

**Application for  
Approval of Prototype or Employer Sponsored  
Individual Retirement Account**  
(Under Section 408(a), (b) or (c) of the Internal Revenue Code)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Complete all items on this form. If an item does not apply, enter "N/A."

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**1 Approval requested for:**

- (a) Type of individual retirement account—  
 (1)  Prototype under section 408(a) or (b)  
 (2)  Established by employer or association of employees under section 408(c)  
 (b)  Initial application  
 (c)  Amendment—Enter ▶ | (1) Latest letter serial number | (2) Date letter issued | (3) File folder number

**2 (a) Name of applicant**

Address (number and street)  
 City or town, State, and ZIP code

**2 (b) Employer identification number of applicant**

**2 (c) Business code (see specific instruction 2(c))**

**3 (a) Name of person to be contacted**

**3 (b) Telephone number ( )**

**4 Type of sponsoring organization (if you are applying for a ruling under section 408(c), do not complete this item):**

- (a)  Insurance company  
 (b)  Trade or professional association  
 (c)  Savings and loan association that qualifies as a bank  
 (d)  Bank  
 (e)  Regulated investment company  
 (f)  Federally insured credit union  
 (g)  Other (specify) ▶

**5 Name of trustee or custodian**

Address (number and street)  
 City or town, State, and ZIP code

**6 Type of funding entity:**

- (a)  Trust  
 (b)  Custodial account  
 (c)  Insurance company (complete whichever is applicable)—  
 (1)  Annuity contract number ▶  
 (2)  Endowment policy number ▶

**7 Attach a copy of the documents to be used (trust agreement, annuity contract, etc.) and indicate the article or section and the page number where the following provisions may be found. If not applicable, insert "N/A."**

- (a) Provision that the trust is created for the exclusive benefit of the participant or his beneficiaries, or the contract must be owned only by the annuitant . . . . .  
 (b) Contributions—type allowable (i.e. cash only except for rollovers) and maximum limitation . . . . .  
 (c) Provisions requiring distribution to begin no later than age 70½ . . . . .  
 (d) Provisions prohibiting the investment of trust assets in collectibles, or a statement informing individuals that an investment in collectibles will be treated as a taxable distribution . . . . .

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Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this application, including accompanying statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Signature ▶ Title ▶ Date ▶

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<b>7 (e)</b> Prohibition on investment in life insurance contracts . . . . .			<b>8</b>
<b>(f)</b> Settlement options, to include minimum amounts distributed, in equal or substantially equal allotments, distributed at least annually, as specified in regulations . . . . .			<b>3</b>
<b>(g)</b> Distribution upon death of the participant within 5 years, in single sum, or by purchase of immediate annuity unless beneficiary makes the election to treat the IRA as his own IRA . . . . .			<b>4</b>
<b>(h)</b> Nonforfeitability of account . . . . .			<b>2</b>
<b>(i)</b> Nontransferability of contract . . . . .			<b>10</b>
<b>(j)</b> Application of premium refund, other than refunds attributable to excess contributions, before the end of the calendar year following the year of the refund toward the payment of future premiums or the purchase of additional benefits . . . . .			<b>9</b>
<b>(k)</b> Prohibition against commingling of funds . . . . .			<b>6</b>
<b>(l)</b> Restriction on use of extended term insurance option in endowment contracts . . . . .			<b>13</b>
<b>(m)</b> Provision that insurance contracts must have flexible premiums . . . . .			<b>16</b>
<b>(n)</b> Provisions for a separate accounting for the interest of each employee or member, including an annual valuation of trust assets and allocation of valuation changes . . . . .			

**8** Have you attached a copy of the disclosure statement you will use to inform participants of the restrictions and limitations imposed by law on individual retirement programs such as: eligibility for deductions, excise tax on excess contributions, penalty taxes on premature distributions, the consequences of prohibited transactions, and other required topics? . . . . .  Yes  No

**General Information**

**Paperwork Reduction Act Notice.—**

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 says that we must tell you why we are collecting this information, how it is to be used, and whether you have to give it to us. The information is used to determine whether you meet the legal requirements for the plan approval you request. Your filing of this information is only required if you wish IRS to issue an approval letter for your plan under sections 408(a), 408(b) or 408(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

*(Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code)*

**Purpose**

This form is used by employers or associations of employees who want IRS approval of an individual retirement account trust (as described under section 408(c)) for use by their employees or members.

This form is also used by certain persons who want IRS approval of prototype individual retirement accounts or annuity contracts.

An employee's social security number will serve as the identification number of his individual retirement account. An employer identification number is **not** required for each individual retirement account, nor for a common fund created for such individual retirement accounts.

**General Instructions**

**A. Who May File for a Prototype Individual Retirement Account.—**

Form 5306 may be filed to secure IRS approval of the form of a trust or annuity contract by:

- Banks (including savings and loan associations that qualify as banks and federally insured credit unions)
- Any person who has IRS approval to act as a trustee or custodian
- Insurance companies
- Regulated investment companies
- Trade or professional societies or associations (other than employee associations)

**B. Who May File for Employer or Employee Association Established Individual Retirement Accounts.—**

Employers or employee associations who want a ruling under section 408(c) for a trust which will be used for individual retirement accounts may file this form. The term employee association means any organization composed of two or more employees including, but not limited to, an employee association described in section 501(c)(4).

**C. Who Does Not Need to File.—**

Sponsors of programs, employers or associations of employees that use the Individual Retirement Trust Account (Form 5305) or Individual Retirement Custodial Account (Form 5305-A) should not submit their programs to the Internal Revenue Service since these forms are considered to meet the requirements of section 408. This applies even though a sponsor, employer or association of employees may have reproduced the

provisions of these forms on their own letterhead or in pamphlets which omit all references to the Internal Revenue Service or its forms.

**D. What to File.—** File this application and one copy of all instruments constituting this trust or annuity contract or if an amendment, file a copy of such amendment and an explanation of its effect on the trust or contract.

**E. Where to File.—** File this application with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Attention: E:EP:T, Washington, DC 20224.

**F. Signature.—** A principal officer who is authorized to sign or another person authorized under a power of attorney must sign this application. (Send the power of attorney with this application when you file it.)

**Specific Instructions**

**1(a).** Indicate whether you are filing an application for (1) a prototype individual retirement account or annuity under section 408(a) or (b); (2) an employer or employee association established individual retirement account under section 408(c).

**1(c)(3).** If you are amending your plan, enter the file folder number from the latest opinion letter you received for your plan.

**2(c).** Complete this item only if you have checked 1(a)(2). If you have checked 1(a)(2), enter the business code you entered on your income tax return or your information return.