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Transferring and Withdrawing Money — You’ve Earned it, Now Let’s Understand it

Whether you’re still working or preparing to retire, you may have the option to defer a lump sum of money owed to you by your employer. This could be for unused sick or vacation time at year end, known as “leave cash out,” for example.

Ohio DC must receive your request at least **31 days** before the payout date of your lump sum. It is also necessary that you be enrolled in Ohio DC before your last day of work.

If your leave cash out is due to termination (ending employment or retiring), the IRS requires the deferred cash out to be made within 75 days of your termination date or within the same calendar year in which you terminate, whichever is longer. The request to defer your termination cash out must also be completed one month prior to that pay date.

What can you do with your money?

2018 Annual Deferral Limits: Normal: \$18,500 / **50-Plus:** \$24,500

If your leave cash out will be more than one of these limits, see if you qualify for the 2018 Annual Catch-up Limit of \$37,000 under Eligibility for Catch-up.

MY CHECKLIST:

- Pay date of my cash out: _____
- Amount of my cash out: _____
- Anticipated Retirement Date: _____
- Deadline for Deferring Leave: _____

(Catch-up application must be completed prior to last day of employment.)

Catch-up and my leave cash out

Many employees use the Catch-up option to invest their sick and vacation leave cash out at termination. If you expect a large leave payment (more than the normal deferral limit) and don’t need the funds right now, you might qualify to invest a large lump sum and defer taxes until you need the funds.

Eligibility for Catch-up

If you are within three years of normal retirement age, and if you have not contributed the maximum amount in the past, you might be able to defer up to two times the normal contribution limit. For example, this calendar year you might be able to contribute as much as \$37,000. The Catch-up option serves as a one-time opportunity that may last up to three consecutive years, as long as you are employed.

MY CHECKLIST:

- Contact Ohio DC to determine how many years of W-2s are needed.
W2's Needed: _____
- Gather W-2s and submit to Ohio DC.



Considering a rollover?

More convenient. Less hassle. And all I gotta do is roll over?

Have you thought about the advantages of rolling your **PLOP, DROP**, Traditional IRA, 401(k), 401(a) or 403(b) account into Ohio Deferred Compensation? We'll help you!

Why consider rolling over your outside retirement accounts?

- Manage your retirement investments with one program
- Select and diversify your investments
- Get flexible access to your funds as you need them for emergencies, a major purchase, a vacation — you decide
- Defer taxes and potentially grow your account until you need your funds
- Simplify your retirement funds with one consolidated statement
- Access a non-profit program with low fees and eliminate unnecessary costs

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Have questions?

We'll answer your personal retirement questions.

Get an analysis from your Retirement Planning Specialists.

As credentialed, experienced professionals, we want to inform you about how to prepare for retirement. We have a variety of tools to help you:

- Determine your retirement income needs
- Defer sick and vacation leave pay from your final paycheck
- Provide education on your current financial picture
- Simplify by combining all your assets into one program
- Choose the distribution option most suitable for you

An appointment with a Retirement Planning Specialist is a benefit provided to you at no additional charge. If you can't come to our Service Center in Columbus, Ohio, you can schedule a phone conference.

Withdrawing your money

Withdrawal requests should be made one month in advance of establishing or changing a payment.

- Your first withdrawal can begin about **two months after separation from employment**, but is not required until age 70½.
- Withdrawals can be **random or systematic** in frequency.
- You can **change your withdrawal choice any time**, up to 12 times per year.
- Please **plan ahead by one month** for withdrawal changes.
- Payments are made to you on the **20th of the month**.
- **Withdrawals are considered taxable income**; taxes can be withheld on your behalf, and tax withholding may be required depending on the type of withdrawal selected.
- You may select any of the following payment frequencies: **annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly**, with a minimum payment of \$100.
- For your convenience and security, **payments are made by direct deposit**.

Did You Know?

If your Withdrawal Form is received by the 5th day of the month, your payment will be on the 20th of that month.

- **If you have money in more than one investment option**, you may select to have payments withdrawn proportionally from each of your investment options, or you may designate payments to be withdrawn from one investment option.
- **If you leave your job for any reason**, distributions may qualify for rollover to a Traditional IRA, 403(b), 401(k) or other tax-qualified plans under federal laws. Please contact us for rollover eligibility.
- **Upon separation from employment**, there will be no charges or penalties assessed on withdrawals from your 457 account.
- **Distributions before age 59½** from a rollover account such as a 401(k) might be subject to early withdrawal penalties.



Taxes

Required withholding

The Program is required to withhold 20% federal tax if you select a partial lump sum or a lump sum (required minimum distribution payments excluded). Additionally, the same 20% is required if you select a systematic payment option that is projected to exhaust your account in 10 years or less.

Optional tax withholding

The Program is not required to withhold State of Ohio income tax from your payment. However, you may choose to have tax withheld for this purpose. If you have selected a systematic option that is projected to last longer than 10 years, you will choose the amount to withhold for federal tax. You can choose more than 20%, less than 20%, or have no federal tax withheld.

Things to consider

We are here to help you decide how to structure withdrawals from your account. Decide how your account can best serve you:

- Events such as trips, home remodeling projects, etc.
- Monthly payments to supplement your pension income
- Income until your Social Security or pension benefits start
- Final mortgage payment
- Payments that will allow your account to last throughout your retirement years

Payment options

Systematic withdrawals

- **Dollar Amount** — Payments of a specified dollar amount until your account is exhausted.
- **Time Period** — Payments for the number of years you choose. You may select any whole number of years.
- **Annual Percent** — Payments based on the percentage you choose and your account balance. The annual percent will be paid over the frequency you select. For example, a 12% annual withdrawal would be paid as 1% monthly.

NOTE: Your account value and payments (or period) will fluctuate based on the performance of your investment options.

Discretionary withdrawals

- **Partial Lump Sum** — A single lump sum payment of a portion of your account value. To select another payment option after the partial lump sum, a new Withdrawal Form must be completed.
- **Full Lump Sum** — The withdrawal of your full account value in a single payment. To protect your investment from immediate taxation, you might want to consider other payment options. Please consult with your tax professional when considering large withdrawals.

Are you subject to a Required Minimum Distribution?

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

- Your RMD typically, but not always, increases as you get older.
- Your first RMD is approximately 3.7% of your account balance as of December 31st of the previous year.
- The amount is approximately
 - > 4% at age 73
 - > 5% at age 78
 - > 10% at age 92

This table is the current standard for calculating RMD. Future law changes could change the distribution period values shown to the right.

Neither Nationwide nor any of its representatives give legal or tax advice. For such guidance, please contact your legal or tax advisor.

If you are 70½ or older and retired before the end of this calendar year, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires you to take a distribution from your Ohio Deferred Compensation account. This **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)** is necessary in all of your tax sheltered retirement plans including Traditional IRA, 401(k), 403(b), 401(a) and 457(b) accounts.

RMDs cannot be combined from different account types. For example, a RMD from a 457 account cannot be taken to fulfill a RMD from a 401(k) rollover account with Ohio DC.

To calculate your required distribution, just follow these three simple steps.

- 1 Find your account balance** as of December 31st of the previous year. You can do this by looking at your 4th quarter or 1st quarter statement.
- 2 Look up the distribution period number** that corresponds with your age as of December 31st of this year in the chart below.
- 3 Divide the value of your account** as of December 31st of the previous year by the distribution period number you took from the chart. The result is your RMD.

Example: A participant with an account balance last December 31st of \$50,000, who will turn age 70½ by the end of this year, would be subject to the following RMD:

$$\mathbf{\$50,000/27.4 = \$1,824.82}$$








Age	Distribution Period	Age	Distribution Period
70	27.4	87	13.4
71	26.5	88	12.7
72	25.6	89	12.0
73	24.7	90	11.4
74	23.8	91	10.8
75	22.9	92	10.2
76	22.0	93	9.6
77	21.2	94	9.1
78	20.3	95	8.6
79	19.5	96	8.1
80	18.7	97	7.6
81	17.9	98	7.1
82	17.1	99	6.7
83	16.3	100	6.3
84	15.5	101	5.9
85	14.8	102	5.5
86	14.1	103	5.2

Are you returning to work?

Re-Enrollment

You are eligible to defer income to Ohio Deferred Compensation if you return to public employment. However, you must re-enroll in the Program at your new place of employment. You must re-enroll 31 days prior to your first pay date. If you plan to continue public employment, **call us at 877-644-6457** to set up an account so you may continue contributing to the plan.

This can all be a little overwhelming.

We're here to help	
 Phone appointments: 877-644-6457	 My Interactive Retirement Planner
 In-person appointments	 Withdrawal Calculators
 Webinars/field presentations	 Rewards newsletter
 Website: Ohio457.org	

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Qualified retirement plans, deferred compensation plans and individual retirement accounts are all different, including fees and when you can access funds without penalty. Assets rolled over from your account(s) might be subject to surrender charges or other fees from your current provider. There might also be a 10% tax penalty assessed by the IRS if withdrawn before age 59½ for outside accounts rolled into this plan. Ohio DC 457 accounts do not have age requirements or early withdrawal penalties. You should consider all factors before making a decision.

Investing involves market risk, including possible loss of principal.

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