

# 2019

## **Instructions for Forms 1099-R and 5498**

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**Distributions From Pensions, Annuities,  
Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs,  
Insurance Contracts, etc.**

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Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

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## Future Developments

For the latest information about developments related to Forms 1099-R and 5498 and their instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [IRS.gov/Form1099R](https://www.irs.gov/Form1099R) or [IRS.gov/Form5498](https://www.irs.gov/Form5498).

# What's New

**Escheat to state.** Payments from IRAs to state unclaimed property funds under escheat laws must be reported on Form 1099-R. See *IRA escheatment*, later.

## Reminders

In addition, see the 2019 General Instructions for Certain Information Returns for information on the following topics.

- Who must file (certain Foreign Financial Institutions (FFIs) and U.S. payers that report on Form(s) 1099 to satisfy their chapter 4 reporting requirements).
- When and where to file.
- Electronic reporting.
- Corrected and void returns.
- Statements to recipients.
- Taxpayer identification numbers (TINs).
- Backup withholding.
- Penalties.

- The definitions of terms applicable for chapter 4 purposes that are referenced in these instructions.
- Other general topics.

You can get the general instructions from *General Instructions for Certain Information Returns* at [IRS.gov/1099GeneralInstructions](https://www.irs.gov/1099GeneralInstructions) or go to [IRS.gov/Form1099R](https://www.irs.gov/Form1099R) or [IRS.gov/Form5498](https://www.irs.gov/Form5498).

**Online fillable forms.** To ease statement furnishing requirements, Copies B, C, D, 1, and 2 have been made fillable online in a pdf format available at [IRS.gov/Form1099R](https://www.irs.gov/Form1099R) and [IRS.gov/Form5498](https://www.irs.gov/Form5498). You can complete these copies online for furnishing statements to recipients and for retaining in your own files.

## **Specific Instructions for Form 1099-R**

File Form 1099-R, Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc., for each person to whom you have made a designated distribution or are treated as

having made a distribution of \$10 or more from profit-sharing or retirement plans, any individual retirement arrangements (IRAs), annuities, pensions, insurance contracts, survivor income benefit plans, permanent and total disability payments under life insurance contracts, charitable gift annuities, etc.

Also, report on Form 1099-R death benefit payments made by employers that are not made as part of a pension, profit-sharing, or retirement plan. See Box 1, later.

Payments of reportable death benefits in accordance with final regulations that will be published under section 6050Y must be reported on Form 1099-R.

Reportable disability payments made from a retirement plan must be reported on Form 1099-R.

Generally, do not report payments subject to withholding of social security and Medicare taxes on this form. Report such payments on Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement.

Generally, do not report amounts totally exempt from tax, such as workers'

compensation and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) payments. However, if part of the distribution is taxable and part is nontaxable, report the entire distribution in box 1 and the taxable part in box 2a when known.



*There is no special reporting for qualified charitable distributions under section 408(d)(8), qualified health savings account (HSA) funding distributions described in section 408(d)(9), or for the payment of qualified health insurance premiums (including long-term care insurance premiums) for retired public safety officers described in section 402(l).*

**Reportable death benefits.** Section 6050Y, which was added to the Code by P.L. 115-97, imposes new information reporting obligations for payments of reportable death benefits after December 31, 2017. The term “reportable death benefits” means “amounts paid by reason of the death of the insured under a life insurance contract that has been transferred in a reportable policy sale.” The term “reportable policy sale” means “the acquisition of an interest in a life insurance

contract, directly or indirectly, if the acquirer has no substantial family, business, or financial relationship with the insured apart from the acquirer's interest in such life insurance contract.” Under section 6050Y, the payer of a reportable death benefit must file a return setting forth the date and gross amount of each such payment and the payer's estimate of the buyer's investment in the contract within the meaning of section 72(e)(6). For reportable policy sales occurring after December 31, 2017, and before the date final regulations under section 6050Y are published in the Federal Register, the Department of Treasury and

the IRS intend to allow additional time after the date final regulations are published to file the returns required by section 6050Y(c).

**Military retirement annuities.** Report payments to military retirees or payments of survivor benefit annuities on Form 1099-R. Report military retirement pay awarded as a property settlement to a former spouse under the name and TIN of the recipient, not that of the military retiree.





*Use Code 7 in box 7 for reporting military pensions or survivor benefit annuities. Use Code 4 for reporting death benefits paid to a survivor beneficiary on a separate Form 1099-R. Do not combine with any other codes.*

### **Governmental section 457(b) plans.**

Report on Form 1099-R not Form W-2, income tax withholding and distributions from a section 457(b) plan maintained by a state or local government employer. Distributions from a governmental section 457(b) plan to a participant or beneficiary include all amounts that are paid from the plan. For more information, see Notice 2003-20 on page 894 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 2003-19, at [IRS.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb03-19.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb03-19.pdf). Also see *Governmental section 457(b) plan distributions*, later, for information on distribution codes.

**Nonqualified plans.** Report any reportable distributions from commercial annuities. Report distributions to employee plan participants from section 409A nonqualified deferred compensation plans and eligible

nongovernmental section 457(b) plans on Form W-2, not on Form 1099-R; for nonemployees, these payments are reportable on Form 1099-MISC. Also, report distributions to beneficiaries of deceased plan participants on Form 1099-MISC. See the Instructions for Form 1099-MISC for more information.

**Section 404(k) dividends.** Distributions of section 404(k) dividends from an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP), including a tax credit ESOP, are reported on Form 1099-R. Distributions other than section 404(k) dividends from the plan must be reported on a separate Form 1099-R.

Section 404(k) dividends paid directly from the corporation to participants or their beneficiaries are reported on Form 1099-DIV. See Announcement 2008-56, 2008-26 I.R.B. 1192, available at [IRS.gov/irb/2008-26\\_IRB/ar11.html](https://www.irs.gov/irb/2008-26_IRB/ar11.html).

**Charitable gift annuities.** If cash or capital gain property is donated in exchange for a charitable gift annuity, report distributions

from the annuity on Form 1099-R. See Charitable gift annuities, later.

**Life insurance, annuity, and endowment contracts.** Report payments of matured or redeemed annuity, endowment, and life insurance contracts. However, you do not need to file Form 1099-R to report the surrender of a life insurance contract if it is reasonable to believe that none of the payment is includible in the income of the recipient. If you are reporting the surrender of a life insurance contract, see *Code 7*, later. See, however, Box 1, later, for FFIs reporting in a manner similar to section 6047(d) for chapter 4 purposes.

Report premiums paid by a trustee or custodian for the cost of current life or other insurance protection. Costs of current life insurance protection are not subject to the 10% additional tax under section 72(t). See Cost of current life insurance protection, later.

Report charges or payments for a qualified long-term care insurance contract against the cash value of an annuity contract or the cash surrender value of a life insurance contract,

which is excludable from gross income under section 72(e)(11). See *Code W*, later.

**Section 1035 exchange.** A tax-free section 1035 exchange is the exchange of (a) a life insurance contract for another life insurance contract, or for an endowment or annuity contract, or for a qualified long-term care insurance contract or; (b) a contract of endowment insurance for another contract of endowment insurance that provides for regular payments to begin no later than they would have begun under the old contract, or for an annuity contract, or for a qualified long-term care insurance contract or; (c) an annuity contract for an annuity contract or for a qualified long-term care insurance contract; or (d) a qualified long-term care insurance contract for a qualified long-term care insurance contract. A contract shall not fail to be treated as an annuity contract or as a life insurance contract solely because a qualified long-term care insurance contract is a part of or a rider on such contract. However, the distribution of other property or the cancellation of a contract loan at the time of

the exchange may be taxable and reportable on a separate Form 1099-R.

These exchanges of contracts are generally reportable on Form 1099-R. However, reporting on Form 1099-R is not required if (a) the exchange occurs within the same company; (b) the exchange is solely a contract for contract exchange, as defined above, that does not result in a designated distribution; and (c) the company maintains adequate records of the policyholder's basis in the contracts. For example, a life insurance contract issued by Company X received in exchange solely for another life insurance contract previously issued by Company X does not have to be reported on Form 1099-R as long as the company maintains the required records.

See Rev. Proc. 92-26, 1992-1 C.B. 744, for certain exchanges for which reporting is not required under section 6047(d). Also see Rev. Rul. 2007-24, 2007-21

I.R.B. 1282, available at [IRS.gov/irb/2007-21\\_IRB/ar15.html](https://www.irs.gov/irb/2007-21_IRB/ar15.html), for certain transactions that do not qualify as tax-free exchanges. For

more information on partial exchanges of annuity contracts, see Rev. Proc. 2011-38, 2011-30 I.R.B. 66, available at [IRS.gov/irb/2011-30\\_IRB/ar09.html](http://IRS.gov/irb/2011-30_IRB/ar09.html).

For more information on reporting taxable exchanges, see Box 1, later.

**Prohibited transactions.** If an IRA owner engages in a prohibited transaction with respect to an IRA, the assets of the IRA are treated as distributed on the first day of the tax year in which the prohibited transaction occurs. IRAs that hold non-marketable securities and/or closely held investments, in which the IRA owner effectively controls the underlying assets of such securities or investments, have a greater potential for resulting in a prohibited transaction. Enter Code 5 in box 7.

## **Designated Roth Account Contributions**

An employer offering a section 401(k), 403(b), or governmental section 457(b) plan may allow participants to contribute all or a portion of the elective deferrals they are

otherwise eligible to make to a separate designated Roth account established under the plan. Contributions made under a section 401(k) plan must meet the requirements of Regulations section 1.401(k)-1(f) (Regulations section 1.403(b)-3(c) for a section 403(b) plan). Under the terms of the section 401(k) plan, section 403(b) plan, or governmental section 457(b) plan, the designated Roth account must meet the requirements of section 402A.



*A separate Form 1099-R must be used to report the total annual distribution from a designated Roth account.*

**Distributions allocable to an in-plan Roth rollover (IRR).** The distribution of an amount allocable to the taxable amount of an IRR, made within the 5-year period beginning with the first day of the participant's tax year in which the rollover was made, is treated as includible in gross income for purposes of applying section 72(t) to the distribution. The total amount allocable to such an IRR is reported in box 10. See the instructions for Box 10, later. An IRR is a rollover within a

retirement plan to a designated Roth account in the same plan. See Notice 2010-84, 2010-51 I.R.B. 872, available at [IRS.gov/irb/ 2010-51 IRB/ar11.html](https://www.irs.gov/irb/2010-51_IRB/ar11.html), modified by Notice 2013-74, 2013-52 I.R.B. 819, available at [IRS.gov/irb/2013-52 IRB/ ar11.html](https://www.irs.gov/irb/2013-52_IRB/ar11.html).

## IRA Distributions



*For deemed IRAs under section 408(q), use the rules that apply to traditional IRAs or Roth IRAs, as applicable. Simplified employee pension (SEP) IRAs and savings incentive match plan for employees (SIMPLE) IRAs, however, may not be used as deemed IRAs.*

**Deemed IRAs.** For more information on deemed IRAs in qualified employer plans, see Regulations section 1.408(q)-1.

**IRAs other than Roth IRAs.** Unless otherwise instructed, distributions from any IRA that is not a Roth IRA must be reported in boxes 1 and 2a. Check the “Taxable amount not determined” box in box 2b. But see:



- Traditional, SEP, or SIMPLE IRA, later, for how to report the withdrawal of IRA contributions under section 408(d)(4);
- Transfers, later, for information on trustee-to-trustee transfers, including recharacterizations;
- Reporting a corrective distribution from an IRA under section 408(d)(5), see Traditional, SEP, or SIMPLE IRA, later;
- Reporting IRA revocations or account closures due to Customer Identification Program failures, see IRA Revocation or Account Closure, later; and
- Reporting a transfer from a SIMPLE IRA to a non-SIMPLE IRA within the first 2 years of plan participation, see Traditional, SEP, or SIMPLE IRA, later.

The direct rollover provisions beginning later do not apply to distributions from any IRA. However, taxable distributions from traditional IRAs and SEP IRAs may be rolled over into an eligible retirement plan. See section 408(d)(3). SIMPLE IRAs also may be rolled over into an eligible retirement plan,

but only after the first 2 years of plan participation.

An IRA includes all investments under one IRA plan or account. File only one Form 1099-R for distributions from all investments under one plan that are paid in 1 year to one recipient, unless you must enter different codes in box 7. You do not have to file a separate Form 1099-R for each distribution under the plan.

**Roth IRAs.** For distributions from a Roth IRA, report the gross distribution in box 1 but generally leave box 2a blank. Check the "Taxable amount not determined" box in box 2b. Enter Code J, Q, or T as appropriate in box 7. Do not use any other codes with Code Q or Code T. You may enter Code 8 or P with Code J. For the withdrawal of excess contributions, see *Roth IRA*, later. It is not necessary to mark the IRA/SEP/SIMPLE checkbox.

**Roth IRA conversions.** You must report a traditional, SEP, or SIMPLE IRA distribution that you know is converted this year to a Roth IRA in boxes 1 and 2a (checking box 2b "Taxable amount not determined" unless otherwise directed elsewhere in these

instructions), even if the conversion is a trustee-to-trustee transfer or is with the same trustee. Enter Code 2 or 7 in box 7 depending on the participant's age.

**IRA escheatment.** Payments made from IRAs on or after January 1, 2019, to state unclaimed property funds must be reported on Form 1099-R. See Rev. Rul. 2018-17, 2018-25 I.R.B. 753, available at [IRS.gov/irb/2018-25\\_IRB#RR-2018-17](https://www.irs.gov/irb/2018-25_IRB#RR-2018-17).

## **IRA Revocation or Account Closure**

If a traditional or Roth IRA is revoked during its first 7 days (under Regulations section 1.408-6(d)(4)(ii)) or is closed at any time by the IRA trustee or custodian due to a failure of the taxpayer to satisfy the Customer Identification Program requirements described in section 326 of the USA PATRIOT Act, the distribution from the IRA must be reported. In addition, Form 5498, IRA Contribution Information, must be filed to report any regular, rollover, Roth IRA conversion, SEP IRA, or SIMPLE IRA contribution to an IRA that is subsequently revoked or closed by the trustee or custodian.

If a regular contribution is made to a traditional or Roth IRA that later is revoked or closed, and a distribution is made to the taxpayer, enter the gross distribution in box 1. If no earnings are distributed, enter 0 (zero) in box 2a and Code 8 in box 7 for a traditional IRA and Code J for a Roth IRA. If earnings are distributed, enter the amount of earnings in box 2a. For a traditional IRA, enter Codes 1 and 8, if applicable, in box 7; for a Roth IRA, enter Codes J and 8, if applicable. These earnings could be subject to the 10% early distribution tax under section 72(t). If a rollover contribution is made to a traditional or Roth IRA that later is revoked or closed, and distribution is made to the taxpayer, enter in boxes 1 and 2a of Form 1099-R the gross distribution and the appropriate code in box 7 (Code J for a Roth IRA). Follow this same procedure for a transfer from a traditional or Roth IRA to another IRA of the same type that later is revoked or closed. The distribution could be subject to the 10% early distribution tax under section 72(t).

If an IRA conversion contribution or a rollover from a qualified plan is made to a Roth IRA that later is revoked or closed, and a distribution is made to the taxpayer, enter the gross distribution in box 1 of Form 1099-R. If no earnings are distributed, enter 0 (zero) in box 2a and Code J in box 7. If earnings are distributed, enter the amount of the earnings in box 2a and Code J in box 7.

These earnings could be subject to the 10% early distribution tax under section 72(t).

If an employer SEP IRA or SIMPLE IRA plan contribution is made and the SEP IRA or SIMPLE IRA is revoked by the employee or is closed by the trustee or custodian, report the distribution as fully taxable.

For more information on IRAs that have been revoked, see Rev. Proc. 91-70, 1991-2 C.B. 899.

## **Deductible Voluntary Employee Contributions (DVECs)**

If you are reporting a total distribution from a plan that includes a distribution of DVECs,

you may file a separate Form 1099-R to report the distribution of DVECs. If you do, report the distribution of DVECs in boxes 1 and 2a on the separate Form 1099-R. For the direct rollover (explained later) of funds that include DVECs, a separate Form 1099-R is not required to report the direct rollover of the DVECs.

## **Direct Rollovers**

You must report a direct rollover of an eligible rollover distribution. A direct rollover is the direct payment of the distribution from a qualified plan, a section 403(b) plan, or a governmental section 457(b) plan to a traditional IRA, Roth IRA, or other eligible retirement plan. For additional rules regarding the treatment of direct rollovers from designated Roth accounts, see *Designated Roth accounts*, later. A direct rollover may be made for the employee, for the employee's surviving spouse, for the spouse or former spouse who is an alternate payee under a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO) or for a nonspouse designated beneficiary, in which case the direct rollover can only be

made to an inherited IRA. If the distribution is paid to the surviving spouse, the distribution is treated in the same manner as if the spouse were the employee. See Part V of Notice 2007-7, 2007-5 I.R.B. 395, available at [IRS.gov/irb/2007-05\\_IRB/ar11.html](http://IRS.gov/irb/2007-05_IRB/ar11.html), which has been modified by Notice 2009-82, 2009-41 I.R.B. 491, available at [IRS.gov/irb/2009-41\\_IRB/ar12.html](http://IRS.gov/irb/2009-41_IRB/ar12.html), for guidance on direct rollovers by nonspouse designated beneficiaries. Also see Notice 2008-30, Part II, 2008-12 I.R.B. 638, available at [IRS.gov/irb/2008-12\\_IRB/ar11.html](http://IRS.gov/irb/2008-12_IRB/ar11.html), which has been amplified and clarified by Notice 2009-75, 2009-39 I.R.B. 436, available at [IRS.gov/irb/2009-39\\_IRB/ar15.html](http://IRS.gov/irb/2009-39_IRB/ar15.html), for questions and answers covering rollover contributions to Roth IRAs.



*Notice 2007-7 and Notice 2008-30 do not reflect changes made to section 402 by the Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008.*

An eligible rollover distribution is any distribution of all or any portion of the balance to the credit of the employee

(including net unrealized appreciation (NUA)) from a qualified plan, a section 403(b) plan, or a governmental section 457(b) plan except the following.

1. One of a series of substantially equal periodic payments made at least annually over:
  - a. The life of the employee or the joint lives of the employee and the employee's designated beneficiary,
  - b. The life expectancy of the employee or the joint life and last survivor expectancy of the employee and the employee's designated beneficiary, or
  - c. A specified period of 10 years or more.
2. A required minimum distribution (RMD) under section 401(a)(9). A plan administrator is permitted to assume there is no designated beneficiary for purposes of determining the minimum distribution.



3. Elective deferrals (under section 402(g)(3)) and employee contributions (including earnings on each) returned because of the section 415 limits.
4. Corrective distributions of excess deferrals (under section 402(g)) and earnings.
5. Corrective distributions of excess contributions under a qualified cash or deferred arrangement (under section 401(k)) and excess aggregate contributions (under section 401(m)) and earnings.
6. Loans treated as deemed distributions (under section 72(p)). However, qualified plan loan offset amounts and plan loan offset amounts can be eligible rollover distributions. See section 402(c)(3)(C) and Regulations section 1.402(c)-2, Q/A-9 and Plan Loan Offsets, later.
7. Section 404(k) dividends.
8. Cost of current life insurance protection.

9. Distributions to a payee other than the employee, the employee's surviving spouse, a spouse or former spouse who is an alternate payee under a QDRO, or a nonspouse designated beneficiary.
10. Any hardship distribution.
11. A permissible withdrawal under section 414(w).
12. Prohibited allocations of securities in an S corporation that are treated as deemed distributions.
13. Distributions of premiums for accident or health insurance under Regulations section 1.402(a)-1(e).

Amounts paid under an annuity contract purchased for and distributed to a participant under a qualified plan can qualify as eligible rollover distributions. See Regulations section 1.402(c)-2, Q/A-10.

**Automatic rollovers.** Eligible rollover distributions also may include involuntary distributions that are more than \$1,000 but

not more than \$5,000 and are made from a qualified plan to an IRA on behalf of a plan participant. Involuntary distributions are generally subject to the automatic rollover provisions of section 401(a)(31)(B) and must be paid in a direct rollover to an IRA, unless the plan participant elects to have the rollover made to another eligible retirement plan or to receive the distribution directly.

For information on the notification requirements, see *Explanation to Recipients Before Eligible Rollover Distributions (Section 402(f) Notice)*, later. For additional information, also see Notice 2005-5, 2005-3 I.R.B. 337, available at [IRS.gov/irb/2005-03\\_IRB/ar10.html](http://IRS.gov/irb/2005-03_IRB/ar10.html), modified by Notice 2005-95, 2005-51 I.R.B. 1172, available at [IRS.gov/irb/2005-51\\_IRB/ar12.html](http://IRS.gov/irb/2005-51_IRB/ar12.html).

**Reporting a direct rollover.** Report a direct rollover in box 1 and a 0 (zero) in box 2a, unless the rollover is a direct rollover of a qualified rollover contribution other than from a designated Roth account. See *Qualified rollover contributions as defined in section*

408A(e), later. You do not have to report capital gain in box 3 or NUA in box 6.

Enter Code G in box 7 unless the rollover is a direct rollover from a designated Roth account to a Roth IRA. See Designated Roth accounts, later. If the direct rollover is made by a nonspouse designated beneficiary, also enter Code 4 in box 7.

Prepare the form using the name and social security number (SSN) of the person for whose benefit the funds were rolled over (generally, the participant), not those of the trustee of the traditional IRA or other plan to which the funds were rolled.

If part of the distribution is a direct rollover and part is distributed to the recipient, prepare two Forms 1099-R.

For guidance on allocation of after-tax amounts to rollovers, see Notice 2014-54, 2014-41 I.R.B. 670, available at [IRS.gov/irb/2014-41\\_IRB/ar11.html](http://IRS.gov/irb/2014-41_IRB/ar11.html).

For more information on eligible rollover distributions, including substantially equal periodic payments, RMDs, and plan loan offset

amounts, see Regulations sections 1.402(c)-2 and 1.403(b)-7(b). See Rev. Rul. 2014-9, 2014-17 I.R.B. 975, available at [IRS.gov/irb/2014-17\\_IRB/ar05.html](https://www.irs.gov/irb/2014-17_IRB/ar05.html), for information on rollovers to qualified plans.

Also, see Rev. Rul. 2002-62, which is on page 710 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 2002-42 at [IRS.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb02-42.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb02-42.pdf), for guidance on substantially equal periodic payments.



*For information on distributions of amounts attributable to rollover contributions separately accounted for by an eligible retirement plan and if permissible timing restrictions apply, see Rev. Rul. 2004-12, 2004-7 I.R.B. 478, available at [IRS.gov/irb/2004-07\\_IRB/ar08.html](https://www.irs.gov/irb/2004-07_IRB/ar08.html), modified by Notice 2013-74, 2013-52 I.R.B. 819, available at [IRS.gov/irb/2013-52\\_IRB/ar11.html](https://www.irs.gov/irb/2013-52_IRB/ar11.html).*

**Designated Roth accounts.** A direct rollover from a designated Roth account may only be made to another designated Roth account or to a Roth IRA. A distribution from a Roth IRA, however, cannot be rolled over into a

designated Roth account. In addition, a plan is permitted to treat the balance of the participant's designated Roth account and the participant's other accounts under the plan as accounts held under two separate plans for purposes of applying the automatic rollover rules of section 401(a)(31)(B) and Q/A-9 through Q/A-11 of Regulations section 1.401(a)(31)-1. Thus, if a participant's balance in the designated Roth account is less than \$200, the plan is not required to offer a direct rollover election or to apply the automatic rollover provisions to such balance.

A distribution from a designated Roth account that is a qualified distribution is tax free. A qualified distribution is a payment that is made both after age 59½ (or after death or disability) and after the 5-tax-year period that begins with the first day of the first tax year in which the employee makes a contribution to the designated Roth account.

Certain amounts, including corrective distributions, cannot be qualified distributions. See Regulations section 1.402A-1.

If any portion of a distribution from a designated Roth account that is not includible in gross income is to be rolled over into a designated Roth account under another plan, the rollover must be accomplished by a direct rollover. Any portion not includible in gross income that is distributed to the employee, however, cannot be rolled over to another designated Roth account, though it can be rolled over into a Roth IRA within the 60-day period described in section 402(c)(3). In the case of a direct rollover, the distributing plan is required to report to the recipient plan the amount of the investment (basis) in the contract and the first year of the 5-tax-year period, or that the distribution is a qualified distribution.

For a direct rollover of a distribution from a designated Roth account to a Roth IRA, enter the amount rolled over in box 1 and 0 (zero) in box 2a. Use Code H in box 7. For all other distributions from a designated Roth account, use Code B in box 7, unless Code E applies. If the direct rollover is from one designated Roth account to another designated Roth account, also enter Code G in box 7.

For a direct rollover of a distribution from a section 401(k) plan, a section 403(b) plan, or a governmental section 457(b) plan to a designated Roth account in the same plan, enter the amount rolled over in box 1, the taxable amount in box 2a, and any basis recovery amount in box 5. Use Code G in box 7.

***Qualified rollover contributions as defined in section 408A(e).*** A qualified rollover contribution as defined in section 408A(e) is:

- A rollover contribution to a Roth IRA from another IRA that meets the requirements of section 408(d)(3), or
- A rollover contribution to a Roth IRA from an eligible retirement plan (other than an IRA) that meets the requirements of section 408A(e)(1)(B).

For reporting a rollover from an IRA other than a Roth IRA to a Roth IRA, see *Roth IRA conversions*, earlier and later.

For a direct rollover of an eligible rollover distribution to a Roth IRA (other than from a



designated Roth account), report the total amount rolled over in box 1, the taxable amount in box 2a, and any basis recovery amount in box 5. (See the instructions for *Box 5*, later.) Use Code G in box 7. If the direct rollover is made on behalf of a nonspouse designated beneficiary, also enter Code 4 in box 7.

For reporting instructions for a direct rollover from a designated Roth account, see *Designated Roth accounts*, earlier.

## **Explanation to Recipients Before Eligible Rollover Distributions (Section 402(f) Notice)**

For qualified plans, section 403(b) plans, and governmental section 457(b) plans, the plan administrator must provide to each recipient of an eligible rollover distribution an explanation using either a written paper document or an electronic medium (section 402(f) notice). The explanation must be provided no more than 180 days and no fewer than 30 days before making an eligible

rollover distribution or before the annuity starting date.

However, if the recipient who has received the section 402(f) notice affirmatively elects a distribution, you will not fail to satisfy the timing requirements merely because you make the distribution fewer than 30 days after you provided the notice as long as you meet the requirements of Regulations section 1.402(f)-1, Q/A-2. The electronic section 402(f) notice must meet the requirements for using electronic media in Regulations section 1.401(a)-21.

The notice must explain the rollover rules, the special tax treatment for certain lump-sum distributions, the direct rollover option (and any default procedures), the mandatory 20% withholding rules, and an explanation of how distributions from the plan to which the rollover is made may have different restrictions and tax consequences than the plan from which the rollover is made.

For periodic payments that are eligible rollover distributions, you must provide the notice before the first payment and at least

once a year as long as the payments continue. For section 403(b) plans, the payer must provide an explanation of the direct rollover option within the time period described earlier or some other reasonable period of time.

Notice 2018-74, 2018-40 I.R.B. 529, available at [IRS.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb18-40.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb18-40.pdf), contains two safe harbor explanations that may be provided to recipients of eligible rollover distributions from an employer plan in order to satisfy section 402(f).

**Involuntary distributions.** For involuntary distributions paid to an IRA in a direct rollover (automatic rollover), you may satisfy the notification requirements of section 401(a)(31)(B)(i) either separately or as a part of the section 402(f) notice. The notification must be in writing and may be sent using electronic media in accordance with Q/A-5 of Regulations section 1.402(f)-1. Also see Notice 2005-5, Q/A-15.

## **Transfers**

Generally, do not report a transfer between trustees or issuers that involves no payment

or distribution of funds to the participant, including a trustee-to-trustee transfer from one IRA to another IRA, valid transfers from one section 403(b) plan in accordance with paragraphs 1 through 3 of Regulations section 1.403(b)-10(b), or for the purchase of permissive service credit under section 403(b)(13) or section 457(e)(17) in accordance with paragraph 4 of Regulations section 1.403(b)-10(b) and Regulations section 1.457-10(b)(8). However, you must report:

- Recharacterized IRA contributions;
- Roth IRA conversions;
- Direct rollovers from qualified plans, section 403(b) plans, or governmental section 457(b) plans, including any direct rollovers from such plans that are IRRs or are qualified rollover contributions described in section 408A(e); and
- Direct payments from IRAs to accepting employer plans.

**IRA recharacterizations.** You must report each recharacterization of an IRA

contribution. If a participant makes a contribution to an IRA (first IRA) for a year, the participant may choose to recharacterize the contribution by transferring, in a trustee-to-trustee transfer, any part of the contribution (plus earnings) to another IRA (second IRA). The contribution is treated as made to the second IRA (recharacterization). A recharacterization may be made with the same trustee or with another trustee. The trustee of the first IRA must report the recharacterization as a distribution on Form 1099-R and the contribution to the first IRA and its character on Form 5498.

Enter the fair market value (FMV) of the amount recharacterized in box 1, 0 (zero) in box 2a, and Code R in box 7 if reporting a recharacterization of a prior-year (2018) contribution or Code N if reporting a recharacterization of a contribution in the same year (2019). It is not necessary to check the IRA/SEP/SIMPLE checkbox. For more information on how to report, see Notice 2000-30 on page 1266 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 2000-25 at [IRS.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb00-25.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb00-25.pdf).

**No recharacterizations of conversions made in 2018 or later.** A conversion of a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, and a rollover from any other eligible retirement plan to a Roth IRA, made in the participant's tax years beginning after December 31, 2017, cannot be recharacterized as having been made to a traditional IRA.

**Section 1035 exchange.** You may have to report exchanges of insurance contracts, including an exchange under section 1035, under which any designated distribution may be made. For a section 1035 exchange that is in part taxable, file a separate Form 1099-R to report the taxable amount. See Section 1035 exchange, earlier.

**SIMPLE IRAs.** Do not report a trustee-to-trustee transfer from one SIMPLE IRA to another SIMPLE IRA. However, you must report as a taxable distribution in boxes 1 and 2a a trustee-to-trustee transfer from a SIMPLE IRA to an IRA that is not a SIMPLE IRA during the 2-year period beginning on the day contributions are first deposited in the

individual's SIMPLE IRA by the employer. Use Code S in box 7 if appropriate.

**Transfer of an IRA to spouse.** If you transfer or re-designate an interest from one spouse's IRA to an IRA for the other spouse under a divorce or separation instrument, the transfer or re-designation as provided under section 408(d)(6) is tax free. Do not report such a transfer on Form 1099-R.

## **Corrective Distributions**

You must report on Form 1099-R corrective distributions of excess deferrals, excess contributions and excess aggregate contributions under section 401(a) plans, section 401(k) cash or deferred arrangements, section 403(a) annuity plans, section 403(b) salary reduction agreements, and salary reduction simplified employee pensions (SARSEPs) under section 408(k)(6). Excess contributions that are recharacterized under a section 401(k) plan are treated as distributed. Corrective distributions must include earnings through the end of the year in which the excess arose. These distributions are reportable on Form 1099-R and are

generally taxable in the year of the distribution (except for excess deferrals under section 402(g)). Enter Code 8 or P in box 7 (with Code B, if applicable) to designate the distribution and the year it is taxable.

Use a separate Form 1099-R to report a corrective distribution from a designated Roth account.



*The total amount of the elective deferral is reported in box 12 of Form W-2. See the Instructions for Forms W-2 and W-3 for more information.*

For more information about reporting corrective distributions, see the *Guide to Distribution Codes*, later; Notice 89-32, 1989-1 C.B. 671; Notice 88-33, 1988-1 C.B. 513; Notice 87-77, 1987-2 C.B. 385; and the Regulations under sections 401(k), 401(m), 402(g), and 457.

**Excess deferrals.** Excess deferrals under section 402(g) can occur in section 401(k) plans, section 403(b) plans, or SARSEPs. If distributed by April 15 of the year following the year of deferral, the excess is taxable to



the participant in the year of deferral (other than designated Roth contributions), but the earnings are taxable in the year distributed. Except for a SARSEP, if the distribution occurs after April 15, the excess is taxable in the year of deferral and the year distributed. The earnings are taxable in the year distributed. For a SARSEP, excess deferrals not withdrawn by April 15 are considered regular IRA contributions subject to the IRA contribution limits.

Corrective distributions of excess deferrals are not subject to federal income tax withholding or social security and Medicare taxes. For losses on excess deferrals, see Losses, later. See Regulations section 1.457-4(e) for special rules relating to excess deferrals under governmental section 457(b) plans.

**Excess contributions.** Excess contributions can occur in a section 401(k) plan or a SARSEP. All distributions of the excess contributions plus earnings (other than designated Roth contributions), including recharacterized excess contributions, are

taxable to the participant in the year of distribution. Report the gross distribution in box 1 of Form 1099-R. In box 2a, enter the excess contribution and earnings distributed less any designated Roth contributions. For a SARSEP, the employer must notify the participant by March 15 of the year after the year the excess contribution was made that the participant must withdraw the excess and earnings. All distributions from a SARSEP are taxable in the year of distribution. An excess contribution not withdrawn by April 15 of the year after the year of notification is considered a regular IRA contribution subject to the IRA contribution limits.



*Regulations have not been updated for SARSEPs.*

**Excess aggregate contributions.** Excess aggregate contributions under section 401(m) can occur in section 401(a), section 401(k), section 403(a), and section 403(b) plans. A corrective distribution of excess aggregate contributions plus earnings is taxable to the participant in the year the distribution was made. Report the gross distribution in box 1

of Form 1099-R. In box 2a, enter the excess and earnings distributed less any after-tax contributions.

**Losses.** If a corrective distribution of an excess deferral is made in a year after the year of deferral and a net loss has been allocated to the excess deferral, report the corrective distribution amount in boxes 1 and 2a of Form 1099-R for the year of the distribution with the appropriate distribution code in box 7. If the excess deferrals consist of designated Roth contributions, report the corrective distribution amount in box 1, 0 (zero) in box 2a, and the appropriate distribution code in box 7. However, taxpayers must include the total amount of the excess deferral (unadjusted for loss) in income in the year of deferral, and they may report a loss on the tax return for the year the corrective distribution is made.

## **Distributions Under Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System (EPCRS)**

The procedure for correcting excess annual additions under section 415 is explained in the latest EPCRS revenue procedure in section 6.06 of Rev. Proc. 2018-52, 2018-42 I.R.B. 611 available at [IRS.gov/irb/2018-42\\_IRB#RP-2018-52](https://www.irs.gov/irb/2018-42_IRB#RP-2018-52).

Distributions to correct a section 415 failure are not eligible rollover distributions although they are subject to federal income tax withholding under section 3405. They are not subject to social security, Medicare, or Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) taxes. In addition, such distributions are not subject to the 10% early distribution tax under section 72(t).

You may report the distribution of elective deferrals (other than designated Roth contributions) and employee contributions (and earnings attributable to such elective deferrals and employee contributions) on the same Form 1099-R. However, if you made

other distributions during the year, report them on a separate Form 1099-R. Because the distribution of elective deferrals (other than designated Roth contributions) is fully taxable in the year distributed (no part of the distribution is a return of the investment in the contract), report the total amount of the distribution in boxes 1 and 2a. Leave box 5 blank, and enter Code E in box 7. For a return of employee contributions (or designated Roth contributions) plus earnings, enter the gross distribution in box 1, the earnings attributable to the employee contributions (or designated Roth contributions) being returned in box 2a, and the employee contributions (or designated Roth contributions) being returned in box 5. Enter Code E in box 7. For more information, see Rev. Proc. 92-93, 1992-2 C.B. 505.

Similar rules apply to other corrective distributions under EPCRS. Also, special Form 1099-R reporting is available for certain plan loan failures. See section 6.07 of Rev. Proc. 2018-52 for details.

If excess employer contributions (other than elective deferrals), and the earnings on them, under SEP,

SARSEP, or SIMPLE IRA plans are returned to an employer (with the participant's consent), enter the gross distribution (excess and earnings) in box 1 and 0 (zero) in box 2a. Enter Code E in box 7.

## **Failing the ADP or ACP Test After a Total Distribution**

If you make a total distribution in 2019 and file a Form 1099-R with the IRS and then discover in 2020 that the plan failed either the section 401(k)(3) actual deferral percentage (ADP) test for 2019 and you compute excess contributions or the section 401(m)(2) actual contribution percentage (ACP) test and you compute excess aggregate contributions, you must recharacterize part of the total distribution as excess contributions or excess aggregate contributions. First, file a CORRECTED Form 1099-R for 2019 for the correct amount of the total distribution (not including the amount recharacterized as

excess contributions or excess aggregate contributions). Second, file a new Form 1099-R for 2019 for the excess contributions or excess aggregate contributions and allocable earnings.

To avoid a late filing penalty if the new Form 1099-R is filed after the due date, enter in the bottom margin of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns, the words "Filed To Correct Excess Contributions."

You also must issue copies of the Forms 1099-R to the plan participant with an explanation of why these new forms are being issued. ADP and ACP test corrective distributions are exempt from the 10% early distribution tax under section 72(t).

## **Loans Treated as Distributions**

A loan from a qualified plan under section 401(a) or 403(a), from a section 403(b) plan, or from a plan, whether or not qualified, that is maintained by the United States, a state or political subdivision thereof, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, made to a participant

or beneficiary is not treated as a distribution from the plan if the loan satisfies the following requirements.

1. The loan is evidenced by an enforceable agreement.
2. The agreement specifies that the loan must be repaid within 5 years, except for a principal residence.
3. The loan must be repaid in substantially level installments (at least quarterly).
4. The loan amount does not exceed the limits in section 72(p)(2)(A) (maximum limit is equal to the lesser of 50% of the vested account balance or \$50,000).

Certain exceptions, cure periods, and suspension of the repayment schedule may apply.

The loan agreement must specify the amount of the loan, the term of the loan, and the repayment schedule. The agreement may include more than one document.



If a loan fails to satisfy (1), (2), or (3), the balance of the loan is a deemed distribution. The distribution may occur at the time the loan is made or later if the loan is not repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule.

If a loan fails to satisfy (4) at the time the loan is made, the amount that exceeds the amount permitted to be loaned is a deemed distribution.

**Deemed distribution.** If a loan is treated as a deemed distribution, it is reportable on Form 1099-R using the normal taxation rules of section 72, including tax basis rules. The distribution also may be subject to the 10% early distribution tax under section 72(t). It is not eligible to be rolled over to an eligible retirement plan nor is it eligible for the 10-year tax option. On Form 1099-R, complete the appropriate boxes, including boxes 1 and 2a, and enter Code L in box 7. Also, enter Code 1 or Code B, if applicable.

Interest that accrues after the deemed distribution of a loan is not an additional loan, and, therefore, is not reportable on Form 1099-R.

Loans that are treated as deemed distributions or that are actual distributions are subject to federal income tax withholding. If such a distribution occurs after the loan is made, you must withhold only if you distributed cash or property (other than employer securities) at the time of the deemed or actual distribution. See section 72(p), section 72(e)(4)(A), and Regulations section 1.72(p)-1.

**Subsequent repayments.** If a participant makes any cash repayments on a loan that was reported on Form 1099-R as a deemed distribution, the repayments increase the participant's tax basis in the plan as if the repayments were after-tax contributions. However, such repayments are not treated as after-tax contributions for purposes of section 401(m) or 415(c)(2)(B).

For a deemed distribution that was reported on Form 1099-R but was not repaid, the deemed distribution does not increase the participant's basis.

**Plan loan offsets.** If a participant's accrued benefit is reduced (offset) to repay a loan, the

amount of the account balance that is offset against the loan is an actual distribution. Report it as you would any other actual distribution. Do not enter Code L in box 7.

A qualified plan loan offset amount is the amount that a participant's account balance is reduced to repay the outstanding amount of a plan loan. In order to be a qualified plan loan offset, the loan, at the time of the offset, must be a loan in good standing and the offset must be solely by reason of (1) the termination of the qualified employer plan or (2) the failure to meet the repayment terms because the employee had a severance from employment. Report a qualified plan loan offset as you would any other actual distribution. In addition, enter Code M in box 7.

## **Permissible Withdrawals Under Section 414(w)**

For permissible withdrawals from an eligible automatic contribution arrangement (EACA) under section 414(w):

- The distribution (except to the extent the distribution consists of designated Roth contributions) is included in the employee's gross income in the year distributed;
- Report principal and earnings in boxes 1 and 2a except, in the case of a distribution from a designated Roth account, report only earnings in box 2a;
- The distribution is not subject to the 10% additional tax under section 72(t), indicated by reporting Code 2 in box 7; and
- The distribution must be elected by the employee no later than 90 days after the first default elective contribution under the EACA, as specified in Regulations section 1.414(w)-1(c)(2).

If the distribution is from a designated Roth account, enter Code B as well as Code 2 in box 7.

## **Corrected Form 1099-R**

If you filed a Form 1099-R with the IRS and later discover that there is an error on it, you must correct it as soon as possible. For example, if you transmit a direct rollover and file a Form 1099-R with the IRS reporting that none of the direct rollover is taxable by entering 0 (zero) in box 2a, and you then discover that part of the direct rollover consists of RMDs under section 401(a)(9), you must file a corrected Form 1099-R reporting the eligible rollover distribution as the direct rollover and file a new Form 1099-R reporting the RMD as if it had been distributed to the participant. See part H in the 2019 General Instructions for Certain Information Returns, or Pub. 1220, if filing electronically.

### **Filer**

The payer, trustee, or plan administrator must file Form 1099-R using the same name and employer identification number (EIN) used to deposit any tax withheld and to file

Form 945, Annual Return of Withheld Federal Income Tax.

## **Beneficiaries**

If you make a distribution to a beneficiary, trust, or estate, prepare Form 1099-R using the name and TIN of the beneficiary, trust, or estate, not that of the decedent. If there are multiple beneficiaries, report on each Form 1099-R only the amount paid to the beneficiary whose name appears on the Form 1099-R, and enter the percentage in box 9a, if applicable.

**Disclaimers.** A beneficiary may make a qualified disclaimer of all or some of an IRA account balance if the disclaimed amount and income are paid to a new beneficiary or segregated in a separate account. A qualified disclaimer may be made after the beneficiary has previously received the RMD for the year of the decedent's death. For more information, see Rev. Rul. 2005-36, 2005-26 I.R.B. 1368, available at [IRS.gov/irb/ 2005-26 IRB/ar11.html](https://www.irs.gov/irb/2005-26_IRB/ar11.html).

## **Alternate Payee Under a QDRO**

Distributions to an alternate payee who is a spouse or former spouse of the employee under a QDRO are reportable on Form 1099-R using the name and TIN of the alternate payee. If the alternate payee under a QDRO is a nonspouse, enter the name and TIN of the employee. However, this rule does not apply to IRAs; see *Transfer of an IRA to spouse*, earlier.

## **Nonresident Aliens**

If income tax is withheld under section 3405 on any distribution to a nonresident alien, report the distribution and withholding on Form 1099-R. Also file Form 945 to report the withholding. See the presumption rules in part S of the 2019 General Instructions for Certain Information Returns.

However, any payments to a nonresident alien from any trust under section 401(a); any annuity plan under section 403(a); any annuity, custodial account, or retirement income account under section 403(b); or any IRA account under section 408(a) or (b) are

subject to withholding under section 1441, unless there is an exception under a tax treaty. Report the distribution and withholding on Form 1042, Annual Withholding Tax Return for U.S. Source Income of Foreign Persons, and Form 1042-S, Foreign Person's U.S. Source Income Subject to Withholding.

For guidance regarding covered expatriates, see Notice 2009-85, 2009-45 I.R.B. 598, available at [IRS.gov/ irb/2009-45 IRB/ar10.html](https://www.irs.gov/irb/2009-45_IRB/ar10.html).

## **Statements to Recipients**

If you are required to file Form 1099-R, you must furnish a statement to the recipient. For more information about the requirement to furnish a statement to each recipient, see part M in the 2019 General Instructions for Certain Information Returns.

**Truncating recipient's TIN on payee statements.** Pursuant to Regulations section 301.6109-4, all filers of Form 1099-R may truncate a recipient's TIN (social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer



identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN)) on payee statements. Truncation is not allowed on any documents the filer files with the IRS. A payer's TIN may not be truncated on any form. See part J in the 2019 General Instructions for Certain Information Returns for more information.



*Do not enter a negative amount in any box on Form 1099-R.*

## **FATCA Filing Requirement Checkbox**

Check the box if you are an FFI reporting a cash value insurance contract or annuity contract that is a U.S. account in a manner similar to that required under section 6047(d). See Regulations section 1.1471-4(d)(5)(i)(B) for this election. In addition, check the box if you are a U.S. payer that is reporting on Form 1099-R as part of satisfying your requirement to report with respect to a U.S. account for chapter 4 purposes as described in Regulations section 1.1471-4(d)(2)(iii)(A).

## **Account Number**

The account number is required if you have multiple accounts for a recipient for whom you are filing more than one Form 1099-R.

The account number also is required if you check the "FATCA filing requirement" box. See *FATCA Filing Requirement Checkbox* above.

Additionally, the IRS encourages you to designate an account number for all Forms 1099-R that you file. See part L in the 2019 General Instructions for Certain Information Returns.

The policy number of the life insurance contract under which benefits are paid is required if you are reporting a payment of reportable death benefits.

## **Date of Payment Box**

Enter here the date payment was made for reportable death benefits.

## **Box 1. Gross Distribution**

Enter the total amount of the distribution before income tax or other deductions were withheld. Include direct rollovers, IRA direct payments to accepting employer plans, recharacterized IRA contributions, Roth IRA conversions, and premiums paid by a trustee or custodian for the cost of current life or other insurance protection.

Also include in this box distributions to plan participants from governmental section 457(b) plans. However, in the case of a distribution by a trust representing certificates of deposit (CDs) redeemed early, report the net amount distributed. Also, see Box 6, later.

For a distribution from a traditional IRA of assets that do not have a readily available FMV, enter Code K in box 7.

Include in this box the value of U.S. Savings Bonds distributed from a plan. Enter the appropriate taxable amount in box 2a.

Furnish a statement to the plan participant showing the value of each bond at the time of

distribution. This will provide him or her with the information necessary to figure the interest income on each bond when it is redeemed.

Include in box 1 amounts distributed from a qualified retirement plan for which the recipient elects to pay health insurance premiums under a cafeteria plan or that are paid directly to reimburse medical care expenses incurred by the recipient (see Rev. Rul. 2003-62 on page 1034 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 2003-25 at [IRS.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb03-25.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb03-25.pdf)). Also include this amount in box 2a.

Include in box 1 charges or payments for qualified long-term care insurance contracts under combined arrangements. Enter Code W in box 7.

In addition to reporting distributions to beneficiaries of deceased employees, report here any death benefit payments made by employers that are not made as part of a pension, profit-sharing, or retirement plan. Also enter these amounts in box 2a; enter Code 4 in box 7.



*Do not report accelerated death benefits on Form 1099-R. Report them on Form 1099-LTC, Long-Term Care and Accelerated Death Benefits.*

Include in box 1 the amount of any payment of reportable death benefits.

For section 1035 exchanges that are reportable on Form 1099-R, enter the total value of the contract in box 1, 0 (zero) in box 2a, the total premiums paid in box 5, and Code 6 in box 7.

**Designated Roth account distributions.** If you are making a distribution from a designated Roth account, enter the gross distribution in box 1, the taxable portion of the distribution in box 2a, the basis included in the distributed amount in box 5, any amount allocable to an IRR made within the previous 5 years (unless an exception to section 72(t) applies) in box 10, and the first year of the 5-tax-year period for determining qualified distributions in box 11. Also, enter the applicable code(s) in box 7.

**Employer securities and other property.**

If you distribute employer securities or other property, include in box 1 the FMV of the securities or other property on the date of distribution. If there is a loss, see Losses, later.

If you are distributing worthless property only, you are not required to file Form 1099-R. However, you may file and enter 0 (zero) in boxes 1 and 2a and any after-tax employee contributions or designated Roth contributions in box 5.

**Charitable gift annuities.** If cash or capital gain property is donated in exchange for a charitable gift annuity, report the total amount distributed during the year in box 1. See Charitable gift annuities under Box 3, later.

**FFIs reporting in a manner similar to section 6047(d).** If you are a participating FFI electing to report with respect to a cash value insurance contract or annuity contract that is a U.S. account held by a specified U.S. person in a manner similar to section 6047(d), include in box 1 any amount paid

under the contract during the reporting period (that is, the calendar year or the year ending on the most recent contract anniversary date).



*Do not report the account balance or value (as of the end of the reporting period) in box 1. Participating FFIs reporting in a manner similar to section 6047(d) should check the Recent Developments section for Form 1099-R at [IRS.gov/Form1099R](https://www.irs.gov/Form1099R) before filing for 2019.*

## **Box 2a. Taxable Amount**



*When determining the taxable amount to be entered in box 2a, do not reduce the taxable amount by any portion of the \$3,000 exclusion for which the participant may be eligible as a payment of qualified health and long-term care insurance premiums for retired public safety officers under section 402(l).*

Generally, you must enter the taxable amount in box 2a. However, if you are unable to reasonably obtain the data needed to compute the taxable amount, leave this box

blank. Do not enter excludable or tax-deferred amounts reportable in boxes 5, 6, and 8. Enter 0 (zero) in box 2a for:

- A direct rollover (other than an IRR) from a qualified plan, a section 403(b) plan, or a governmental section 457(b) plan to another such plan or to a traditional IRA;
- A direct rollover from a designated Roth account to a Roth IRA;
- A traditional, SEP, or SIMPLE IRA directly transferred to an accepting employer plan;
- An IRA recharacterization;
- A nontaxable section 1035 exchange of life insurance, annuity, endowment, or long-term care insurance contracts; or
- A nontaxable charge or payment, for the purchase of a qualified long-term care insurance contract, against the cash value of an annuity contract or the cash surrender value of a life insurance contract.

**Annuity starting date in 1998 or later.** If you made annuity payments from a qualified



plan under section 401(a), 403(a), or 403(b) and the annuity starting date is in 1998 or later, you must use the simplified method under section 72(d)(1) to figure the taxable amount. Under this method, the expected number of payments you use to figure the taxable amount depends on whether the payments are based on the life of one or more than one person. See Notice 98-2, 1998-1 C.B. 266, and Pub. 575, Pension and Annuity Income, to help you figure the taxable amount to enter in box 2a.

**Annuity starting date after November 18, 1996, and before 1998.** Under the simplified method for figuring the taxable amount, the expected number of payments is based only on the primary annuitant's age on the annuity starting date. See Notice 98-2.

**Annuity starting date before November 19, 1996.** If you properly used the rules in effect before November 19, 1996, for annuities that started before that date, continue to report using those rules. No changes are necessary.

**Corrective distributions.** Enter in box 2a the amount of excess deferrals, excess contributions, or excess aggregate contributions (other than employee contributions or designated Roth contributions). See Corrective Distributions, earlier.

**Cost of current life insurance protection.** Include current life insurance protection costs (net premium costs) that were reported in box 1. However, do not report these costs and a distribution on the same Form 1099-R. Use a separate Form 1099-R for each. For the cost of current life insurance protection, enter Code 9 in box 7.

**DVECs.** Include DVEC distributions in this box. Also see Deductible Voluntary Employee Contributions (DVECs), earlier.

**Designated Roth account.** Generally, a distribution from a designated Roth account that is not a qualified distribution is taxable to the recipient under section 402 in the case of a plan qualified under section 401(a), under section 403(b)(1) in the case of a section 403(b) plan, and under section 457(a)(1)(A)

in the case of a governmental section 457(b) plan. For purposes of section 72, designated Roth contributions are treated as employer contributions as described in section 72(f)(1) (that is, as includible in the participant's gross income).

**Examples.** Participant A received a nonqualified distribution of \$5,000 from the participant's designated Roth account. Immediately before the distribution, the participant's account balance was \$10,000, consisting of \$9,400 of designated Roth contributions and \$600 of earnings. The taxable amount of the \$5,000 distribution is \$300 ( $\$600/\$10,000 \times \$5,000$ ). The nontaxable portion of the distribution is \$4,700 ( $\$9,400/\$10,000 \times \$5,000$ ). The issuer would report on Form 1099-R:

- Box 1, \$5,000 as the gross distribution;
- Box 2a, \$300 as the taxable amount;
- Box 4, \$60 ( $\$300 \times 20\%$ ) as the withholding on the earnings portion of the distribution;

- Box 5, \$4,700 as the designated Roth contribution basis (nontaxable amount);
- Box 7, Code B; and
- The first year of the 5-tax-year period in box 11.

Using the same facts as in the example above, except that the distribution was a direct rollover to a Roth IRA, the issuer would report on Form 1099-R:

- Box 1, \$5,000 as the gross distribution;
- Box 2a, 0 (zero) as the taxable amount;
- Box 4, no entry;
- Box 5, \$4,700 as the designated Roth contribution basis (nontaxable amount);
- Box 7, Code H; and
- The first year of the 5-tax-year period in box 11.

**Losses.** If a distribution is a loss, do not enter a negative amount in this box. For example, if an employee's 401(k) account balance, consisting solely of stock, is

distributed but the value is less than the employee's remaining after-tax contributions or designated Roth contributions, enter the value of the stock in box 1, leave box 2a blank, and enter the employee's contributions or designated Roth contributions in box 5.

For a plan with no after-tax contributions or designated Roth contributions, even though the value of the account may have decreased, there is no loss for reporting purposes.

Therefore, if there are no employer securities distributed, show the actual cash and/or FMV of property distributed in boxes 1 and 2a, and make no entry in box 5. If only employer securities are distributed, show the FMV of the securities in boxes 1 and 2a and make no entry in box 5 or 6. If both employer securities and cash or other property are distributed, show the actual cash and/or FMV of the property (including employer securities) distributed in box 1, the gross less any NUA on employer securities in box 2a, no entry in box 5, and any NUA in box 6.

**Roth IRA.** For a distribution from a Roth IRA, report the total distribution in box 1 and leave box 2a blank except in the case of an IRA revocation or account closure and a recharacterization, earlier. Use Code J, Q, or T as appropriate in box 7. Use Code 8 or P, if applicable, in box 7 with Code J. Do not combine Code Q or T with any other codes.

However, for the distribution of excess Roth IRA contributions, report the gross distribution in box 1 and only the earnings in box 2a. Enter Code J and Code 8 or P in box 7.

**Roth IRA conversions.** Report the total amount converted from a traditional IRA, SEP IRA, or SIMPLE IRA to a Roth IRA in box 2a. Check the "Taxable amount not determined" box in box 2b. A conversion is considered a distribution and must be reported even if it is with the same trustee and even if the conversion is done by a trustee-to-trustee transfer. When an individual retirement annuity described in section 408(b) is converted to a Roth IRA, the amount that is treated as distributed is the FMV of the

annuity contract on the date the annuity contract is converted. This rule also applies when a traditional IRA holds an annuity contract as an account asset and the traditional IRA is converted to a Roth IRA. Determining the

FMV of an individual retirement annuity issued by a company regularly engaged in the selling of contracts depends on the timing of the conversion as outlined in Q/ A-14 of Regulations section 1.408A-4.

For a Roth IRA conversion, use Code 2 in box 7 if the participant is under age 59½ or Code 7 if the participant is at least age 59½. Also check the IRA/SEP/SIMPLE box in box 7.

### **Traditional, SEP, or SIMPLE IRA.**

Generally, you are not required to compute the taxable amount of a traditional, SEP, or SIMPLE IRA nor designate whether any part of a distribution is a return of basis attributable to nondeductible contributions. Therefore, except as provided below or elsewhere in these instructions, report the total amount distributed from a traditional, SEP, or SIMPLE IRA in box 2a. This will be the

same amount reported in box 1. Check the "Taxable amount not determined" box in box 2b.

- For a distribution by a trust representing CDs redeemed early, report the net amount distributed. Do not include any amount paid for IRA insurance protection in this box.
- For a distribution of contributions plus earnings from an IRA before the due date of the return under section 408(d) (4), report the gross distribution in box 1, only the earnings in box 2a, and enter Code 8 or P, whichever is applicable, in box 7. Also, enter Code 1 or 4, if applicable.
- For a distribution of excess contributions without earnings after the due date of the individual's return under section 408(d)(5), leave box 2a blank, and check the "Taxable amount not determined" box in box 2b. Use Code 1 or 7 in box 7 depending on the age of the participant.
- For an amount in a traditional IRA or a SEP IRA paid directly to an accepting



employer plan, or an amount in a SIMPLE IRA paid directly to an accepting employer plan after the first 2 years of plan participation, enter the gross amount in box 1, 0 (zero) in box 2a, and Code G in box 7.

## **Box 2b. Taxable Amount Not Determined**

Enter an "X" in this box if you are unable to reasonably obtain the data needed to compute the taxable amount.

In addition, enter an "X" in this box if you are an FFI reporting in box 1 to satisfy your chapter 4 reporting requirement under the election described in Regulations section 1.1471-4(d)(5)(i)(B).

If you check this box, leave box 2a blank; but see *Traditional, SEP, or SIMPLE IRA*, earlier. Except for IRAs, make every effort to compute the taxable amount.

## **Box 2b. Total Distribution**

Enter an "X" in this box only if the payment shown in box 1 is a total distribution. A total

distribution is one or more distributions within 1 tax year in which the entire balance of the account is distributed. If periodic or installment payments are made, mark this box in the year the final payment is made.

### **Box 3. Capital Gain (Included in Box 2a)**

If any amount is taxable as a capital gain, report it in box 3.

**Charitable gift annuities.** Report in box 3 any amount from a charitable gift annuity that is taxable as a capital gain. Report in box 1 the total amount distributed during the year. Report in box 2a the taxable amount. Advise the annuity recipient of any amount in box 3 subject to the 28% rate gain for collectibles and any unrecaptured section 1250 gain. Report in box 5 any nontaxable amount. Enter Code F in box 7. See Regulations section 1.1011-2(c), Example 8.

**Special rule for participants born before January 2, 1936 (or their beneficiaries).** For lump-sum distributions from qualified plans only, enter the amount in box 2a

eligible for the capital gain election under section 1122(h)(3) of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and section 641(f)(3) of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001. Enter the full amount eligible for the capital gain election. You should not complete this box for a direct rollover.

To compute the months of an employee's active participation before 1974, count as 12 months any part of a calendar year in which an employee actively participated under the plan; for active participation after 1973, count as 1 month any part of a month in which the employee actively participated under the plan. See the *Example* below.

Active participation begins with the first month in which an employee became a participant under the plan and ends with the earliest of:

- The month in which the employee received a lump-sum distribution under the plan;
- For an employee, other than a self-employed person or owner–employee, the

month in which the employee separates from service;

- The month in which the employee dies; or
- For a self-employed person or owner-employee, the first month in which the employee becomes disabled within the meaning of section 72(m)(7).

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**Method for Computing Amount Eligible for Capital Gain Election** (See [Box 3](#), earlier.)

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**Step 1. Total Taxable Amount**

A. Total distribution		XXXXX
B. Less:		
1. Current actuarial value of any annuity	XXXX	
2. Employee contributions or designated Roth contributions (minus any amounts previously distributed that were not includible in the employee's gross income)	XXXX	
3. Net unrealized appreciation in the value of any employer securities that was a part of the lump-sum distribution	XXXX	
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C. Total of lines 1 through 3		XXXXX
D. Total taxable amount. Subtract line C from line A.		<hr/> XXXXX



*securities and cash (\$200 or less) in lieu of fractional shares, no withholding is required.*

To determine your withholding requirements for any designated distribution under section 3405, you must first determine whether the distribution is an eligible rollover distribution. See *Direct Rollovers*, earlier, for a discussion of eligible rollover distributions. If the distribution is not an eligible rollover distribution, the rules for periodic payments or nonperiodic distributions apply. For purposes of withholding, distributions from any IRA are not eligible rollover distributions.

**Eligible rollover distribution; 20% withholding.** If an eligible rollover distribution is paid directly to an eligible retirement plan in a direct rollover, do not withhold federal income tax. If any part of an eligible rollover distribution is not a direct rollover, you must withhold 20% of the part that is paid to the recipient and includible in gross income. This includes the earnings portion of any nonqualified designated Roth account distribution that is not directly rolled over. The recipient cannot claim exemption

from the 20% withholding but may ask to have additional amounts withheld on Form W-4P, Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments. If the recipient is not asking that additional amounts be withheld, Form W-4P is not required for an eligible rollover distribution because 20% withholding is mandatory.

Employer securities and plan loan offset amounts that are part of an eligible rollover distribution must be included in the amount multiplied by 20% (0.20).

However, the actual amount to be withheld cannot be more than the sum of the cash and the FMV of property (excluding employer securities and plan loan offset amounts). For example, if the only part of an eligible rollover distribution that is not a direct rollover is employer securities or a plan loan offset amount, no withholding is required. However, unless otherwise exempt, any cash that is paid in the distribution must be used to satisfy the withholding on the employer securities or plan loan offset amount.

Depending on the type of plan or arrangement, the payer or, in some cases, the plan administrator is required to withhold 20% of eligible rollover distributions from a qualified plan's distributed annuity and on eligible rollover distributions from a governmental section 457(b) plan. For additional information, see section 3405(d) and Regulations sections 35.3405-1T, Q/A A-13, and 31.3405(c)-1, Q/A-4 and -5. For governmental section 457(b) plans only, see Notice 2003-20.

Any NUA excludable from gross income under section 402(e)(4) is not included in the amount of any eligible rollover distribution that is subject to 20% withholding.

You are not required to withhold 20% of an eligible rollover distribution that, when aggregated with other eligible rollover distributions made to one person during the year, is less than \$200.

**IRAs.** The 20% withholding does not apply to distributions from any IRA, but withholding does apply to IRAs under the rules for periodic payments and nonperiodic



distributions. For withholding, assume that the entire amount of a distribution from an IRA other than a Roth IRA is taxable (except for the distribution of contributions under section 408(d)(4), in which only the earnings are taxable, and section 408(d)(5), as applicable). Generally, Roth IRA distributions are not subject to withholding except on the earnings portion of excess contributions distributed under section 408(d)(4).

An IRA recharacterization is not subject to income tax withholding.

**Periodic payments.** For periodic payments that are not eligible rollover distributions, withhold on the taxable part as though the periodic payments were wages, based on the recipient's Form W-4P. The recipient may request additional withholding on Form W-4P or claim exemption from withholding. If a recipient does not submit a Form W-4P, withhold by treating the recipient as married with three withholding allowances. See Regulations section 35.3405-1T, Q/A A-9, for a definition of periodic payments. See Circular

E, Employer's Tax Guide (Pub. 15), for wage withholding tables.



*Rather than Form W-4P, military retirees should give you Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate.*

**Nonperiodic distributions.** Withhold 10% of the taxable part of a nonperiodic distribution that is not an eligible rollover distribution. In most cases, designated distributions from any IRA are treated as nonperiodic distributions subject to withholding at the 10% rate even if the distributions are paid over a periodic basis. See Regulations section 35.3405-1T, Q/A F-15. The recipient may request additional withholding on Form W-4P or claim exemption from withholding. For more information on nonperiodic distributions and withholding, see Regulations section 35-3405-1T, Q/A A-12, and parts C, D, and F.

**Failure to provide TIN.** For periodic payments and nonperiodic distributions, if a payee fails to furnish his or her correct TIN to you in the manner required, or if the IRS notifies you before any distribution that the

TIN furnished is incorrect, a payee cannot claim exemption from withholding. For periodic payments, withhold as if the payee was single claiming no withholding allowances. For nonperiodic payments, withhold 10%. Backup withholding does not apply.

### **Box 5. Employee Contributions/Designated Roth Contributions or Insurance Premiums**

Enter the employee's contributions, designated Roth contributions, or insurance premiums that the employee may recover tax free this year (even if they exceed the box 1 amount). The entry in box 5 may include any of the following: (a) designated Roth contributions or contributions actually made on behalf of the employee over the years under the plan that were required to be included in the income of the employee when contributed (after-tax contributions), (b) contributions made by the employer but considered to have been contributed by the employee under section 72(f), (c) the accumulated cost of premiums paid for life

insurance protection taxable to the employee in previous years and in the current year under Regulations section 1.72-16 (cost of current life insurance protection) (only if the life insurance contract itself is distributed), and (d) premiums paid on commercial annuities. Do not include any DVECs, elective deferrals, or any contribution to a retirement plan that was not an after-tax contribution.

Generally, for qualified plans, section 403(b) plans, and nonqualified commercial annuities, enter in box 5 the employee contributions or insurance premiums recovered tax free during the year based on the method you used to determine the taxable amount to be entered in box 2a. On a separate Form 1099-R, include the portion of the employee's basis that has been distributed from a designated Roth account. See the Examples in the instructions for box 2a, earlier.

If periodic payments began before 1993, you are not required to, but you are encouraged to, report in box 5.