

YOUR OPTIONS FOR ELIGIBLE ROLLOVER DISTRIBUTIONS

You are receiving this notice because you are eligible to receive a payment from a designated Roth account under an employer-sponsored retirement plan (the "Plan") that you can transfer (roll over) to a Roth IRA or designated Roth account in an employer plan. This notice is intended to help you decide whether to roll over the payment (or some portion of it).

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ROLLOVERS

This notice describes the rollover rules that apply to payments from the Plan that are from a designated Roth account. If you also receive a payment from the Plan that isn't from a designated Roth account, you will be provided a different notice for that payment, and the Plan administrator or the payor will tell you the amount that is being paid from each account.

Rules that apply to most payments from a designated Roth account are described in this "General Information About Rollovers" section. Special rules that only apply in certain circumstances are described in the "Special Rules and Options" section, including rules if your Plan is a governmental section 457(b) plan, you have after-tax contributions, or your benefit doesn't exceed \$7,000.

What can I do with an amount that is eligible for rollover?

When an amount payable (that is, an amount you are eligible to take as a payment from the Plan) is eligible for rollover, you generally may choose some combination of the following:

- Leave it in the Plan, that is, do not take the payment,
- Roll it over into a designated Roth account in another plan,
- Roll it over into a Roth IRA, or
- Take it, don't roll it over, and pay any required taxes.

Whether these options are available to you depends on your circumstances and the terms of the Plan. For example, you may be required to take a payment (and not roll it over) based on your age or if your benefit is below a certain threshold.

How can a payment affect my taxes?

After-tax contributions included in a payment from a designated Roth account aren't taxed, but earnings might be taxed. The tax treatment of earnings included in the payment depends on whether the payment is a qualified distribution. If a payment is only part of your designated Roth account, the payment will include an allocable portion of the earnings in your designated Roth account.

If the payment from the Plan isn't a qualified distribution and you don't do a rollover to a Roth IRA or a designated Roth account in an employer plan, you will be taxed on the portion of the payment that is earnings. If you are under age 59½, a 10% additional tax on early distributions (generally, distributions made before age 59½) will also apply to the earnings (unless an exception applies).

If the payment from the Plan is a qualified distribution, you won't be taxed on any part of the payment even if you don't do a rollover. A qualified distribution from a designated Roth account in the Plan is a payment made after you are age 59½ (or after your death or disability) and after you have had a designated Roth account in the Plan for at least 5 years. In applying the 5-year rule, you count from January 1 of the year the first contribution was made to the designated Roth account. However, if you did a direct rollover to a designated Roth account in the Plan from a designated Roth account in another employer plan, your participation will count from January 1 of the year the first contribution was made to the designated Roth account in the Plan or, if earlier, to the designated Roth account in the other employer plan.

How can a rollover affect my taxes?

If the payment isn't a qualified distribution and you do a rollover, you won't have to pay taxes currently on the earnings and you won't have to pay taxes later on payments that are qualified distributions. If the payment is a qualified distribution and you do a rollover, you won't be taxed on the amount you roll over and any earnings on the amount you roll over won't be taxed when paid later.

What types of retirement accounts and plans may accept my rollover?

You may roll over the payment to either a Roth IRA (a Roth individual retirement account or Roth individual retirement annuity) or a designated Roth account in an employer plan (a tax-qualified plan, section 403(b) plan, or governmental section 457(b) plan) that will

accept the rollover. The rules of the Roth IRA or employer plan that holds the rollover will determine your investment options, fees, and rights to payment from the Roth IRA or employer plan (for example, Roth IRAs cannot provide loans). Further, the amount rolled over will become subject to the tax rules that apply to the Roth IRA or the designated Roth account in the employer plan. In general, these tax rules are similar to those described elsewhere in this notice, but differences include:

- If you do a rollover to a Roth IRA, all of your Roth IRAs will be considered for purposes of determining whether you have satisfied the 5-year rule (counting from January 1 of the year for which your first contribution was made to any of your Roth IRAs).
- If you do a rollover to a Roth IRA, you must keep track of the aggregate amount of the after-tax contributions in all of your Roth IRAs (in order to determine your taxable income for later Roth IRA payments that aren't qualified distributions).
- Eligible rollover distributions from a Roth IRA can only be rolled over to another Roth IRA.

How do I do a rollover?

There are two ways to do a rollover. You can either do a direct rollover or a 60-day rollover.

If you do a direct rollover, the Plan will make the payment directly to your Roth IRA or designated Roth account in an employer plan. You should contact the Roth IRA sponsor or the administrator of the employer plan for information on how to do a direct rollover.

If you do a direct rollover of only a portion of the amount paid from the Plan and a portion is paid to you at the same time, the portion directly rolled over consists first of earnings. For example, assume you are receiving a nonqualified distribution of \$12,000, of which \$2,000 is earnings. In this case, if you directly roll over \$10,000 to an IRA that is a Roth IRA, no amount is taxable because the \$10,000 amount rolled over includes the \$2,000 in earnings and the remaining \$2,000 paid to you is attributable to after-tax contributions.

If you do a 60-day rollover, you will receive a payment from the Plan and then make a deposit (generally within 60 days) into a Roth IRA, whether the payment is a qualified or nonqualified distribution. In addition, you can do a rollover by making a deposit within 60 days into a designated Roth account in an employer plan if the payment is a nonqualified distribution and the rollover doesn't exceed the amount of the earnings in the payment. You can't do a 60-day rollover to an employer plan of any part of a qualified distribution.

If you do a 60-day rollover and the payment isn't a qualified distribution, the Plan is required to withhold 20% of the earnings for federal income taxes (up to the amount of cash and property received other than employer stock). This means that, in order to roll over the entire payment in a 60-day rollover to a Roth IRA, you must use other funds to make up for the amount withheld.

How much may I roll over?

You may roll over all or part of the amount eligible for rollover. Any payment from the Plan is eligible for rollover, except:

- Certain payments spread over a period of at least 10 years or over your life or life expectancy (or the joint lives or joint life expectancies of you and your beneficiary);
- Required minimum distributions to a beneficiary;
- Hardship distributions;
- Payments of employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) dividends;
- Corrective distributions of contributions that exceeded tax law limitations;
- Loans treated as deemed distributions (for example, loans in default due to missed payments before your employment ends);
- Cost of life insurance paid by the Plan;
- Payments of certain automatic enrollment contributions that you request to withdraw within 90 days of your first contribution;
- Amounts treated as distributed because of a prohibited allocation of S corporation stock under an ESOP;
- Distributions used to pay certain premiums for health and accident insurance; and
- Amounts treated as distributed as a result of the purchase of a collectible.

The Plan administrator or the payor can tell you what portion of a payment is eligible for rollover.

If I don't do a rollover, will I have to pay the 10% additional tax on distributions before age 59½?

If a payment isn't a qualified distribution and you are under age 59½, you will have to pay the 10% additional tax on early distributions with respect to the earnings allocated to the payment that you don't roll over (including amounts withheld for income tax), unless one of the exceptions listed below applies. This tax is in addition to the regular income tax on the earnings not rolled over.

The 10% additional tax doesn't apply to the following payments from the Plan:

- Payments made after you separate from service if you are at least age 55 in the year of the separation;

- Payments that start after you separate from service if paid at least annually in equal or close to equal amounts over your life or life expectancy (or the joint lives or joint life expectancies of you and your beneficiary);
- Payments from a governmental plan made after you separate from service as a qualified public safety employee and, in the year of separation, have reached age 50 or 25 years of service under the Plan;
- Payments from a private-sector plan made after you separate from service as a private-sector firefighter and, in the year of separation, have reached age 50 or 25 years of service under the Plan;
- Payments made due to disability;
- Payments made after your death;
- Payments of ESOP dividends;
- Corrective distributions of contributions that exceed tax law limitations;
- Cost of life insurance paid by the Plan;
- Payments made directly to the government to satisfy a federal tax levy;
- Payments made under a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO);
- Payments from a defined contribution plan that are qualified birth or adoption distributions;
- Payments from a defined contribution plan for purposes of meeting unforeseeable or immediate financial needs relating to personal or family emergency expenses (emergency personal expense distributions);
- Payments to a victim of domestic abuse from a defined contribution plan that isn't subject to the qualified joint survivor annuity or qualified preretirement survivor annuity rules (domestic abuse victim distributions);
- Payments after you receive a certification from a physician that you have a terminal illness (terminal illness distributions);
- Payments that are qualified disaster recovery distributions;
- Payments made from a defined contribution plan that are qualified long-term care distributions;
- Payments up to the amount of your deductible medical expenses (without regard to whether you itemize deductions for the taxable year);
- Certain payments made while you are on active duty if you were a member of a reserve component called to duty after September 11, 2001, for more than 179 days;
- Payments of certain automatic enrollment contributions that you request to withdraw within 90 days of your first contribution; and
- Payments from a pension-linked emergency savings account.

For more information about the 10% additional tax and the exceptions to the 10% additional tax, see IRS Publication 575, *Pension and Annuity Income*, under the heading *Tax on Early Distributions*. For information on how to claim an exception, see the Instructions for IRS Form 5329, *Additional Taxes on Qualified Plans (Including IRAs) and Other Tax-Favored Accounts*.

If I do a rollover to a Roth IRA, will the 10% additional tax apply to a later distribution from the Roth IRA before age 59½?

If you receive a payment from a Roth IRA when you are under age 59½, you will have to pay the 10% additional tax on early distributions on the earnings paid from the Roth IRA, unless an exception applies or the payment is a qualified distribution. In general, the exceptions to the 10% additional tax for early distributions from a Roth IRA listed above are the same as the exceptions for early distributions from a designated Roth account in an employer plan. However, there are a few differences for payments from a Roth IRA, including:

- The exception for payments from a plan made after you separate from service if you are at least age 55 in the year of the separation (or the earlier of age 50 or attainment of 25 years of service under the Plan for qualified public safety employees and private-sector firefighters) doesn't apply to payments from an IRA;
- The exception for payments made pursuant to a QDRO under a plan doesn't apply to an IRA (although a special rule applies under which, as part of a divorce or separation agreement, a tax-free transfer may be made directly to a Roth IRA of a spouse or former spouse); and
- The exception for substantially equal periodic payments from a plan also applies to payments from an IRA but without regard to whether you have had a separation from service.

Also, there are exceptions to the 10% additional tax that do not apply to payments from a plan but that do apply to payments from a Roth IRA, including:

- Payments for qualified higher education expenses;
- Payments up to \$10,000 used in a qualified first-time home purchase; and
- Payments for health insurance premiums after you have received unemployment compensation for 12 consecutive weeks (or would have been eligible to receive unemployment compensation but for self-employed status).

For more general information about the 10% additional tax and the exceptions to the 10% additional tax on payments from an IRA, see

the Instructions to IRS Form 5329, *Additional Taxes on Qualified Plans (Including IRAs) and Other Tax-Favored Accounts*. See also, IRS Publication 590-B, *Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*, under the heading *Early Distributions*.

Will I owe state income taxes?

This notice doesn't address any state or local income tax rules (including withholding rules).

SPECIAL RULES AND OPTIONS

If you miss the 60-day rollover deadline

Generally, the 60-day rollover deadline can't be extended. However, the IRS has authority to waive the deadline under certain extraordinary circumstances, such as when external events prevented you from completing the rollover by the 60-day rollover deadline. Under certain circumstances, you may claim eligibility for a waiver of the 60-day rollover deadline by making a written self-certification. Otherwise, to apply for a waiver from the IRS, you must file a private letter ruling request with the IRS. Private letter ruling requests require the payment of a nonrefundable user fee. For more information, see IRS Publication 590-A, *Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*, under the heading *Rollovers*.

If your payment includes employer stock that you don't roll over

If you receive a payment that isn't a qualified distribution and you don't roll it over, you can apply a special rule to payments of employer stock (or other employer securities) that are paid in a lump sum after separation from service (or after age 59½, disability, or the participant's death). Under the special rule, the net unrealized appreciation on the stock included in the earnings in the payment won't be taxed when distributed to you from the Plan and will be taxed at capital gain rates when you sell the stock. If you do a rollover to a Roth IRA or a designated Roth account in another employer plan for a nonqualified distribution that includes employer stock (for example, by selling the stock and rolling over the proceeds within 60 days of the distribution), you won't have any taxable income and the special rule relating to the distributed employer stock won't apply to any later payments from the Roth IRA or, generally, the plan. Net unrealized appreciation is generally the increase in the value of the employer stock after it was acquired by the Plan. The Plan administrator can tell you the amount of any net unrealized appreciation.

If you receive a payment that is a qualified distribution that includes employer stock and you don't roll it over, your basis in the stock (used to determine gain or loss when you later sell the stock) will equal the fair market value of the stock at the time of the payment from the Plan.

If you have an outstanding loan that is being offset

If you have an outstanding loan from the Plan, your Plan benefit may be offset by the outstanding amount of the loan (offset amount), typically when your employment ends. The offset amount is treated as a distribution to you at the time of the offset. Generally, you may roll over all or any portion of the offset amount. If the distribution attributable to the offset isn't a qualified distribution and you don't roll over the offset amount, you will be taxed on any earnings included in the distribution (including the 10% additional tax on early distributions, unless an exception applies). You may roll over the earnings included in the loan offset to a Roth IRA or designated Roth account in an employer plan (if the terms of the employer plan permit the plan to receive plan loan offset rollovers). You may also roll over the full amount of the offset to a Roth IRA.

How long you have to complete the rollover depends on what kind of plan loan offset you have. If you have a qualified plan loan offset, you will have until your tax return due date (including extensions) for the tax year during which the offset occurs to complete your rollover. A qualified plan loan offset occurs when a plan loan in good standing is offset because your employer plan terminates, or because you separate from service. If your plan loan offset occurs for any other reason (such as a failure to make level repayments that results in a deemed distribution), then you have 60 days from the date the offset occurs to complete your rollover.

If you receive a payment and you were born on or before January 1, 1936

If you were born on or before January 1, 1936, and receive a lump sum payment that isn't a qualified distribution and that you don't roll over, special rules for calculating the amount of the tax on the earnings in the payment might apply to you. For more information, see IRS Publication 575, *Pension and Annuity Income*.

If your payment is from a governmental section 457(b) plan

If the Plan is a governmental section 457(b) plan, the same rules described elsewhere in this notice generally apply, allowing you to roll over the payment to a Roth IRA or a designated Roth account in an employer plan that accepts rollovers. One difference is that, if you receive a payment that isn't a qualified distribution and you don't roll it over, you won't have to pay the 10% additional tax on early distributions with respect to the earnings allocated to the payment that you don't roll over, even if you are under age 59½ (unless the payment is from a separate account holding rollover contributions that were made to the Plan from a tax-qualified plan, a section 403(b) plan, or an IRA). However, if you do a rollover to a Roth IRA or to a designated Roth account in an employer plan that isn't a governmental section 457(b) plan, a later distribution that isn't a qualified distribution made before age 59½ will be subject to the 10% additional tax on earnings allocated to the payment (unless an exception applies). Other differences include that you can't do a rollover if the payment is an "unforeseeable emergency" distribution and that the special rules under the sections "If your payment includes employer stock that you don't roll over" and "If you receive a nonqualified distribution and you were born on or before January 1, 1936" don't apply.

If you are an eligible retired public safety officer and your payment is used to pay for health coverage or qualified long-term care insurance

If the Plan is a governmental plan, you retired as a public safety officer, and your retirement was by reason of disability or was after normal retirement age, you can exclude from your taxable income, up to a maximum of \$3,000 annually, nonqualified distributions (1) that were paid by the Plan directly to an insurer of health coverage or qualified long-term care insurance or (2) that were received by you from the Plan and used to pay for premiums to an accident or health plan (or a qualified long-term care insurance contract) that your employer maintains for you, your spouse, or your dependents. For this purpose, a public safety officer is a law enforcement officer, firefighter, chaplain, or member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew.

If you roll over your payment to a Roth SIMPLE IRA

You can only roll over a payment from the Plan to a Roth SIMPLE IRA plan after the end of the 2-year period beginning on the date you first participated in the Roth SIMPLE IRA plan.

If you aren't a Plan participant

Payments after death of the participant. If you receive a payment after the participant's death that you don't roll over, the payment generally will be taxed in the same manner described elsewhere in this notice. However, whether the payment is a qualified distribution generally depends on when the participant first made a contribution to the designated Roth account in the Plan. Also, the 10% additional tax on early distributions and the special rules for public safety officers don't apply, and the special rule described under the section "If you receive a nonqualified distribution and you were born on or before January 1, 1936" applies only if the deceased participant was born on or before January 1, 1936.

If you are a surviving spouse. If you receive a payment from the Plan as the surviving spouse of a deceased participant, you have the same rollover options that the participant would have had, as described elsewhere in this notice. In addition, if you choose to do a rollover to a Roth IRA, you may treat the Roth IRA either as your own or as an inherited Roth IRA.

A Roth IRA you treat as your own is treated like any other Roth IRA of yours, so that you won't have to take any required minimum distributions during your lifetime and earnings paid to you in a nonqualified distribution before you are age 59½ will be subject to the 10% additional tax on early distributions unless an exception applies.

If you treat the Roth IRA as an inherited Roth IRA, payments from the Roth IRA won't be subject to the 10% additional tax on early distributions. An inherited Roth IRA is subject to required minimum distributions.

If you are a surviving beneficiary other than a spouse. If you receive a payment from the Plan because of the participant's death and you are a designated beneficiary other than a surviving spouse, the only rollover option you have is to do a direct rollover to an inherited Roth IRA. Payments from the inherited Roth IRA, even if made in a nonqualified distribution, won't be subject to the 10% additional tax on early distributions. You will have to take required minimum distributions from the inherited Roth IRA.

For more information, see IRS Publication 590-A, *Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*, and IRS Publication 590-B, *Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*.

Payments under a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO). If you are the spouse or a former spouse of the participant who receives a payment from the Plan under a QDRO, you generally have the same options and the same tax treatment that the participant would have (for example, you may roll over the payment to your own Roth IRA or to a designated Roth account in an eligible employer plan that will accept it).

For more information, see IRS Publication 504, *Divorced or Separated Individuals*.

If you are a nonresident alien

If you are a nonresident alien, the payment isn't a qualified distribution, and you don't do a direct rollover to a U.S. Roth IRA or designated Roth account in a U.S. employer plan, the Plan is generally required to withhold 30% (instead of withholding 20%) of the earnings for federal income taxes. If the amount withheld exceeds the amount of tax you owe (as may happen if you do a 60-day rollover), you may request an income tax refund by filing IRS Form 1040NR, *U.S. Nonresident Alien Income Tax Return*, and attaching your IRS Form 1042-S, *Foreign Person's U.S. Source Income Subject to Withholding*. See IRS Form W-8BEN, *Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding and Reporting (Individuals)*, for claiming that you are entitled to a reduced rate of withholding under an income tax treaty. For more information, see also IRS Publication 519, *U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens*, and IRS Publication 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*.

If you receive a payment from a pension-linked emergency savings account

In general, if you receive a payment from a pension-linked emergency savings account (PLESA), the rules for other payments from a designated Roth account apply. However, several special rules apply to payments from PLESAs. First, all payments from PLESAs are treated as qualified distributions, even if, for example, the payment is made before you reach age 59½ and before you have had a PLESA for at least 5 years. Second, if you terminate employment or your employer terminates your PLESA, you may elect, in addition to your usual rollover options, to roll over all or part of your PLESA into another designated Roth account in the Plan.

Other special rules

If a payment is one in a series of payments for less than 10 years, your choice whether to do a direct rollover will apply to all later payments in the series (unless you make a different choice for later payments).

If your payments for the year (only including payments from the designated Roth account in the Plan) are less than \$200, the Plan isn't required to allow you to do a direct rollover and isn't required to withhold federal income taxes. However, you can do a 60-day rollover.

Unless you elect otherwise, a mandatory cashout from the designated Roth account in the Plan of more than \$1,000 will be directly rolled over to a Roth IRA chosen by the Plan administrator or the payor. A mandatory cashout is a payment from a plan to a participant made before age 62 (or normal retirement age, if later) without the participant's consent. Generally, a mandatory cashout is only allowed if the participant's benefit doesn't exceed \$7,000.

You may have the ability to repay certain distributions from your retirement plan. If you took a qualified reservist distribution, a qualified disaster recovery distribution, a qualified birth or adoption distribution, an emergency personal expense distribution, a domestic abuse victim distribution, or a terminal illness distribution, you generally may repay that distribution to an eligible retirement plan within a certain time period. For more information on repayments of qualified reservist distributions, see IRS Publication 3, *Armed Forces' Tax Guide*. For more information on other repayments, see IRS Publication 575, *Pension and Annuity Income*, or consult a professional tax advisor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You may wish to consult with the Plan administrator or payor, or a professional tax advisor, before taking a payment from the Plan. Also, you can find more detailed information on the federal tax treatment of payments from employer plans in: IRS Publication 575, *Pension and Annuity Income*; IRS Publication 590-A, *Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*; IRS Publication 590-B, *Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*; and IRS Publication 571, *Tax-Sheltered Annuity Plans (403(b) Plans)*. These publications are available from a local IRS office, on the web at www.irs.gov, or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM.