

## **Retirement Plans**

# **Six Main Varieties of Retirement Plans**

Type of Plan	Contribution Limit	Tax Deduction	Tax Shelter
DB Plan <sup>1</sup>	Varies by age <sup>8</sup>	Yes	Until distribution
401K PSP <sup>2</sup>	\$70,000 <sup>3,4,5,8</sup>	Yes	Until distribution
SEP IRA <sup>6</sup>	\$70,000 <sup>5,8</sup>	Yes	Until distribution
IRA	\$7,000 <sup>7,8</sup>	Yes	Until distribution
Roth IRA	\$7,000 <sup>7,8</sup>	No	Permanent

### **Terms Defined**

Contribution Limit: Maximum annual contribution into account

Income Limit: Income limit for contribution

Tax Deduction: Lowers taxes in year of contribution

Tax Shelter: Taxes deferred until distribution or permanent

#### Strategy

Financial Plan: Determine retirement savings required to achieve financial goals

Cash Flow: Select optimal plan given required retirement savings

#### Example

Employee earns \$100,000.

Saves \$20,000 or 20% of salary for retirement

Tax savings of \$5,000 in current year (except Roth IRA)

In 30 years, the account will cover spending and be worth \$2.5 million.

#### Assumptions:

20% savings rate, 7% investment return and 3% inflation

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Disclaimer: Consult an accounting or tax professional before implementing a strategy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Defined Benefit Pension Plan

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Profit Sharing Plan

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Plus additional \$23,500 in elective deferrals and \$7,500 if 50 and over

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Contribution limited to 100% for contributions from salary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Contribution limited to 25% of corporate income and 20% of partnership/proprietorship income

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Simplified Employee Pension

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Plus additional \$1,000 if 50 and over

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Subject to income limits