Qualified Charitable Distribution

IRA owners age 70½ or older can make a gift directly from an IRA to charity (up to $100,000 aggregate annual limit). IRA contributions after age 70½ count against QCD amounts. There is no income tax due and the distribution counts toward their required minimum distribution (RMD) if one is due.

Concept applied:
A donor who doesn’t need the additional income from a required minimum distribution can use a qualified charitable distribution to meet all or part of the annual RMD while avoiding income tax on the gift amount.

How it works:
Pete Maher, 72, is required to take a minimum distribution from his traditional IRA this year, even though he does not need the additional income. He instructs the IRA custodian to transfer his RMD amount directly to his favorite qualified charity. With this one simple step, he fulfills his RMD without increasing his taxable income, all while making a meaningful charitable impact. He plans to repeat this gift each year.

Why is it useful?
A qualified charitable distribution is the only way to make a lifetime charitable gift of retirement savings while meeting all or part of the RMD. The gift reduces adjusted gross income, which may help avoid income tax on Social Security benefits. Lower adjusted gross income may also avoid or decrease exposure to the Medicare surtax on net investment income.
From the telescope to the printing press to the steam engine, technological revolutions have always transformed the human condition. But never has there been a technological revolution set to change our world in pace, scope, and scale as the one in which we are currently immersed. Nonexistent only a lifetime ago, the forces of change brought on by the computing revolution are permanent, universal, and accelerating at an exponential rate. Great opportunities and great challenges have arisen on a scale never seen before.

This complex present and even more uncertain future requires a new citizenship—one that is equipped with knowledge, inspired by vision, and empowered to take action; one that values problem-solving, critical thinking, and collaboration; one that sets innovation and leadership in pursuit of equitable growth; and one committed to creating a sustainable future and improving the quality of life for this generation and the next.

CHM is in a unique position to empower people as catalysts for change inside our current technological revolution. CHM is using its extensive network and historical expertise amassed over four decades to promote a new citizenship for the digital age, bringing together companies and nonprofits, government leaders and policymakers, scholars and educators—because it will take all of us working together to build the future we envision.

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