

SUMMARY OF SELECTED EMPLOYEE BENEFIT RELATED LIMITS

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Elective Deferral Limits ¹								
401(k), 403(b) and SEPs	17,500	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,500	19,000	19,500	19,500
457 plans	17,500	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,500	19,000	19,500	19,500
SIMPLE IRAs and 401(k)s	12,000	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	13,000	13,500	13,500
Catch-up Contributions ¹	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,
401(k), 403(b), 457 and SEPs	5,500	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,500	6,500
SIMPLE IRAs and 401(k)s	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Maximum Annual Compensation ¹								
401(a)(17)	260,000	265,000	265,000	270,000	275,000	280,000	285,000	290,000
415 Maximum Annual Additions ¹								
Defined benefit plan dollar limit	210,000	210,000	210,000	215,000	220,000	225,000	230,000	230,000
Defined contribution plan dollar limit	52,000	53,000	53,000	54,000	55,000	56,000	57,000	58,000
Highly Compensated Employees ¹								
414(q)	115,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	125,000	130,000	130,000
Key Employees (Top Heavy) ¹								
Officers	170,000	170,000	170,000	175,000	175,000	180,000	185,000	185,000
1% owner	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,00	150,000	150,000
Employee Stock Ownership Plans ¹								
Five-year distribution threshold	1,050m	1,070m	1,070m	1,080m	1,105m	1,130m	1,150m	1,165m
Step up	210,000	210,000	210,000	215,000	220,000	225,000	230,000	230,000
IRAs ¹								
Annual contribution limit	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	6,000	6,000	6,000
Catch-up contributions	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
PBGC ²								
Annual maximum guaranteed benefit	59,318	60,136	60,136	64,432	65,045	67,295	69,750	72,409
Transportation Fringe Benefits ³								
Employer-provided parking (monthly)	250	250	255	255	260	265	270	270
Mass transit pass & vanpool (monthly)	130/250	130/250	255	255	260	265	270	270
Social Security ⁴								
Taxable wage base	117,000	118,500	118,500	127,200	128,400	132,900	137,700	142,800
Health Savings Accounts ⁵								
Individual contribution limit	3,300	3,350	3,350	3,400	3,450	3,500	3,550	3,600
Family contribution limit	6,550	6,650	6,750	6,750	6,900	7,000	7,100	7,200
Catch-up contributions	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Health FSAs ³								
Employee contribution limit	2,500	2,550	2,550	2,600	2,650	2,700	2,750	2,750

Sources: ¹ IRS Notice 2020-79, ² PBGC Maximum Monthly Guarantee Tables available at PBGC.gov, ³ Rev. Proc. 2020-45, ⁴ SSA Press Release (10/13/2020), ⁵ Rev. Proc. 2020-32.

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2020 Year-End Plan Reminders

The following items are a list of a few key annual reminders and deadlines for calendar year plans:

All Plans
Sign any discretionary plan amendments
Verify compliance with the new disability claims procedures
Consider whether SPDs or plan documents need to be updated
Pension, 401(k) and DC Plans
Verify compliance with annual discrimination testing
Verify plan did not exceed annual contribution limits (ADP, ACP, Code §§ 415 and 402(g))
Distribute required minimum distributions (ONLY DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS AND 457(b) PLANS MAINTAINED BY NON-PROFITS)
Use forfeitures and revenue credit accounts
Review list of uncashed distribution checks and attempt to locate missing participants
Review participant information for force-out of small balances
Update 402(f) notice
Verify participant fee disclosures satisfied
Send QDIA notice (December 1, 2020)
Send Safe Harbor notice (December 1, 2020)
Send automatic enrollment notice (December 1, 2020)
Annual Addition Notice (For 403(b) volume submitter plans adopted in 2019)
Fiduciary Obligations
Complete fiduciary training
Establish the fiduciary calendar for 2021
Make sure all approved minutes and meeting materials are in the file
Health and Welfare Plans
Remind participants of upcoming deadlines relating to health FSA carryover/grace period

Decide whether to amend cafeteria plan to provide COVID-19 mid-year elections
Determine whether to amend HRA/HSA/Health FSA provisions to permit reimbursements of over-the-counter drugs and feminine hygiene products under the CARES Act
Provide SBC, WHCRA, CHIP, and COBRA notices
Confirm health plan coverage meets ACA affordability and minimum value requirements for 2021
Conduct nondiscrimination testing (cafeteria plan, health FSA, DCAP, HRA, HSA, and self-insured health plan)
Consider COVID-19 deadline extensions relating to special enrollments, COBRA, claims for benefits, appeals, and external reviews
Confirm health plans include COVID-19 provisions under the FFCRA and CARES Act
Verify wellness plan compliance
Review new elements of health and welfare plans, including all component plans (e.g. medical insurance, dental insurance, and life insurance)
Update plan documents and SPDs to reflect changes and distribute SMMs
Update wrap plan document for 2021 changes, including component plans
Executive Compensation
Distribute and collect 2021 executive salary deferral elections for deferred compensation plans
Confirm participants who cancelled 2020 deferral elections based on coronavirus-related distributions/unforeseeable emergency withdrawals are permitted to re-enroll for 2021 (if eligibility requirements are met)
Confirm deferred compensation payable in 2020 was properly distributed and distribute any missed payments by year-end
Prepare and issue participant and employer tax statements for 2020 Code §409A corrections

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