the date of the domestic abuse committed by a spouse or domestic partner.

**Effective distributions made after Dec. 31, 2023.**

**IRAs and Employer Plans**



# Check State Law



Some states allow a deduction for the 10% additional tax on early distribution



Taxpayers should consult with a CPA regarding deductibility at the state level



IRS Memorandum 20072201F

# Get a win for clients: Cautiously Move Between Plan Types



Be cautious about losing exception by changing plan types.



Change plan types to gain qualification for exceptions

Will exception  
be lost or  
gained as a  
result of  
change of  
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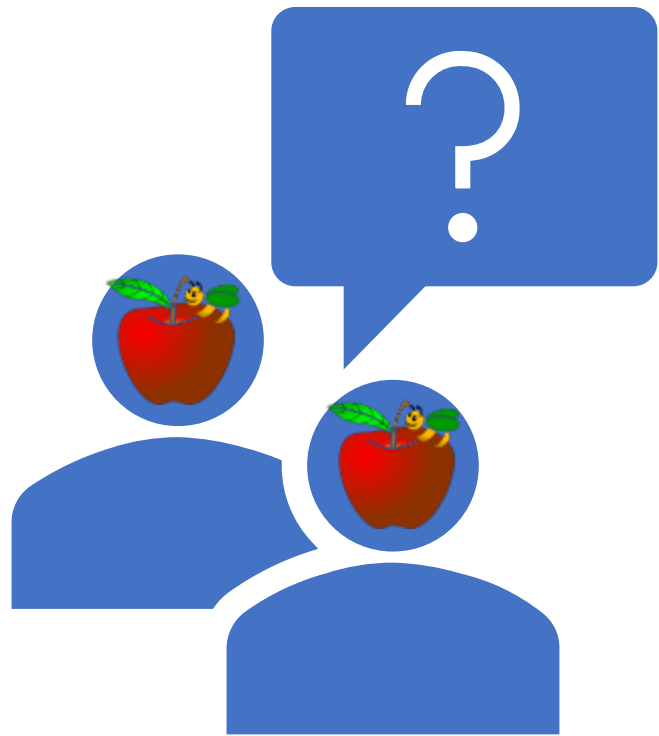
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**Make sure client  
qualifies for  
exceptions**



# Example: First-time Homebuyer: Use of Funds

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 Must be used to pay qualified acquisition costs

 Must be used to pay qualified acquisition costs for the main home of a first-time homebuyer, which covers:

- Owner
- Spouse
- Spouse's child
- Spouse's grandchild
- Spouse's parent or other ancestor



# First-time Homebuyer: Who qualifies

 Who is a first-time buyer:

- Had no present interest in a main home during the 2-year period ending on the date of acquisition of the home which the distribution is being used to buy, build, or rebuild
- If married, spouse must also meet this no-ownership requirement

# Bonus Tip: First-time Homebuyer: Rollover Deadline

- 🍏 60-day extend to 120 days if received a distribution to buy, build, or rebuild a first home and the purchase or construction was canceled or delayed



**Expenses Must  
Occur During  
Distribution year**



# **IRS Publication 590-B provides details on exceptions**



# 457(b) Special Rule



- 🍎 Pre-tax amount is ordinary income
- 🍎 No additional tax on early distributions. Exception applies to amounts rolled over from other plans

# Death Exception-Caution

- 🍏 Death distributions exempt from the 10% additional tax on early distributions
  - Code 4 in Box 7 of Form 1099-R
- 🍏 Spouse beneficiary can treat as own or as inherited IRA
- 🍏 If under age 59 ½ , 10% additional tax applies if spouse treats as own
- 🍏 Spouse can change from inherited IRA at any time

# Real Life Case!





# Spouse Beneficiary Loses Death Exception

**The Case:** Peggy Ann Sears v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo. 2010-146

**Confusion:** Whether Death Penalty exception applies when “spouse treats as own”

- 🍏 The individual inherited her husband's IRA. Transferred to her “own” IRA.
- 🍏 She made withdrawals from the IRA while she was under age 59 ½, but did not pay the penalty
- 🍏 The IRS amended her tax return to assess the 10% additional tax on early distribution: \$6,093.70
- 🍏 The tax court agreed

# Disability Exception

- 🍏 An individual shall be considered to be disabled if unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or to be of long-continued and indefinite duration
- 🍏 Proof of disability required – Chief Counsel Advice 200922041
- 🍏 A medical determination must be made
- 🍏 Code 3 in Box 7 of Form 1099-R

Real Life Case!



# Disability Exception

*Dollander v. Commissioner*- T.C. Memo. 2009–187 (Aug. 19, 2009)

🍏 Nurse diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and depression

🍏 Restricted to light duty, and reassigned to desk

🍏 Not institutionalized or under constant supervision and maintained side business

Assessment: Deficiency in income tax of \$16,918 , accuracy-related penalty of \$3,384, 10% additional tax on early distribution of \$158,310.42

# Disability Exception

- 🍏 Qualifying for disability under private disability insurance contract not sufficient, as different criteria may apply
  - Stipe v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo. 2011-92
  - Kowsh v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo. 2008-204
- 🍏 Disability must precede distribution
- 🍏 Requirement met if SSA application for disability is submitted before distribution, and application is approved
- 🍏 Dart v. Commissioner, T.C. Summary Opinion 2008–158 (T.C. 2008)

# Learning Objective 🍏

Create strategies to retain qualifications for exceptions to the 10% additional tax on early distributions





# Strategy: Mitigating the taxability of distributions 🍎

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# Substantially equal periodic payments



# Pre-SEPP

🍏 Check for Other Exceptions before starting a SEPP

🍏 Avoid using for short-term needs

# SEPP [ 72(t) ] Payments

- 🍏 Must meet IRS Safe harbor requirements
- 🍏 Retroactive 10% additional tax on early distributions, plus interest, if modified
- 🍏 Continue for 5 years or until 59 ½, whichever is longer
- 🍏 Must be separated from service for employer sponsored retirement plan

# SEPP [ 72(t) ] Payments

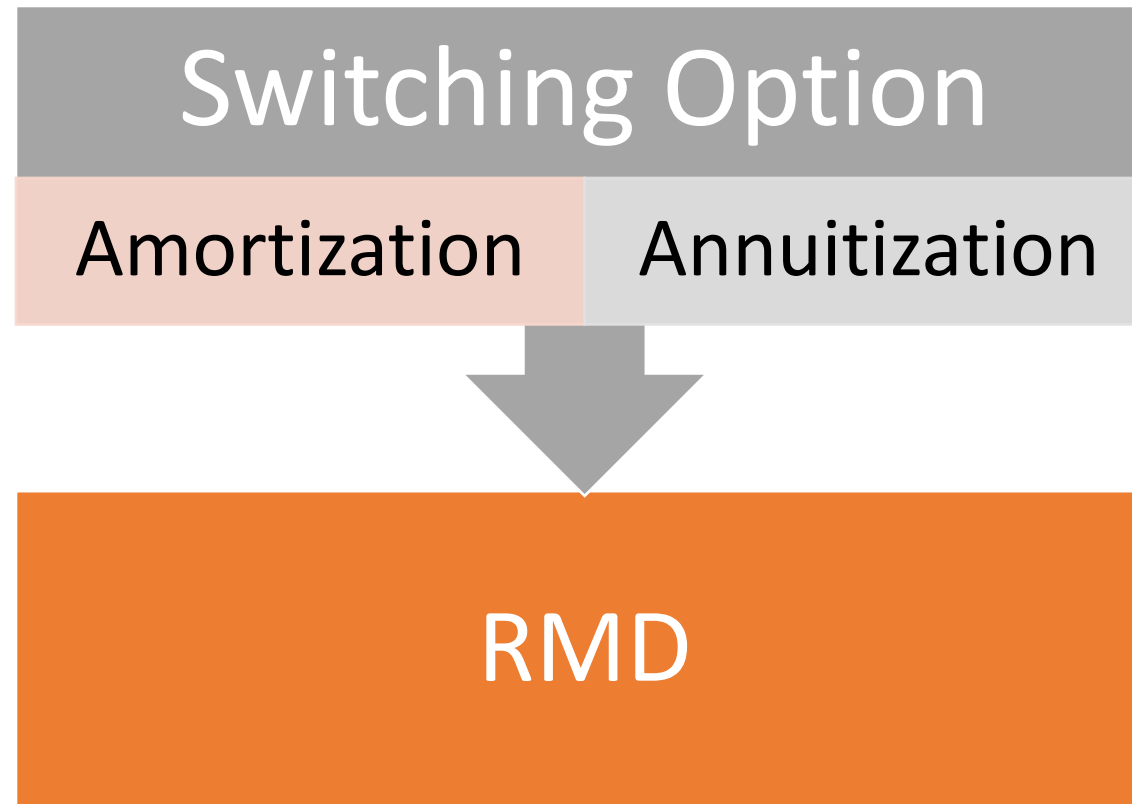
Three methods to calculate amount:

 RMD method

 Annuitization method

 Amortization method

# A One-Time Switch is Permitted in One Direction





# SEPP [ 72(t) ] Payments

- 🍏 Life expectancy tables
  - Single life expectancy table
  - Uniform lifetime table
  - Joint life expectancy table – must be actual beneficiary
- 🍏 Age at end of year is used

# SEPP [ 72(t) ] Payments: Interest Rate

🍏 For the fixed amortization method and the fixed annuitization method, the interest rate is capped at the greater of:

(i) 5%, or

(ii) 120% of the federal mid-term rate for either of the two months immediately preceding the month in which the distribution begins.

🍏 The IRS publishes the monthly Applicable Federal Rates (AFRs) here

<https://apps.irs.gov/app/picklist/list/federalRates.html> .

🍏 Use rate for either of the two months immediately preceding the month in which the distribution begins

# SEPP [ 72(t) ] Payments

Account balance

🍏 Account balance must be based on reasonable facts and circumstances

🍏 No additional except for gains and losses

🍏 ~~No nontaxable transfer of a portion of the account balance to another retirement plan~~ (restriction repealed under SECURE Act 2.0)

# Strategy: Run Calculation Using All Three Methods

- 🍏 Choose the one that best suits your client
- 🍏 Use different interest rates
- 🍏 Use different life expectancy tables.
- 🍏 Run reverse calculations

# SEPP/72(t) Case Study

<b>Starting Date:</b>		<b>9/2024</b>
<b>2024 Plan Balance:</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>
<b>Expected Plan Growth:</b>		<b>5.00%</b>
<b>Distributions Occur Annually</b>		
<b>Owner's Birth Date:</b>		<b>1/1/1975</b>
<b>"Reasonable" Interest Rate:</b>		<b>5.40%</b>

# Amortization Method

Date	Age	Balance	Factor	Distribution
9/2024	49	\$100,000.00	16.2284	\$6,162.04
9/2025	50	\$98,529.86	16.2284	\$6,162.04
9/2026	51	\$96,986.21	16.2284	\$6,162.04
9/2027	52	\$95,365.38	16.2284	\$6,162.04
9/2028	53	\$93,663.51	16.2284	\$6,162.04
9/2029	54	\$91,876.54	16.2284	\$6,162.04
9/2030	55	\$90,000.23	16.2284	\$6,162.04
9/2031	56	\$88,030.10	16.2284	\$6,162.04
9/2032	57	\$85,961.46	16.2284	\$6,162.04
9/2033	58	\$83,789.39	16.2284	\$6,162.04



# Compare All Three Methods. Choose one

	<b>RMD Method (Amount will change each year)</b>	<b>Amortization Method</b>	<b>Annuitization Method</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
2024	\$2,695.42	\$6,294.49	\$6,162.04
2025	\$2,822.37	\$6,294.49	\$6,162.04
2026	\$2,955.09	\$6,294.49	\$6,162.04
2027	\$3,102.85	\$6,294.49	\$6,162.04
2028	\$3,248.24	\$6,294.49	\$6,162.04
2029	\$3,400.15	\$6,294.49	\$6,162.04
2030	\$3,558.86	\$6,294.49	\$6,162.04
2031	\$3,736.81	\$6,294.49	\$6,162.04
2032	\$3,897.31	\$6,294.49	\$6,162.04
2033	\$4,078.02	\$6,294.49	\$6,162.04
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$33,495.12</b>	<b>\$62,944.90</b>	<b>\$61,620.40</b>

# SEPP [ 72(t) ] Payments

Changes allowed

- 🍏 Complete depletion of balance, SEPP terminated
- 🍏 One time change to RMD method
- 🍏 Death
- 🍏 Disability



There is a Recapture Tax for Breaking the Rules



# **Fastest Way to determine the taxability of a Roth IRA distribution**

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# Check if Distribution is qualified

1. Had client funded any Roth IRA for 5-years? **and**
2. Is any of the following an applicable event?
  - a. Age 59 ½ older
  - b. Death
  - c. Disability
  - d. Up to \$10,000 first time home

If yes, stop! Distribution is tax-free and penalty free.

If no ( next slide)

# Apply the Ordering Rules for Nonqualified Distributions From Roth IRAs

## Contributions, DRA Basis, 529 Basis 1<sup>st</sup>

Never get to next tranche until these amounts are fully distributed

Withdraw anytime  
as needed

## Conversions and Rollovers 2<sup>nd</sup> FIFO

Never get to next tranche until these amounts are fully distributed

Wait 5-years : F.I.F.O.  
or when other  
exception applies

## Earnings 3<sup>rd</sup> (last)

Never get to this tranche until other amounts are fully distributed

Wait until  
distribution is  
qualified.



# Summary: Tax Treatment of Roth IRA Distributions

Tax and Penalty Treatment of Roth IRA Distributions		
Source of distributed assets (Ordering rules)	Qualified Distributions	Non-qualified Distributions
🍏 Contributions and rollover of basis from DRA and 529 plans: distributions come from this source first	🍏 Tax Free 🍏 Penalty Free	🍏 Tax Free 🍏 Penalty Free
🍏 Conversions and rollovers: distributions come from this source second on a first in first out (FIFO) basis	🍏 Tax Free 🍏 Penalty Free	🍏 Tax Free 🍏 10% penalty applies <u>if</u> no exception
🍏 Earnings: distributions come from this source last	🍏 Tax Free 🍏 Penalty Free	🍏 Tax applies 🍏 10% penalty applies <u>if</u> no exception

# Learning Objective 🍏

Managing RMD Shortfalls

# New RMD Ages

Year/date of birth	Applicable age for IRA Owners: When RMDs begin
June 30, 1949, and earlier	The year they attained age 70½
July 1, 1949–December 31, 1950	The year they attained age 72
January 1, 1951–December 31, 1958	The year they attain age 73
January 1, 1959–December 31, 1959	The year they attain age 73*
January 1, 1960, and after	The year they attain age 75
The First RMD must be taken by April 1 of the year after the Applicable RMD Age.	
* SECURE Act 2 proposed regulations	

# What is an RMD?

## Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

- 🍏 Minimum amount that must be withdrawn from a retirement account for a year
- 🍏 RMDs start the year the account owner/participant reaches their applicable age (first RMD year)
- 🍏 Employer plans may allow eligible participants to defer RMDs past their applicable RMD age until retirement
- 🍏 The RMD amount for a year must generally be withdrawn from an IRA or employer plan by December 31 of the year it is due.

# The RMD Formula

🍏 Divide FMV by applicable life-expectancy

🍏 To determine life expectancy:

🍏 Use **Uniform Lifetime table** with one exception

🍏 **Exception: Joint Life and Last Survivor Expectancy table** can be used under exception:

- ✓ Exception applies where spouse is **(a)** sole primary beneficiary and **(b)** more than 10 years younger than owner

🍏 Use age as of end of RMD year

🍏 For beneficiary accounts: Single Life Expectancy Table

# What Is the Required Beginning Date?


- 🍏 RBD= April 1 of the year that follows the year the account owner reaches their applicable age
- 🍏 An employer plan may design the RBD as the later of: **(A)** the above or **(B)** April 1 of the year that follows the year the participant retires from the employer
- 🍏 For **participants** in qualified plans, 403(b)s, and governmental 457(b) plans who can defer RMD past their applicable RMD age until retirement, the first RMD can be deferred until April 1 of the year after year of retirement (RBD)



# Consequences of Missing RMD Deadline

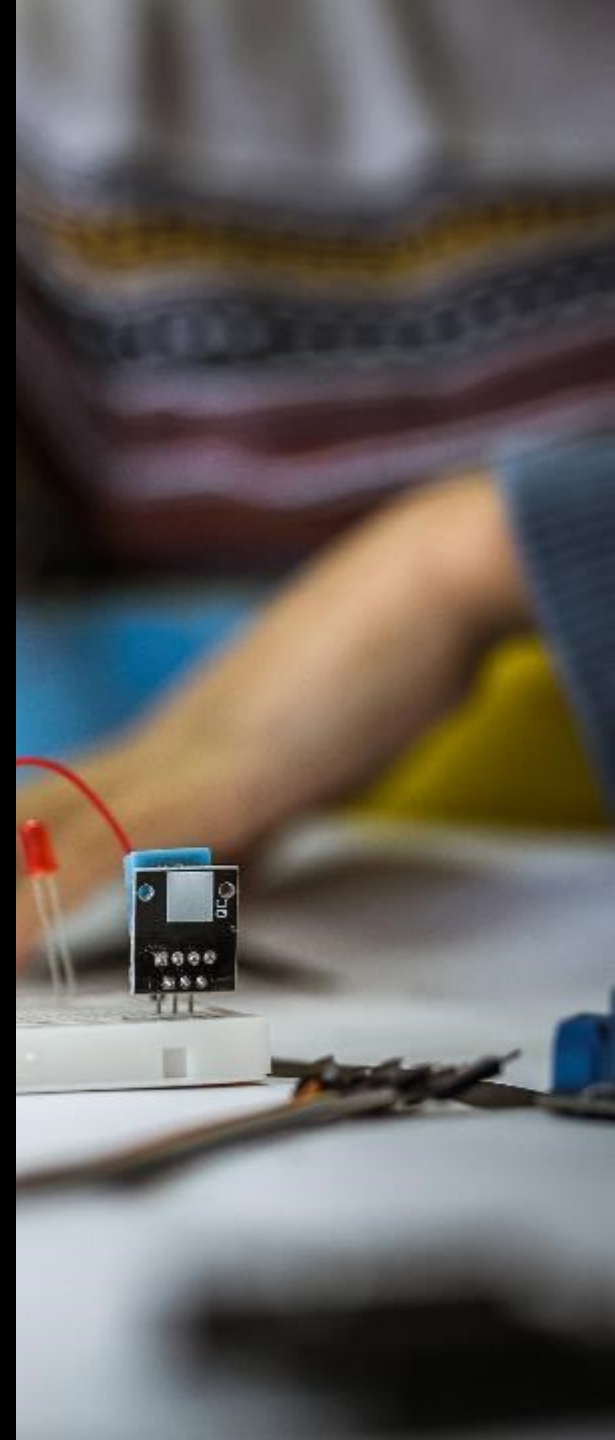
- 🍏 If an RMD amount is not taken by the deadline, an excise tax on the shortfall is owed to the IRS
  - 50% before 2023
  - 25% as of 2023
  - Reduced to 10% if corrected timely
- 🍏 Applies to account owners and beneficiaries with inherited accounts





# Taking the path to correction can reduce the excise tax on RMD failures 🍏

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# Excise Tax? Request A Waiver

- 🍏 The IRS may waive the penalty if the failure to meet the deadline was due to reasonable cause
- 🍏 Form 5329 is used to report penalty
- 🍏 Penalty must not be paid if waiver is requested unless IRS responds with a denial
- 🍏 Should take RMD or show attempt to correct shortfall

RMD is a team project. But IRA owners are responsible for paying excise tax on failures. 🍏

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# Learning Objective 🍏

Coordinate QCDs with RMDs

# Qualified Charitable Distributions

🍏 Qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) are tax-free

🍏 A QCD:

- Must be distributed on or after the day the IRA owner reaches age 70½
- Can be made only from traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs, and SEP/SIMPLE IRAs that are not ongoing
- Must be made to charitable organizations described in Code §170(b)(1)(A)
- Is limited to \$100,000 (indexed) per year per IRA owner.

Source: Appleby's IRA Quick Reference Guides Book [www.IRAPublications.com](http://www.IRAPublications.com)

# New RMD Age has no effect on QCDs

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# Reminder: Deductible IRA Contributions



Age repeal of QCD ( SECURE Act 1)



Deductible IRA contribution and QCD can be made at the same time.



Deductible IRA contribution after age 70 ½ must be coordinated with QCD.

# Example 1: QCD Coordination

## Example

71-year-old Tom:

- Made a 2024 deductible Traditional IRA contribution of \$6,000, and
- Made a QCD of \$50,000 for 2024
- \$44,000 will be tax-free
- \$6,000 will be included in his income

## Example 2: QCD Coordination

	Deductible IRA contribution	QCD	Excludible Amount	Comment
2022	\$5,000	\$-0-	N/A	N/A
2023	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$6,000 reduced by \$10,000 (\$5,000 for 2021 and \$5,000 for 2022)	There is no excludible amount \$4,000 remains by which to reduce a QCD
2024	\$-0-	\$6,500	\$6,500 reduced by \$4,000	The excludible amount is \$2,500 (\$6,000 -\$4,000)

Taking QCDs  
before RMDs  
means  $QCD \approx$   
RMD

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# A QCD Can Be an RMD

🍏 A QCD counts as RMD, if done before RMD is satisfied



# QCDs as RMD: Case Study 1

 A QCD can be used to satisfy an RMD

 To be an RMD, a QCD cannot be made after RMD has been satisfied

**Case study #1:** 75-year-old Charlie's RMD for this year is \$30,000

- Charlie makes a QCD of \$30,000 in January of this year
- The \$30,000 is nontaxable because it is a QCD
- The \$30,000 counts as Charlie's RMD for this year **because it is her first distribution for the year**
- No additional distribution is required to satisfy Charlie's RMD

# QCDs as RMD: Case Study 2

**Case study #2:** 74-year-old Winsome's RMD for this year is \$10,000

- **1.** Suzie takes a distribution of \$10,000 in January of this year, and has the amount paid to her
  - Because that is her first distribution this year, it is her RMD for the year
  - It is taxable\*, because it is not a QCD
- **2.** Suzie makes a QCD of \$5,000 in February
  - The \$5,000 is nontaxable because it is a QCD

\*Except for any basis amounts

# Learning Objective 🍏

Correct IRA Custodian reporting errors



# Reminder: IRA Custodians Do Not Track Basis

- 🍏 All early and normal distributions are reported as taxable
- 🍏 If any portion is nontaxable, that must be claimed on the IRA owner's tax return
- 🍏 To allow for IRA owner's claim, the IRA custodian must check the "Taxable Amount Not Determined" Box (Box 2b)



PAYER'S name, street address, city or town, state or province, country, ZIP or foreign postal code, and telephone no.				1 Gross distribution		OMB No. 1545-0119		Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc.	
				\$		2024			
				2a Taxable amount					
				\$		Form 1099-R			
				2b Taxable amount not determined <input type="checkbox"/>		Total distribution <input type="checkbox"/>		Copy A For Internal Revenue Service Center	
PAYER'S TIN		RECIPIENT'S TIN		3 Capital gain (included in box 2a)		4 Federal income tax withheld			
				\$		\$		File with Form 1096.	
RECIPIENT'S name				5 Employee contributions/ Designated Roth contributions or insurance premiums		6 Net unrealized appreciation in employer's securities		For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the 2024 General Instructions for Certain Information Returns.	
				\$		\$			
Street address (including apt. no.)				7 Distribution code(s)		8 Other			
						IRA/ SEP/ SIMPLE <input type="checkbox"/>		\$ %	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code				9a Your percentage of total distribution %		9b Total employee contributions			
						\$			
10 Amount allocable to IRR within 5 years		11 1st year of desig. Roth contrib.	12 FATCA filing requirement	14 State tax withheld		15 State/Payer's state no.		16 State distribution	
\$			<input type="checkbox"/>	\$				\$	
				\$				\$	
Account number (see instructions)			13 Date of	17 Local tax withheld		18 Name of locality		19 Local distribution	

# File Form 8606 to Report Nontaxable Amount

- 🍏 Rectifies “Taxable amount not determined” Box on 1099-R , if any portion is nontaxable.
- 🍏 Form 8606 tracks basis.
- 🍏 Reports deductible IRA contributions.
- 🍏 Tracks how much of basis is included in a distribution.
- 🍏 Prevents double taxation.

# Custodian Tax Reporting

## Exception Codes for Amounts That Might be Included in Income



# 1099-R and Reporting the Exception

- 🍏 IRA custodians & trustees (custodians) must issue IRS Form 1099-R for distributions
- 🍏 Form 1099-R must report some exceptions
- 🍏 Some exceptions are not reported by custodians

# Exception Code Custodian Reporting

🍏2—Early distribution, exception applies. Examples include:-

- Direct Roth conversion
- Age 55 exception

🍏3—Disability.

🍏4—Death.

# No Exception Reporting by Custodian: 1 of 2

Custodian must use Code 1 even if the distribution is made for medical expenses,

🍏health insurance premiums,

🍏qualified higher education expenses,

🍏a first-time home purchase,

🍏a qualified reservist distribution,

🍏a qualified birth or adoption distribution

# No Exception Reporting by Custodian: 2 of 2

Custodian must use Code 1 even if the distribution is made for medical expenses,

🍏 an emergency personal expense distribution,

🍏 a terminally ill individual distribution,

🍏 or an eligible distribution to a domestic abuse victim

🍏 if a taxpayer is 59½ or older and they modify a series of substantially equal periodic payments under section prior to the end of the 5-year period that began with the first payment.



# Form 5329 Used to Override Code 1

🍏 One of the purposes of Form 5329 is to override or correct the early distribution or exception Code in Box 7 of Form 1099-R

# Tips for Advisors

- 🍏 Inform clients about penalty- avoid sticker shock
- 🍏 Determine if benefits will be lost as a result of rollover
- 🍏 Check for penalty exceptions that may not apply to receiving plan
- 🍏 If custodian does not report exception, file Form 5329 to override custodians reporting
- 🍏 Check for RMD shortfalls and take steps to avoid the excise tax.
- 🍏 Coordinate RMDs with QCDs if that is the client's intent.

# Questions?



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your time!**

