



## Consider Donating Your RMD *(or a portion of it)* to For Pete's Sake

### Who is eligible?

Any Traditional IRA owner age 70½ or older may make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA directly to a qualified charity like For Pete's Sake. While Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) generally begin at age 73 under current law, the eligibility age for making a QCD remains 70½.

### Why donate your RMD directly instead of making a cash donation?

Donations made directly from your IRA to For Pete's Sake are excluded from your adjusted gross income (AGI), even if you claim the standard deduction. This provides a tax benefit without itemizing. For tax year 2026, the standard deduction is \$16,100 for single filers, \$24,150 for heads of household, and \$32,200 for married couples filing jointly. Items like state and local tax deductions have limits or phaseouts, making itemization less common; a QCD allows you to retain a tax benefit regardless of itemization.

### Are there any additional benefits?

The QCD amount will not be included in your AGI which may provide additional benefits including avoiding the Medicare high-income surcharge. The surcharge which is determined by AGI increases your Part B and Part D premiums. Keeping your RMD out of your AGI may also make less of your Social Security benefits taxable.

### What else do I need to know?

- QCDs must be made to qualified public charities such as For Pete's Sake; Donor-advised funds and private foundations are not eligible recipients.
- The distribution must be made directly from your IRA to the charity and reported appropriately on federal tax forms.
- You must be at least 70½ at the time of the QCD.
- For 2026, the per-taxpayer annual QCD limit indexed for inflation is \$111,000. Married couples filing jointly may each make a QCD up to this limit from their respective IRAs.
- SEP and SIMPLE IRAs are eligible only if no employer contributions were made during the year.
- QCDs apply only to taxable IRA amounts; after-tax basis and nondeductible contributions may not be transferred as a QCD.
- A QCD is excluded from income and may satisfy all or part of your RMD for the year
- Please consult your personal tax advisor before making a QCD

A QCD must come from a Traditional IRA or Inherited IRA where the account owners over 70.5. QCDs are also permitted from SEP and SIMPLE IRAs that are not ongoing. QCDs apply only to taxable amounts. You may not transfer your basis (nondeductible IRA contributions or after-tax rollover funds) to charity as a QCD. QCDs are an exception to the pro-rata rule which usually applies to IRA distributions. Please consult your personal tax advisor prior to making a QCD.