

# Traditional and Roth IRAs

Which account meets my needs?

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	Traditional IRA	Roth IRA
<b>Who can contribute</b>	Anyone who has not reached age 70½ by the end of the year for which the contribution is made, providing they or a spouse have taxable compensation	Anyone of any age, provided they or a spouse have taxable compensation
<b>Annual income limits</b>	None, but may affect tax deductibility (see Tax-deductible contributions below)	Contribution might be limited based on your filing status and income. Please refer to IRS website for applicable limits: <a href="http://www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/roth-iras">www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/roth-iras</a>
<b>Main benefit</b>	Contributions are potentially tax-deductible and earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis until withdrawn	Earnings grow tax-deferred and can be withdrawn exempt from federal taxes if qualified distribution <sup>2</sup>
<b>How it works</b>	Open an account and make contributions	Open an account and make contributions
<b>Annual contribution limit (2018/19)</b>	The lesser of taxable compensation or: • 2018: \$5,500 (under age 50), \$6,500 (age 50-70½) • 2019: \$6,000 (under age 50), \$7,000 (age 50-70½)	The lesser of taxable compensation or: • 2018: \$5,500 (under age 50), \$6,500 (age 50+) • 2019: \$6,000 (under age 50), \$7,000 (age 50+)
<b>Tax-deductible contributions</b>	Deductibility may be limited if you (or your spouse, if you are married) are covered by a retirement plan at work and your income exceeds certain levels.  Please refer to the IRS website for applicable limits: <a href="http://www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/ira-deduction-limits">www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/ira-deduction-limits</a>	No, contributions are non-deductible
<b>Withdrawals<sup>1</sup></b>	• Deductible contributions and earnings are taxed as ordinary income	• Contributions can be withdrawn at any time without tax or IRS penalty. • Qualified distributions are exempt from federal taxes. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Required withdrawals</b>	• Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) must begin by April 1 of the year following the year in which the account owner turns age 70½ • Beneficiaries may be subject to required minimum distribution rules <sup>3</sup>	• None during account owner's lifetime • Beneficiaries may be subject to required minimum distribution rules <sup>3</sup>
<b>Investor considerations</b>	Qualifiers for tax-deductible contributions and expectation to be in lower tax bracket in retirement	Income requirements for contribution eligibility and expectation to be in higher tax bracket in retirement

Source: Based on information from the Internal Revenue Service.

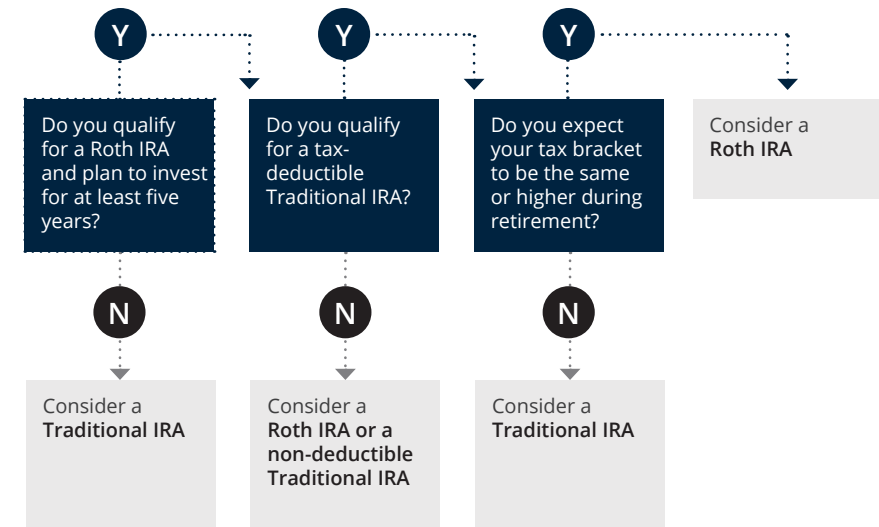
<sup>1</sup> Early withdrawals (prior to age 59½) are, in addition to otherwise applicable taxes, subject to a 10% federal penalty unless certain exceptions apply.

<sup>2</sup> Qualified distribution is any payment or distribution from your Roth IRA that meets the following requirements: 1) It is made after the 5-year period beginning with the first taxable year for which a contribution was made to a Roth IRA set up for your benefit, and 2) The payment or distribution is: a) Made on or after the date you reach age 59½, b) Made because you are disabled, c) Made to a beneficiary or to your estate after your death, or d) One that meets the requirements listed for first home purchase up to a \$10,000 lifetime limit. Please refer to IRS Publication 590-B for more information.

<sup>3</sup> Please refer to the IRS website for rules pertaining to Required Minimum Distributions for IRA beneficiaries: <https://www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/required-minimum-distributions-for-ira-beneficiaries>

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Possible next steps:

- ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION**  
Consider contributing up to the annual limit
- ARE YOU MARRIED?**  
Consider opening two separate IRAs if you file taxes jointly and earn at least as much as the combined IRA contributions
- DO YOU HAVE OTHER IRAS?**  
Combining them all in one place could make your record keeping and monitoring your investing goals easier

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