

IRAS AND ESAs AT-A-GLANCE

	Traditional IRA	Roth IRA	Coverdell ESA (Formerly Education IRA)															
Qualifications	Must have earned income and not have reached age 70 1/2 by the end of the year.	Must have earned income. There are no age restrictions.	The designated beneficiary must be an individual under the age of 18. The age 18 limitation will not apply to any designated beneficiary with special needs.															
Maximum Contributions	Taxable years beginning In 2004 \$3,000 In 2005 through 2007 . . \$4,000 In 2008 and after \$5,000*	Taxable years beginning In 2004 \$3,000 In 2005 through 2007 . . \$4,000 In 2008 and after \$5,000*	Taxable years beginning In 2004 and after \$2,000 per beneficiary Contributions do not count against the limits for IRAs															
Catch-Up (50+Over)	2004 through 2005 \$ 500 2006 and after \$1,000	2004 through 2005 \$ 500 2006 and after \$1,000																
Tax Status of Earnings	Tax-deferred until withdrawal	Not taxed. Earnings grow tax-free.	Not taxed. Earnings grow tax-free.															
Contribution Restrictions	Yes, if active participant in employer retirement plan. CONTRIBUTION PHASEOUTS <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Singles</th> <th>Married Joint</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2004</td> <td>\$45,000-\$55,000</td> <td>\$65,000-\$75,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2005</td> <td>\$50,000-\$60,000</td> <td>\$70,000-\$80,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006</td> <td>same as 2005</td> <td>\$75,000-\$85,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007</td> <td>same as 2005</td> <td>\$80,000-\$100,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Singles	Married Joint	2004	\$45,000-\$55,000	\$65,000-\$75,000	2005	\$50,000-\$60,000	\$70,000-\$80,000	2006	same as 2005	\$75,000-\$85,000	2007	same as 2005	\$80,000-\$100,000	Yes, contributions phase out between \$95,000-\$110,000 for singles, \$150,000-\$160,000 for married couples filing jointly, and \$0-\$10,000 for married couples filing separately.	Yes, contributions phase out between \$95,000-\$110,000 for singles and married couples filing separately, and \$190,000-\$220,000 for married couples filing jointly.
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Tax Deduction	Yes. Contributions up to the limit are fully tax deductible if you are not an active participant in a retirement plan. Otherwise phase out rules apply.	No.	No.															
Penalties for Early Withdrawal	None if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 59 1/2 • Death or disability • Qualified medical expenses • Certain health insurance • Qualified college expenses • 1st time home purchase (up to \$10,000) • Due to IRS levy • Periodic payments 	None if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 59 1/2 • Death or disability • Qualified medical expenses • Certain health insurance • Qualified college expenses • 1st time home purchase (up to \$10,000) • Due to IRS levy • Periodic payments 	None if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For payment of qualified education expense, including elementary and secondary schools (K-12th) 															
Required Distributions	Must begin by April following year participant turns 70 1/2.	Only after death of the participant.	Must be complete 30 days after beneficiary reaches age 30 or dies.															
Contributions After Age 70 1/2	Not allowed.	Allowed.	Allowed.															

**TAX LAW CHANGES
MAKE IRAS AND
EDUCATION ACCOUNTS
MORE ATTRACTIVE
THAN EVER. HERE'S HOW.**

Individual Retirement Accounts

Individual Retirement Accounts: Better Than Ever!

An Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is an excellent tool for retirement savings. Unlike most investments, depending on the type of IRA you choose, contributions may be tax deductible and will grow either tax-deferred or tax-free.

A Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA), formerly Education IRA, is a great way for parents, grandparents and others to help meet the rising costs of a student's education.

Recent tax law changes have made IRAs and ESAs even better.

CONTRIBUTION DEADLINES

Traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs and Coverdell Education Savings Accounts must be opened and/or funded by the April 15th tax filing deadline to receive your tax deductions. A filing extension won't buy you extra time.

TRADITIONAL IRA

The annual contribution limit is \$3,000 in 2004, \$4,000 in 2005 and \$5,000 in 2008. After 2008, the contribution limit will be adjusted annually for inflation in \$500 increments. The annual limit applies to any combination of IRA plans other than the ESA. Contributions are fully tax deductible if you are

not an active participant in an employer retirement plan. Otherwise, phaseout rules apply. Investments grow on a tax-deferred basis. Distributions must begin at age 70^{1/2}. Earnings are taxed only upon withdrawal.

ROTH IRA

As long as you have earned income, you can establish and contribute to a Roth IRA even after age 70^{1/2}. While contributions are not tax deductible, contributions and earnings can be withdrawn tax-free, and unlike traditional IRAs, you are not required to begin taking required minimum distributions after reaching age 70^{1/2}. By converting your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, you can enjoy tax-free withdrawals. However, the amount you convert is subject to income tax now, so be sure to check with your tax advisor before converting.

EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT

The annual contribution amount has been increased to \$2,000 per beneficiary.

While there is no tax deduction for amounts contributed to an ESA, earnings grow tax-free. And your ESA can be used to pay qualified elementary school and secondary school expenses as well as those for higher education.

Catch-up contributions—Individuals who have reached age 50 by the end of the year will be able to make additional catch-up contributions of \$500 per year to their traditional or Roth IRA. For taxable years beginning in 2006, the additional catch-up amount increases to \$1,000.

Contact your credit union or tax advisor today to learn more about today's IRA!

How Your IRA Can Grow

The performance of a \$3,000 a year retirement investment plan over time at 4% shows the value of starting early and contributing regularly.

