RETIREMENT PLANS COMPARISON CHART 2025

PLAN TYPES:	SEP IRA	SIMPLE IRA	PROFIT SHARING	401(k)	401(k) "SAFE HARBOR"	403(b)	DEFINED BENEFIT
PROVISIONS: Target Employer:	Small employers, including nonprofits	100 or fewer employees and maintains no other plan	All, including nonprofits	All, including nonprofits, but excluding government entities	All, including nonprofits, but excluding government entities	Public education institutions, churches, and nonprofit groups under IRC 501(c)3	
Eligible Employees:	Employed for three of last five years, earned \$750 in current year, and age 21 or older. Can exclude certain union and non-resident alien employees. Can't exclude part-timers.	Earned \$5,000 during any two preceding years and expected to earn \$5,000 in current year. Can exclude certain union employees and non-resident aliens.	One year of service, 1,000 hours, age 21 or older. Can exclude certain union employees and non-resident aliens.	One year of service, 1,000 hours, age 21 or older. Can exclude certain union employees and non-resident aliens.	One year of service, 1,000 hours, age 21 or older. Can exclude certain union employees and non-resident aliens.	All employees except non-resident alien, student- employees, employees who work < 20 hours/week, or employees who defer < \$200/year.	One year of service, 1,000 hours, age 21 or older. Can exclude certain union employees and non-resident aliens.
Total Maximum Annual Contribution:	\$70,000 per person	Combined employer/ employee contributions generally cannot exceed: \$33,000 for participants under age 50' \$40,000 for participants aged 50-59 or 64+' \$43,500 for participants aged 60-63	\$70,000 per person	\$70,000 per person + catch-up	\$70,000 per person + catch-up	\$70,000 per person + catch-up	Amount required to fund a benefit up to \$280,000/year
Maximum Employer Deductible Contribution:	25% of compensation	Either 2% non-elective or match 100% of contributions up to 3% of compensation. Employer may contribute an additional 10% non-elective (or \$5,100) to all eligible employees. ²	25% of eligible compensation	25% of eligible compensation	25% of eligible compensation	25% of eligible compensation	Amount required to fund a benefit up to \$280,000/year
Maximum Pre-Tax and/or Roth Employee Deferral:	Not available	\$16,500' Catch-up age 50-59, 64+: \$3,500' Catch-up age 60-63: \$5,250	Not available	\$23,500 Catch-up age 50-59, 64+: \$31,000 Catch-up age 60-63: \$34,750	\$23,500 Catch-up age 50-59, 64+: \$31,000 Catch-up age 60-63: \$34,750	\$23,500 Catch-up age 50-59, 64+: \$31,000 Catch-up age 60-63: \$34,750 15 years of service catch-up also available	Not Available
Required Employer Contribution:	None, unless plan is top heavy	Either 2%of compensation to all eligible employees, OR match 100% of the deferral amount up to 3% of compensation ²	None, unless plan is top-heavy	None, unless plan is top-heavy	Either 3% of compensation to all eligible employees, OR match 100% of the deferral amount up to 3% of compensation and 50% on deferrals of the next 2% of compensation	None	Yes
Vesting Schedule:	100% immediate	100% immediate	Vesting schedules available	Vesting schedules available	100% immediate vesting on safe harbor contribution; can apply vesting to other employer contributions	Vesting schedules available	Vesting schedules available
Testing Required:	Top-heavy - Yes ADP - No 415 - Yes	Top-heavy - No ADP - No 415 - No	Top-heavy - Yes ADP - No 415 - Yes	Top-heavy - Yes ADP - Yes 415 - Yes	Top-heavy - Yes ADP - exempt 415 - Yes	Top-heavy - No ADP - No; ACP - Yes Church & Gov't plans exempt 415 - Yes	Top-heavy - Yes ADP - Yes, if deferrrals 415 - Yes
Distributions Controlled By:	Employee	Employee	Employer	Employer	Employer	Employer	Employer
Participant Loans:	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Establishment Deadline:	Tax-filing deadline, including extensions	October 1	Tax-filing deadline, including extensions	Tax-filing deadline, including extensions ³	October 1	Last day of plan year	Tax-filing deadline, including extensions
Funding Deadline for Employer Deduction:	Tax-filing deadline, including extensions	Tax-filing deadline, including extensions	Tax-filing deadline, including extensions	Tax-filing deadline, including extensions	Tax-filing deadline, including extensions	Tax-filing deadline, including extensions	8½ months after the plan year-end
5500 Filing:	No	No	Yes, for plans with employees or greater than \$250,000	Yes, for plans with employees or greater than \$250,000	Yes, for plans with employees or greater than \$250,000	Yes, for ERISA plans only.	Yes, for plans with employees or greater than \$250,000
Annual Fees:	\$10-\$40 custodial fee per account	\$10-\$40 custodial fee per account	Administration and recordkeeping fees	Administration and recordkeeping fees	Administration and recordkeeping fees	Administration and recordkeeping fees	Actuary required Highest administration fees

'May allow \$17,600 (or \$21,450 if age 50-59,64+) depending on the amount of eligible employees and employer contributions. 'May reduce match to 2% or 1% of compensation in two out of five years. Employer contribution may be 3% or 4% if there are 26 or more employees. 'Plan will need to be established before year-end to make elective deferrals.