

2024 Plan Comparison

457(b) PLANS

Governmental



403(b) PLANS

 \$23,000 maximum contribution plus catch-up options 457(b) limits no longer reduced by 403(b) contributions 	Contribution Limits & Coordination of Contribution Limits	 \$23,000 maximum contribution plus catch-up options¹ 403(b) limits no longer reduced by 457(b) contributions
None (normal income tax only)	Early Withdrawal Penalty Tax	10% early withdrawal federal penalty tax may apply for distributions prior to age 59 1/2. Waived if age 55 and separated from service (normal income tax only). ²
Employer responsible for administration	Employer Control	Employer responsible for administration
No discrimination rules apply - employer defines and limits eligibility	Eligibility Rules	Deferrals available to eligible employees as defined by the Plan Document. Universal Availability rules permit only limited exclusions to eligibility.
\$7,500 annual limit (not available if special catch-up option utilized)	Age 50 Catch-Up Option	\$7,500 annual limit (special catch-up option may also be utilized)
Three years prior to normal retirement age allows the lesser of:	Special Catch-Up Option (If Permitted By Plan)	Fifteen years of service option increases limit by the lesser of:
Two times current year's normal contribution limit; or normal		 \$3,000; \$15,000 less additional limit used in past years; or Excess of \$5,000 times years of service, less elective deferrals.
Available	Transfer to Purchase Service Credits	Available
Funds cannot be distributed until:		Funds cannot be distributed until:
 Age 59 1/2; ³ Severance from employment; Disability; Death; or Unforeseeable emergency. 	Distribution Restrictions	 Age 59 1/2; Severance from employment; Disability; Death; or Financial hardship.
Funds may be rolled over to: • Another 457(b) Governmental Plan • 403(b) TSA • IRA (Traditional, SEP) • 401(a) Plan (Pension, Profit Sharing 401(k), STRS)	Portability of Plan Funds After Qualifying Event (Plan Restrictions May Apply)	Funds may be rolled over to: • Another 403(b) • 457(b) Governmental • IRA (Traditional, SEP) • 401(a) Plan (Pension, Profit Sharing 401(k), STRS)
Contribution and earnings may be distributed to the extent required for an unforeseeable emergency (sudden and unforeseen) beyond control of participant, such as: • Medical care • Casualty loss	Financial Need Distribution (Hardship/Unforeseeable Emergency Withdrawals)	Contributions (and earnings) ⁴ may be distributed to extent required for a financial hardship even if foreseeable and voluntary, such as: • Medical care; • Payments needed to prevent eviction from or foreclosure on home.
Permitted, with loans from all qualified plans limited to the lesser of:	Loans	Permitted, with loans from all qualified plans limited to the lesser of:
\$50,000; orOne half of vested benefits (or \$10,000, if greater).		\$50,000; orOne half of vested benefits (or \$10,000, if greater).
RMD rules apply at age: i. 73 for a person who attains age 72 after 12/31/2022 and age 73 before 1/1/2033 ii. 75 for a person who attains age 74 after 12/31/2032	Required Minimum Distributions	RMD rules apply at age: i. 73 for a person who attains age 72 after 12/31/2022 and age 73 before 1/1/2033 ii. 75 for a person who attains age 74 after 12/31/2032

Figures reflect 2024 contribution limits. ¹ Reduced by elective deferrals to 401(k) plans, SEP plans or SIMPLE plans. ² Unless attributable to rollover from another type of retirement plan. ³ For Plans that adopted Sec. 104 of the Bipartisan American Miners Act of 2019. Otherwise, Age 70½. ⁴For Plans that adopted Sec. 602 of the SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022.