

Find out if you can contribute to a Roth or Traditional IRA and start saving today.

The eligibility requirements for contributing to a Roth IRA or Traditional IRA are different. It is important to understand how they differ before choosing which IRA to invest in. You may even be eligible to contribute to both.

The flow chart inside may help you determine which IRA(s) you are eligible for. Once you've determined your eligibility and what your needs are, you may want to review your options with a competent tax advisor before contributing.

Traditional IRA Characteristics

- Contributions may be tax-deductible.
- Earnings grow tax-deferred.
- Distributions generally are taxable.
- Distributions before you reach age 59½ are subject to penalty tax, unless you have an early distribution penalty tax exception.
- Required minimum distributions must begin at age 70½.

Roth IRA Characteristics

- Contributions are not tax-deductible.
- Contributions generally can be distributed tax-free at any time.
- Earnings grow tax-deferred.
- Earnings can be distributed tax-free if the Roth IRA owner first made a Roth IRA contribution at least five years ago, AND is age 59½ or older, disabled, deceased, or qualifies as a first-time homebuyer.
- Distributions are not required until after the Roth IRA owner dies.

For More Information

Please contact one of our representatives for more information on Roth and Traditional IRAs.

Roth IRA vs.
Traditional IRA

Taking a Closer Look at Eligibility

