

Refer to the Guide on page 5 while completing this form. **You must return pages 1-4 of this form.**



## 1. Information about you

Last name	First name	MI	Account ID or SSN (required)
Daytime phone number	Alternate phone number		Account extension (if applicable)
U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, country of legal residence			

## 2. Installment reason

- Severance of Employment date        /        /        Installments may not begin until 30 days after this date.  
Month Day Year
- QDRO Recipient

## 3. Installment election

**Installment start date** (not deposit date)        /        /        (1st or 15th of month only)  
Month Day Year

**Installment frequency**  Monthly  Quarterly  Semi-Annually  Annually

### Installment type

Amount Certain \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (gross amount only)

**- OR -**

Period Certain \_\_\_\_\_ (number of years)

### Installment investment selection *(optional)* - see page 6 of the Guide

Complete this section if you want your installment only deducted from your Stable Value Fund.  
 Installments will prorate across all investment options unless you select otherwise.

Stable Value Fund only (once depleted, will prorate across any other investment options)

### Installment contribution source selection *(optional)* - see page 6 of the Guide

Complete this section if you want your installment from a specific contribution source.  
 Installments will follow contribution source hierarchy unless you select otherwise.

Contribution Source \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Delivery options

Each installment will be delivered to your address on file via regular U.S. mail (estimated delivery time is 7-10 business days) unless you elect the direct deposit option below. A recent change of address may delay your installment due to additional required authentication.

**Direct Deposit via Automated Clearing House (ACH) - NOTARIZED SIGNATURE REQUIRED IN SECTION 6**


Estimated delivery time is 2-3 business days after the installment is processed. If the banking information requested below is incomplete or not in good order, or this application is not signed in the presence of a notary. Each installment will be sent as a check to your address on file via regular mail.

- Checking account**      **Include a copy of a preprinted voided check** or you may attach a letter on financial institution letterhead, signed by a representative from the receiving institution, which includes your name, checking account number and ABA routing number.
- Savings account**      **Include a letter on financial institution letterhead**, signed by a representative from the receiving institution, which includes your name, savings account number and ABA routing number.



All future MNDCP cash distributions will be deposited into this bank account.

**Tape (do not staple) copy of preprinted voided check here**

Name	1025
Address	
City, state, zip code	DATE _____
PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____	\$ _____
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MEMO _____	
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## 5. Income tax withholding

Distributions paid to you may be subject to federal and state income tax withholding. You have the option to provide tax withholding instructions to MSRS. If no instructions are provided, the default withholding will apply.

### Federal Withholding

**Installments scheduled to last less than 10 years** - default withholding rate is 20%. To choose a rate greater than 20%, complete a *Form W-4R Withholding Certificate* and submit to MSRS with this installment form.

**Installments scheduled to last 10 years or more** - default withholding rate is single and no adjustments (regardless of your marital status). To choose an alternate withholding rate, complete a *Form W-4P Withholding Certificate* and submit to MSRS with this installment form.

*Form W-4P* and *W-4R Withholding Certificates* are available to download at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

### State Withholding - Minnesota resident

The default Minnesota withholding rate is 6.25%. We assume Minnesota residency if your address on file is in Minnesota. To choose an alternate withholding rate or no withholding, complete a *Form W-4MNP Withholding Certificate*. Submit the *Form W-4MNP* with this form. The *Form W-4MNP* is available to download at [www.msrs.state.mn.us](http://www.msrs.state.mn.us). For more information, see [www.revenue.state.mn.us/withholding-annuities-and-pensions](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/withholding-annuities-and-pensions).

### State Withholding – Resident of another state

If you reside in a state that mandates state income tax withholding, it will be withheld on the taxable portion of this distribution at the required rate.

If you reside in a state that does not mandate state income tax withholding, no state tax will be withheld from your distribution.



**You are encouraged to consult a tax advisor to determine your appropriate income tax withholding. MSRS staff members are unable to provide advice regarding tax withholding.**

**6.** Required authorization *(please sign below)*

Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

My signature acknowledges that I have received, read, understand and agree to all pages of the *Installment Request* form for Governmental 457(b) Plans, the *Guide* and the *402(f) Notice of Special Tax Rules on Distributions*. I hereby agree to the provisions of the Plan, authorize disclosure of any information necessary for administration of the Plan, and certify the information furnished on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that funds may impose fees on certain distributions if assets are held less than the period stated in the fund's prospectus or other disclosure documents. I will refer to the funds prospectus and/or disclosure documents for more information. I understand that it is entirely my responsibility to ensure that this election conforms with all applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). I understand that I am liable for any income tax and/or penalties assessed by the IRS for any election I have chosen. I understand that once an installment has been processed, it cannot be changed.

Federal law requires that you must receive the attached *Notice of Special Tax Rules on Distributions* no less than 30 days and not more than 180 days prior to requesting a distribution. By signing, I acknowledge that I have read and received the *Notice of Special Tax Rules on Distributions* within the last 180 days and/or waive my right to wait 30 days prior to requesting this installment.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date (Required) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

**NOTARY REQUIREMENT- FOR NEW DIRECT DEPOSIT ONLY**

The date I sign this form must match the date on which my signature is notarized in this section.

*NOTE: Notary seal must be visible.*

Statement of Notary \_\_\_\_\_ This request was subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Seal  
on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, by  
name of participant \_\_\_\_\_  
State of \_\_\_\_\_ ) proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ )ss. who appeared before me.  
Notary public's signature \_\_\_\_\_ My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

**- OR -**

MSRS Representative Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date (Required) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

**Send pages 1-4 to:**

-  **Minnesota State Retirement System**  
60 Empire Drive, Suite 300  
St. Paul, MN 55103-3000
-  **Telephone:** 651.296.2761  
**Toll-free:** 1.800.657.5757, **option 3**
-  **Fax:** 1.888.529.1832
-  **Web:** [www.msrs.state.mn.us](http://www.msrs.state.mn.us)

**Reminders:**

- Sign and date the form.
- Include a voided check and notarized signature if requested a new direct deposit.
- Return all four pages of the form.

Teletypewriter users and telecommunications-device-for-the-deaf (TDD) users should call the Minnesota Relay Service at 1.800.627.3529 and ask to be connected to MSRS at 651.296.2761.

# Installment Request *Guide*

## Acknowledgement and Agreement

### Before You Begin

Please read all pages of this guide before completing the *Installment Request* form. The guide provides information you need to make informed decisions regarding your installment. If you need further clarification about the information in this guide, please contact MSRS.

You are strongly urged to consult with an accountant and/or tax advisor before making your final decision and in the completion of this *Installment Request* form. While our representatives are able to explain the options to you, they cannot tell you which installment and/or tax withholding method is best for you. MSRS will not provide tax or legal advice. Additionally, neither this guide nor the form represents tax or legal advice.

Installments are not allowed until 30 days after your severance of employment date. Your funds cannot be released until your employer confirms your severance date.

### Incomplete or Inaccurate Information

In the event that any section of the *Installment Request* form is incomplete or inaccurate, MSRS may not process your request. You may be required to complete a new form or provide additional or proper information before the transaction will be processed.

### Changes to Your Request

If you make a change to the *Installment Request* form as you are completing it, you must cross out any previously elected choice(s) and initial all changes. If you do not initial all changes, the form may be returned to you for verification.

### Completing the Form

This form is divided into several sections; each section requires that you provide information or make an election regarding your installment. Please read the instructions carefully.

### Information about you

Private data requested on this form will be used by MSRS to process your request. You are not legally required to provide the data requested. However, we may not be able to process your request without sufficient information. Your private data will not be shared with an unauthorized person without written consent except as authorized by federal or state law or a court order.

### Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial

Your full name is required to properly identify your account. This must exactly match the name on our system or this request cannot be processed. Please login to your account online at [www.msrs.state.mn.us](http://www.msrs.state.mn.us) or reference your most recent account statement to determine how your name appears on our records.

### Daytime Phone Number, Alternate Phone Number

This information will allow MSRS to contact you in the event your request is not properly completed or if there are questions regarding the form.

### Account ID or Social Security Number (SSN)

Your Account ID or SSN is required to properly identify your account and report any tax withholding to the Internal Revenue Service.

### Account Extension

An account extension (if applicable) identifies funds transferred to a beneficiary due to participant's death or alternate payee due to divorce.

### Non-Alien Resident

If you are not a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien you must submit IRS form *W-8BEN* with your distribution request. Download and print form *W-8BEN* at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). If the *W-8BEN* form is not provided or is not filled out correctly, 30% of your distribution amount will be withheld for federal taxes. See the *402(f) Notice* for more information.

### Installment Reason

You must designate an installment reason. The following is a brief description of each of the reasons.

### Severance of Employment

If you are requesting an installment from your account due to severance of employment, check this box and indicate the date you severed employment with the employer that sponsored this Plan. Installments are not allowed until 30 days after your severance of employment date.

### QDRO Recipient

If you received the MNDCP proceeds as a result of a Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO) and wish to take installments, check this box.

### Installment Election

#### Installment Start Date

Select the date you wish your installment to start. The day of the month can either be the 1st or the 15th only. You may not elect a future-dated start date more than 90 days from the date of a signed form. **The payment start date is the date the shares are sold, not the date you will receive your proceeds.** Allow seven to ten business days from your installment start date to receive a check by mail. Consider having your installment directly deposited into your bank account at no charge.

#### Installment Frequency

Select the frequency you wish to receive your installment: monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

#### Installment Type - Select one installment type:

**Amount Certain Installment:** Designate the dollar amount you wish to receive on a regular basis (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually). Your installments will continue until your account balance is zero. The number of installments you receive will vary depending on the performance of your underlying investment options.

**Period Certain Installment:** Designate how long you wish the installment to be paid to you (for example, ten years). Installment amounts will vary depending on the length of time in years that you elect to receive installments, the frequency you choose and the performance of your underlying investment options.

Your installment amount will be calculated by dividing your current account balance by the number of remaining installments. For example, if that installment is to be monthly for 4 years, the initial installment amount will be equal to 1/48 of the account balance. The second installment will be 1/47 of your balance and the third installment will be 1/46, and so on.

Your installment is recalculated each time it is distributed; therefore, the amount of each installment typically differs. Your account balance will be zero by the end of the period selected.

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## Installment Investment Selection

Installments are prorated across all investment options in which you have a balance unless you select the Stable Value Fund only.

If no option is selected, the installment will prorate among all investments in which you have a balance.

**Stable Value Fund Only:** Installments are deducted from the Stable Value Fund across all contribution sources in which you have a balance. After the Stable Value Fund is depleted, the installments, are prorated across all other investment options and contribution sources in which you have a balance.

## Installment Contribution Source Selection

If you have multiple contribution sources (e.g., pre-tax or Roth after-tax), you may elect which source your installments will come from. If you do not designate a source, installments are taken in the following order:

1. Pre-tax MNDCP contributions
2. Pre-tax rollovers from another 457(b) Plan
3. Pre-tax contributions made to your MNDCP prior to July 1992
4. Pre-tax rollover savings from an IRA or another employer's retirement plan (e.g. 403(b), 401(k), 401(a))
5. Roth after-tax MNDCP contributions
6. Roth after-tax rollovers from another 457(b) Plan
7. Roth after-tax balance you converted from another 457(b) plan
8. Roth after-tax balance you converted from your pre-tax contributions
9. Roth after-tax rollover savings from another employer's retirement plan (e.g. 403(b), 401(k), 401(a))
10. Roth after-tax balance converted from an IRA or another employer's retirement plan (e.g. 403(b), 401(k), 401(a))

Installments from multiple sources or investment options may require multiple transactions over multiple days.

## Note regarding Self Directed Brokerage Accounts (SDBA) administered by TD Ameritrade

If you have an SDBA administered by TD Ameritrade, it is your responsibility to contact TD Ameritrade to transfer the funds to be distributed to the MNDCP core investments before MSRS can process your installment.

In the event an installment is requested and sufficient funds have not been transferred from your SDBA into the core investment options prior to MSRS receipt of the *Installment Request* form, your installment will process for the available amount and then stop.

In order for your installment to commence again, you must transfer the appropriate funds from your SDBA into the core investment options and resubmit the *Installment Request* form.

## Delivery Options

A check for your scheduled installment will automatically be mailed to your address on file unless you elect direct deposit.

## Direct Deposit via Automated Clearing House (ACH)

Check this box and complete this section if you want the installment amount electronically deposited into your checking or savings account.

To establish Direct Deposit via ACH, you must have your signature on the form notarized. If you do not provide a notarized signature, ACH will not be set up on your account and a check will be mailed to the address on file.

There is no fee for direct deposit.

**For deposit to your checking account,** you must attach a copy of a pre-printed voided check for the receiving account. You may also attach a letter on financial institution letterhead, signed by a representative from the receiving institution, which indicates your name, checking account number, and the ABA routing number.

**For deposit to your savings account,** you must attach a letter on financial institution letterhead, signed by a representative from the receiving institution, which indicates your name, savings account number, and the ABA routing number.

## The name on your checking or savings account must match the name on your MNDCP account.

Once you provide banking information, it will be added to your account for future distributions.

## General Direct Deposit Information

A direct deposit request cannot be sent to a prepaid debit card, business account or retirement plan account. If the direct deposit information is missing, incomplete or inaccurate, this request may be rejected and your distribution may be delayed. By requesting direct deposit, you certify, represent and warrant that the account requested for direct deposit is established at a financial institution or a branch of a financial institution located within the United States and there are no standing orders to forward any portion of your direct deposit to an account that exists at a financial institution or a branch of a financial institution in another country. You understand that it is your obligation to request a stop to this direct deposit request if an order to transfer any portion of payments to a financial institution or a branch of a financial institution outside the United States will be implemented in the future. MSRS reserves the right to reject the direct deposit request and deliver any payment via check in lieu of direct deposit.

By choosing direct deposit, you are authorizing MSRS to initiate credit entries and, if necessary, debit entries and adjustments for any credit entries in error to your checking or savings account. You are also authorizing your financial institution, in the form of an electronic funds transfer, to credit and/or debit the same to such account.

MSRS will make payments in accordance with the directions you have specified on the *Installment Request* form.

It is your obligation to notify MSRS of any address or other changes affecting your direct deposit. You are solely responsible for any consequences and/or liabilities that arise out of your failure to provide such notification.

By selecting direct deposit, you acknowledge that MSRS is not liable for payments made by MSRS in accordance with the information you provided.



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## Income Tax Withholding

You have received and must read the attached *402(f) Notice of Special Tax Rules on Distributions*, which provides additional income tax withholding information. You are strongly urged to consult with a tax advisor to determine your appropriate income tax withholding.

If you do not have enough federal income tax withheld from your installment, you may be responsible for payment of estimated tax. You may incur penalties under the estimated tax rules if your withholding and estimated tax payments are not sufficient.

## Federal Withholding on Pre-Tax Amounts

Twenty percent (20%) mandatory federal income tax withholding will apply to all installments scheduled to continue for less than 10 years. To choose a withholding amount greater than 20%, complete a *Form W-4R Withholding Certificate*. Download a *Form W-4R* at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

If your installment is payable over your life expectancy or is scheduled to continue for a period certain of 10 years or more, mandatory federal income tax withholding rate of single and zero adjustments will apply regardless of your marital status. To choose an alternate withholding rate, complete a *Form W-4P Withholding Certificate*. Download a *Form W-4P* at [www.msrs.state.mn.us](http://www.msrs.state.mn.us). For more information, see [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

Your tax withholding election will apply to any installment amounts including the portion that represents your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

## Federal Withholding on Non-Qualified Roth Installment Amounts

If a portion of your installment represents Roth after-tax assets that is considered non-qualified, then only the earnings are subject to twenty percent (20%) mandatory tax withholding on installments scheduled to continue for less than 10 years or income tax will be withheld at a rate of single with no adjustments, regardless of your marital status. If your installment is scheduled to continue for a period of 10 years or more, mandatory federal income tax withholding rate of single and zero adjustments will apply regardless of your marital status.

A distribution of Roth balance is considered non-qualified if:

1. the installment is made before age 59½;

**AND**

2. the installment is made before five consecutive taxable years from the first day of the year in which you made a Roth contribution.

## Federal Withholding on Qualified Roth Installment Amounts

Roth amounts are not subject to federal, state or local taxes if the installment is made:

1. on or after age 59½;

**AND**

2. after a period of five consecutive taxable years from the first day of the year in which you made a Roth contribution.

## State Withholding

State tax withholding may apply, depending on your state or residence. MSRS is required to withhold Minnesota state taxes from the taxable portion of your payment at the default rate of 6.25% (Minnesota residents only).

To choose an alternate Minnesota state tax withholding election (or no withholding), complete a *Form W-4MNP Withholding Certificate* and submit to MSRS with this distribution form.

The *Form W-4MNP* is available to download at [www.msrs.state.mn.us](http://www.msrs.state.mn.us). For more information, see [www.revenue.state.mn.us/withholding-annuities-and-pensions](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/withholding-annuities-and-pensions).

## Tax Withholding for Payments Delivered Outside the U.S.

If you are a U.S. citizen or resident alien and your payment is to be delivered outside the U.S. or its possessions, you may not waive federal income tax withholding.

If you are a non-resident alien, you must attach IRS form *W-8BEN* with an original signature. In general, the withholding rate applicable to your payment is 30 percent (30%) unless a reduced rate applies because your country of residence has entered into a tax treaty with the U.S. and the treaty provides for a reduced withholding rate or an exemption from withholding. To obtain the IRS form *W-8BEN*, visit [www.irs.gov/forms-instructions](http://www.irs.gov/forms-instructions)

Contact your tax professional for more information.

## Required Signature(s) and Date

You must sign and date the *Installment Request* form. By signing this form, you attest that you have received, read, understand and agree to all provisions of the form, the guide and the *402(f) Notice of Special Tax Rules on Distributions*.

The *Installment Request* form must be notarized or signed by an MSRS Representative if requesting Direct Deposit via ACH. The date of the notary or MSRS Representative signature must match the date you signed the form.

## Submitting the *Installment Request* Form

Once you have completed the *Installment Request* form, return pages 1-4 to the address or fax number indicated on the form. You do not have to return the guide or the *402(f) Notice of Special Tax Rules on Distributions*.

## Important Note

Although every effort is made to keep the information in this guide current, it is subject to change without notice. Federal, state and local tax laws may be revised, and new plan provisions may be adopted by your Plan.

## OFAC

MSRS is required to comply with the regulations and requirements of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury (OFAC). As a result, MSRS cannot conduct business with persons in a blocked country or any person designated by OFAC as a specially designated national or blocked person. For more information, see the OFAC website at: [treasury.gov/about/organizational-structure/offices/Pages/Office-of-Foreign-Assets-Control.aspx](http://treasury.gov/about/organizational-structure/offices/Pages/Office-of-Foreign-Assets-Control.aspx).

# 402(f) Notice of Special Tax Rules on Distributions

## For Payments Not From a Designated Roth Account

### Your Rollover Options

You are receiving this notice because all or a portion of a payment you receive from a retirement plan (“the Plan”), administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System, is eligible to be rolled over to an IRA or an employer plan. This notice is intended to help you decide whether to do such a rollover.

This notice describes the rollover rules that apply to payments from the Plan that are not from a designated Roth account (a type of account in some employer plans that is subject to special tax rules). If you also receive a payment from a designated Roth account in the Plan, 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 plan are described in the “General Information About Rollovers” section. Special rules that only apply in certain circumstances are described in the “Special Rules and Options” section.

### General Information About Rollovers

#### How can a rollover affect my taxes?

You will be taxed on a payment from the Plan if you do not roll it over. If you are under age 59½ and do not do a rollover, you will also have to pay a 10% additional income tax on early distributions (generally, distributions made before age 59½), unless an exception applies. However, if you do a rollover, you will not have to pay tax until you receive payments later and the 10% additional income tax will not apply if those payments are made after you are age 59½ (or if an exception to the 10% additional income tax applies).

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

You may roll over the payment to either an IRA (an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity) or 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 IRA or employer plan that holds the rollover will determine your investment options, fees, and rights to payment from the IRA or employer plan (for example, IRAs are not subject to spousal consent rules, and IRAs may not provide loans). Further, the amount rolled over will become subject to the tax rules that apply to the IRA or employer plan.

#### How do I do a rollover?

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

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

**If you do not do a direct rollover**, you may still do a rollover by making a deposit into an IRA or eligible employer plan that will accept it. Generally, you will have 60 days after you receive the payment to make the deposit. If you do not do a direct rollover, the Plan is required to withhold 20% of the payment 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, you must use other funds to make up for the 20% withheld. If you do not roll over the entire amount of the payment, the portion not rolled over will be taxed and will be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions if you are under age 59½ (unless an exception applies).

#### How much may I roll over?

If you wish to do a rollover, 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 after age 70½ (if you were born before July 1, 1949), after age 72 (if you were born after June 30, 1949, and before January 1, 1951), after age 73 (if you were born after December 31, 1950), or after death;
- Hardship distributions;
- Payments of employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) dividends;
- Corrective distributions of contributions that exceed 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 (also, there generally will be adverse tax consequences if you roll over a distribution of S corporation stock to an IRA); and
- Distributions of certain premiums for health and accident insurance.

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 income tax on early distributions?

If you are under age 59½, you will have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions for any payment from the Plan (including amounts withheld for income tax) that you do not roll over, unless one of the exceptions listed below applies. This tax applies to the part of the distribution that you must include in income and is in addition to the regular income tax on the payment not rolled over.



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The 10% additional income tax does not apply to the following payments from the Plan:

- Payments made after you separate from service if you will be 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 if you are a qualified public safety employee and you will be (1) at least age 50 in the year of the separation or (2) have at least 25 years of service under the Plan;
- Payments from a tax-qualified plan or section 403(b) plan made after you separate from service if you are an employee who provides firefighting services and you (1) will be at least age 50 in the year of separation or (2) have at least 25 years of service under the Plan;
- Payments made due to disability;
- Payments made while you are terminally ill;
- Payments 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 of up to \$5,000 made to you from a defined contribution plan if the payment is a qualified birth or adoption distribution;
- 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;
- Payments of up to \$22,000 made in connection with federally-declared disasters; and
- Phased retirement payments made to federal employees.

## **If I do a rollover to an IRA, will the 10% additional income tax apply to early distributions from the IRA?**

If you receive a payment from an IRA when you are under age 59½, you will have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions on the part of the distribution that you must include in income, unless an exception applies. In general, the exceptions to the 10% additional income tax for early distributions from an IRA are the same as the exceptions listed above for early distributions from a plan. However, there are a few differences for payments from an IRA, including:

- The exceptions for payments made after you separate from service if you will be at least age 55 in the year of the separation (or age 50 or following 25 years of service for qualified public safety employees and employees providing fire fighting services) do not apply;

- The exception for qualified domestic relations orders (QDROs) does not apply (although a special rule applies under which, as part of a divorce or separation agreement, a tax-free transfer may be made directly to an IRA of a spouse or former spouse); and
- The exception for payments made at least annually in equal or close to equal amounts over a specified period applies without regard to whether you have had a separation from service.

Additional exceptions apply for payments from an IRA, including:

- Payments for qualified higher education expenses;
- Payments up to \$10,000 used in a qualified first-time home purchase;
- 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); and
- Payments of net income attributable to an excess IRA contribution made in a calendar year where such amounts are distributed by tax return deadline for the year (including extensions) and no deduction is allowed for the excess contributions.

## **Will I owe State income taxes?**

This notice does not address any State or local income tax rules (including withholding rules).

## **Special Rules and Options**

### **If your payment includes after-tax contributions**

After-tax contributions included in a payment are not taxed. If you receive a partial payment of your total benefit, an allocable portion of your after-tax contributions is included in the payment, so you cannot take a payment of only after-tax contributions. However, if you have pre-1987 after-tax contributions maintained in a separate account, a special rule may apply to determine whether the after-tax contributions are included in the payment. In addition, special rules apply when you do a rollover, as described below.

You may roll over to an IRA a payment that includes after-tax contributions through either a direct rollover or a 60-day rollover. You must keep track of the aggregate amount of the after-tax contributions in all of your IRAs (in order to determine your taxable income for later payments from the IRAs). If you do a direct rollover of only a portion of the amount paid from the Plan and at the same time the rest is paid to you, the portion rolled over consists first of the amount that would be taxable if not rolled over. For example, assume you are receiving a distribution of \$12,000, of which \$2,000 is after-tax contributions. In this case, if you directly roll over \$10,000 to an IRA that is not a Roth IRA, no amount is taxable because the \$2,000 amount not rolled over is treated as being after-tax contributions. If you do a direct rollover of the entire amount paid from the Plan to two or more destinations at the same time, you can choose which destination receives the after-tax contributions.

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You may roll over to an employer plan all of a payment that includes after-tax contributions, but only through a direct rollover (and only if the receiving plan separately accounts for after-tax contributions and is not a governmental section 457(b) plan). You can do a 60-day rollover to an employer plan of part of a payment that includes after-tax contributions, but only up to the amount of the payment that would be taxable if not rolled over.

Similarly, if you do a 60-day rollover to an IRA of only a portion of a payment made to you, the portion rolled over consists first of the amount that would be taxable if not rolled over. For example, assume you are receiving a distribution of \$12,000, of which \$2,000 is after-tax contributions, and no part of the distribution is directly rolled over. In this case, if you roll over \$10,000 to an IRA that is not a Roth IRA in a 60-day rollover, no amount is taxable because the \$2,000 amount not rolled over is treated as being after-tax contributions.

## **If you miss the 60-day rollover deadline**

Generally, the 60-day rollover deadline cannot be extended. However, the IRS has the limited 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)*.

## **If your payment includes employer stock that you do not roll over**

If you do not do a rollover, you can apply a special rule to payments of employer stock (or other employer securities) that are either attributable to after-tax contributions or 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 will not be taxed when distributed from the Plan and will be taxed at capital gain rates when you sell the stock. Net unrealized appreciation is generally the increase in the value of employer stock after it was acquired by the Plan. If you do a rollover for a payment that includes employer stock (for example, by selling the stock and rolling over the proceeds within 60 days of the payment), the special rule relating to the distributed employer stock will not apply to any subsequent payments from the IRA or, generally, the Plan. The Plan administrator can tell you the amount of any net unrealized appreciation.

## **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, 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. Any offset amount that is not rolled over will be taxed (including the 10% additional income tax on early distributions, unless an exception applies). You may roll over offset amounts to an IRA or an employer plan (if the terms of the employer plan permit the plan to receive plan loan offset rollovers).

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 sever from employment. If your plan loan offset occurs for any other reason (such as a failure to make level loan repayments that results in a deemed distribution), then you have 60 days from the date the offset occurs to complete your rollover.

## **If you were born on or before January 1, 1936**

If you were born on or before January 1, 1936 and receive a lump sum distribution that you do not roll over, special rules for calculating the amount of the tax on 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 an IRA or an employer plan that accepts rollovers. One difference is that, if you do not do a rollover, you will not have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions from the Plan 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 an IRA or to an employer plan that is not a governmental section 457(b) plan, a later distribution made before age 59½ will be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies). Other differences include that you cannot do a rollover if the payment is due to an "unforeseeable emergency" and the special rules under "If your payment includes employer stock that you do not roll over" and "If you were born on or before January 1, 1936" do not 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 Plan payments paid as 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, up to a maximum of \$3,000 annually. 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 IRA**

If you roll over a payment from the Plan to a Roth IRA, a special rule applies under which the amount of the payment rolled over (reduced by any after-tax amounts) will be taxed. In general, the 10% additional income tax on early distributions will not apply. However, if you take the amount rolled over out of the Roth IRA within the 5-year period that begins on January 1 of the year of the rollover, the 10% additional income tax will apply (unless an exception applies).

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If you roll over the payment to a Roth IRA, later payments from the Roth IRA that are qualified distributions will not be taxed (including earnings after the rollover). A qualified distribution from a Roth IRA is a payment made after you are age 59½ (or after your death or disability, or as a qualified first-time homebuyer distribution of up to \$10,000) and after you have had a Roth IRA for at least 5 years. In applying this 5-year rule, you count from January 1 of the year for which your first contribution was made to a Roth IRA. Payments from the Roth IRA that are not qualified distributions will be taxed to the extent of earnings after the rollover, including the 10% additional income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies). You do not have to take required minimum distributions from a Roth IRA during your lifetime. 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)*.

## **If you do a rollover to a designated Roth account in the Plan**

You cannot roll over a distribution to a designated Roth account in another employer's plan. However, you can roll the distribution over into a designated Roth account in the distributing Plan. If you roll over a payment from the Plan to a designated Roth account in the Plan, the amount of the payment rolled over (reduced by any after-tax amounts directly rolled over) will be taxed. In general, the 10% additional income tax on early distributions will not apply. However, if you take the amount rolled over out of the Roth IRA within the 5-year period that begins on January 1 of the year of the rollover, the 10% additional income tax will apply (unless an exception applies).

If you roll over the payment to a designated Roth account in the Plan, later payments from the designated Roth account that are qualified distributions will not be taxed (including earnings after the rollover). A qualified distribution from a designated Roth account is a payment made both 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 this 5-year rule, you count from January 1 of the year your first contribution was made to the designated Roth account. However, if you made a direct rollover to a designated Roth account in the Plan from a designated Roth account in a plan of another employer, the 5-year period begins on January 1 of the year you made the first contribution to the designated Roth account in the Plan or, if earlier, to the designated Roth account in the plan of the other employer. Payments from the designated Roth account that are not qualified distributions will be taxed to the extent of earnings after the rollover, including the 10% additional income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies). With respect to taxable years beginning after 2023, you are not required to take required minimum distributions from a designated Roth account during your lifetime.

## **If you are not a Plan participant**

Payments after death of the participant. If you receive a distribution after the participant's death that you do not roll over, the distribution generally will be taxed in the same manner described elsewhere in this notice. However, the 10% additional income tax on early distributions and the special rules for public safety officers do not apply, and the special rule described under the section "If 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 an IRA, you may treat the IRA as your own or as an inherited IRA.

An IRA you treat as your own is treated like any other IRA of yours, so that payments made to you before you are age 59½ will be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies) and required minimum distributions from your IRA do not have to start until after you are age 70½ (if you were born before July 1, 1949), age 72 (if you were born after June 30, 1949, and before January 1, 1951), or after age 73 (if you were born after December 31, 1950). If you treat the IRA as an inherited IRA, payments from the IRA will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions. However, if the participant had started taking required minimum distributions, you will have to receive required minimum distributions from the inherited IRA. If the participant had not started taking required minimum distributions from the Plan, you will not have to start receiving required minimum distributions from the inherited IRA until the year the participant would have been age 70½ (if the participant was born before July 1, 1949), age 72 (if the participant was born after June 30, 1949, and before January 1, 1951), or age 73 (if the participant was born after December 31, 1950).

## **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 IRA. Payments from the inherited IRA will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions. You will have to receive required minimum distributions from the inherited IRA.

Payments under a QDRO. If you are the spouse or 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 IRA or an eligible employer plan that will accept it). However, payments under the QDRO will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions.

## **If you are a nonresident alien**

If you are a nonresident alien and you do not do a direct rollover to a U.S. IRA or U.S. employer plan, instead of withholding 20%, the Plan is generally required to withhold 30% of the payment 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 Form 1040NR and attaching your Form 1042-S. See Form W-8BEN 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*.

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## 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 are less than \$200 (not including payments from a designated Roth account in the Plan), the Plan is not required to allow you to do a direct rollover and is not required to withhold federal income taxes. However, you may do a 60-day rollover.

Unless you elect otherwise, a mandatory cashout of more than \$1,000 (not including payments from a designated Roth account in the Plan) will be directly rolled over to an 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) and without consent, where the participant's benefit does not exceed \$5,000 (not including any amounts held under the plan as a result of a prior rollover made to the plan).

You may have special rollover rights if you recently served in the U.S. Armed Forces. For more information on special rollover rights related to the U.S. Armed Forces, see IRS Publication 3, *Armed Forces' Tax Guide*. You also may have special rollover rights if you were affected by a federally declared disaster (or similar event), or if you received a distribution on account of a disaster. For more information on special rollover rights related to disaster relief, see the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## 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](http://www.irs.gov), or by calling 1.800.TAX.FORM.



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## For Payments From a Designated Roth Account

### Your Rollover Options

You are receiving this notice because all or a portion of a payment you receive from a retirement plan (“the Plan”), administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System, is eligible to be rolled over to a Roth IRA or designated Roth account in an employer plan. This notice is intended to help you decide whether to do a rollover.

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 is not 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 the “General Information About Rollovers” section. Special rules that only apply in certain circumstances are described in the “Special Rules and Options” section.

### General Information About Rollovers

#### How can a rollover affect my taxes?

After-tax contributions included in a payment from a designated Roth account are not 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 is not a qualified distribution and you do not 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 income tax on early distributions (generally, distributions made before age 59½) will also apply to the earnings (unless an exception applies). However, if you do a rollover, you will not have to pay taxes currently on the earnings and you will not have to pay taxes later on payments that are qualified distributions.

If the payment from the Plan is a qualified distribution, you will not be taxed on any part of the payment even if you do not do a rollover. If you do a rollover, you will not be taxed on the amount you roll over and any earnings on the amount you roll over will not be taxed if paid later in a qualified distribution.

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 your 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 your 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.

### 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 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 are not subject to spousal consent rules, and Roth IRAs may not 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 will not be required to take a distribution from the Roth IRA during your lifetime and 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 are not 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 not do a direct rollover, you may still do a rollover by making 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 does not exceed the amount of the earnings in the payment. You cannot do a 60-day rollover to an employer plan of any part of a qualified distribution. If you receive a distribution that is a nonqualified distribution and you do not roll over an amount at least equal to the earnings allocable to the distribution, you will be taxed on the amount of those earnings not rolled over, including the 10% additional income tax on early distributions if you are under age 59½ (unless an exception applies).

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.

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If you do not do a direct rollover and the payment is not 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 20% withheld.

## How much may I roll over?

If you wish to do a rollover, 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);
- For taxable years beginning on or before December 31, 2023, required minimum distributions after age 70½ (if you were born before July 1, 1949), after age 72 (if you were born after June 30, 1949, and before January 1, 1951), after age 73 (if you were born after December 31, 1950), or after death;
- Hardship distributions;
- Payments of employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) dividends;
- Corrective distributions of contributions that exceed 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 (also, there generally will be adverse tax consequences if you roll over a distribution of S corporation stock to an IRA); and
- Distributions of certain premiums for health and accident insurance.

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 income tax on early distributions?

If a payment is not a qualified distribution and you are under age 59½, you will have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions with respect to the earnings allocated to the payment that you do not 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 income tax does not apply to the following payments from the Plan:

- Payments made after you separate from service if you will be 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 if you are a qualified public safety employee and you (1) will be at least age 50 in the year of the separation or (2) have at least 25 years of service under the Plan;
- Payments from a tax-qualified plan or section 403(b) plan made after you separate from service if you are an employee who provides firefighting services and you (1) will be at least age 50 in the year of the separation or (2) have at least 25 years of service under the Plan;
- Payments made due to disability;
- Payments made while you are terminally ill;
- Payments 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 of up to \$5,000 made to you from a defined contribution plan if the payment is a qualified birth or adoption distribution;
- 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;
- Payments of up to \$22,000 made in connection with federally-declared disasters.

## If I do a rollover to a Roth IRA, will the 10% additional income tax apply to early distributions from the IRA?

If you receive a payment from a Roth IRA when you are under age 59½, you will have to pay the 10% additional income 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 income tax for early distributions from a Roth IRA are the same as the exceptions listed above for early distributions from a plan. However, there are a few differences for payments from a Roth IRA, including:

- The exceptions for payments made after you separate from service if you will be at least age 55 in the year of the separation (or age 50 or following 25 years of service) for qualified public safety employees and employees providing firefighting services) do not apply;
- The exception for qualified domestic relations orders (QDROs) does not apply (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 payments made at least annually in equal or close to equal amounts over a specified period applies without regard to whether you have had a separation from service.



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Additional exceptions apply for payments from an IRA, including:

- Payments for qualified higher education expenses;
- Payments up to \$10,000 used in a qualified first-time home purchase;
- 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); and
- Payments of net income attributable to an excess IRA contribution made in a calendar year where such amounts are distributed by tax return deadline for the year (including extensions) and no deduction is allowed for the excess contribution.

## **Will I owe state income taxes?**

This notice does not address any State or local income tax rules (including withholding rules).

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### **If you miss the 60-day rollover deadline**

Generally, the 60-day rollover deadline cannot be extended. However, the IRS has the limited 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)*.

### **If your payment includes employer stock that you do not roll over**

If you receive a payment that is not a qualified distribution and you do not 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 will not 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 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 will not have any taxable income and the special rule relating to the distributed employer stock will not apply to any subsequent 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 do not 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, 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 is not a qualified distribution and you do not roll over the offset amount, you will be taxed on any earnings included in the distribution (including the 10% additional income 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 sever from employment. 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 nonqualified distribution 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 distribution that is not a qualified distribution and that you do not 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 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 an IRA or an employer plan that accepts rollovers. One difference is that, if you receive a payment that is not a qualified distribution and you do not roll it over, you will not have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions with respect to the earnings allocated to the payment that you do not 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 an IRA or to an employer plan that is not a governmental section 457(b) plan, a later distribution that is not a qualified distribution made before age 59½ will be subject to the 10% additional income tax on earnings allocated to the payment (unless an exception applies). Other differences include that you cannot do a rollover if the payment is due to an "unforeseeable emergency" and the special rules under "If your payment includes employer stock that you do not roll over" and "If you were born on or before January 1, 1936" do not apply.

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## **If you receive a non-qualified distribution, are an eligible retired public safety officer, and your payment is used to pay for your 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 nonqualified distributions paid as 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, up to a maximum of \$3,000 annually. 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 are not a Plan participant**

Payments after death of the participant. If you receive a distribution after the participant's death that you do not roll over, the distribution 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 income tax on early distributions and the special rules for public safety officers do not 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 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 will not have to receive 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 income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies).

If you treat the Roth IRA as an inherited Roth IRA, payments from the Roth IRA will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions. An inherited Roth IRA is subject to required minimum distributions. If the participant had started taking required minimum distributions from the Plan, you will have to receive required minimum distributions from the inherited Roth IRA. If the participant had not started taking required minimum distributions, you will not have to start receiving required minimum distributions from the inherited Roth IRA until the year the participant would have been age 70½ (if the participant was born before July 1, 1949), age 72 (if the participant was born after June 30, 1949 and before January 1, 1951), or age 73 (if the participant was born after December 31, 1950).

## **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 will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions. You will have to receive required minimum distributions from the inherited Roth IRA.

Payments under a QDRO. If you are the spouse or 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).

## **If you are a nonresident alien**

If you are a nonresident alien and you do not do a direct rollover to a U.S. IRA or U.S. employer plan, instead of withholding 20%, the Plan is generally required to withhold 30% of the payment 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 Form 1040NR and attaching your Form 1042-S. See Form W-8BEN 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*.

## **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 are less than \$200 (not including payments from a designated Roth account in the Plan), the Plan is not required to allow you to do a direct rollover and is not required to withhold federal income taxes. However, you may do a 60-day rollover.

Unless you elect otherwise, a mandatory cashout of more than \$1,000 (not including payments from a designated Roth account in the Plan) will be directly rolled over to an 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) and without consent, where the participant's benefit does not exceed \$5,000 (not including any amounts held under the plan as a result of a prior rollover made to the plan). You may have special rollover rights if you recently served in the U.S. Armed Forces. For more information on special rollover rights related to the U.S. Armed Forces, see IRS Publication 3, *Armed Forces' Tax Guide*. You also may have special rollover rights if you were affected by a federally declared disaster (or similar event), or if you received a distribution on account of a disaster. For more information on special rollover rights related to disaster relief, see the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## **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](http://www.irs.gov), or by calling 1.800.TAX.FORM.