

## Required Minimum Distributions

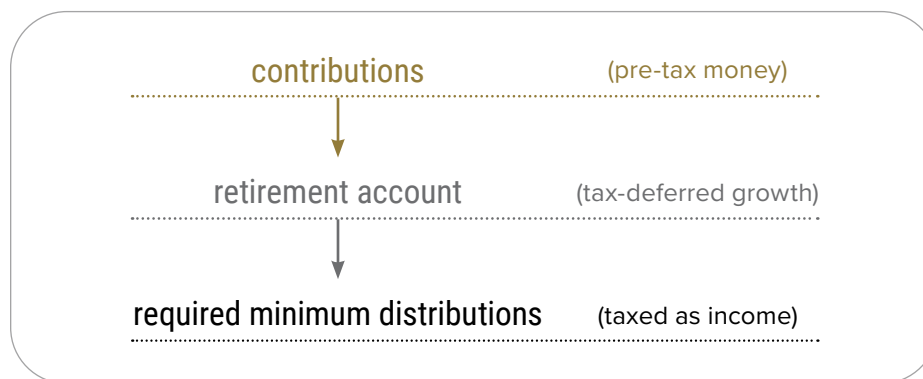
Those with retirement savings in a traditional IRA or qualified plan must take annual minimum distributions when required or face a penalty on the amount they fail to withdraw. This rule applies whether the taxpayer needs the money or not.

### Concept applied:

Individuals over age 73 with savings in traditional IRAs, 401(k)s, and other qualified plans must take taxable annual required minimum distributions (RMDs) or pay a 25% penalty on amounts that should have been withdrawn.

### How it works:

Georgia McCord recently turned 73 and must begin taking RMDs from her IRA, with tax due on each distribution. Georgia makes an annual gift to her favorite charity, but now she decides to make a qualified charitable distribution from her IRA. She pays no tax on the distribution, it counts toward her RMD, and the full amount supports the charity's work. She can give up to \$111,000 (annual aggregate limit in 2026) under these favorable tax rules. Or, she can use a one-time distribution of up to \$55,000 (in 2026) to create a new charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust.



### Why is it useful?

Taking full and timely RMDs avoids penalties. Individuals who do not need additional income typically withdraw the minimum amount so the remaining funds will continue to benefit from tax deferral and compound earnings.



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