# 2023 · COMMON RETIREMENT PLANS FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS



|   | SOLO 401(k)  | SAFE HARBOR 401(K)   | 401(K)   | PROFIT SHARING PLAN  | SIMPLE IRA  | SEP IRA  |
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| WHAT EMPLOYER IS ELIGIBLE<br>TO OFFER THIS PLAN?  | Business or<br>self-employed individual<br>with no employees<br>(other than a spouse)  | Any employer   | Any employer   | Any employer   | Employer with 100 or<br>fewer employees who<br>earn at least \$5,000 in a<br>year (and no other<br>retirement plan —<br>unless for collective<br>bargaining employees)  | Any employer   |
| WHO CAN PARTICIPATE<br>IN THIS PLAN?  | Self-employed<br>individual and spouse<br>who is active in the<br>business (e.g.,<br>employee, co-owner)   | Eligible employees (can<br>be limited to employees<br>age 21 and over, with at<br>least one year of service<br>(1,000 hours), or 2 years<br>of service if 100%<br>vested) <sup>1</sup> | Eligible employees (can<br>be limited to employees<br>age 21 and over, with at<br>least one year of service<br>(1,000 hours), or 2 years<br>of service if 100%<br>vested)¹ | Eligible employees (can<br>be limited to employees<br>age 21 and over, with at<br>least one year of service<br>(1,000 hours), or 2 years<br>of service if 100%<br>vested) <sup>1</sup> | Employees who earned<br>at least \$5,000 in any<br>prior 2 years and are<br>expected to earn \$5,000<br>this year   | Eligible employees (can<br>be limited to employees<br>age 21 and over, with<br>service in 3 of the prior<br>5 years and earning at<br>least \$750 in 2023) |
| HOW MUCH CAN PARTICIPANTS CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PLAN (ELECTIVE DEFERRALS)?                                   | Up to the lesser of<br>100% of earned income<br>or \$22,500 (\$7,500<br>catch-up age 50+)  | Up to the lesser of<br>100% of earned income<br>or \$22,500 (\$7,500<br>catch-up age 50+)  | Up to the lesser of<br>100% of earned income<br>or \$22,500 (\$7,500<br>catch-up age 50+)  | Participants cannot<br>contribute to this plan   | Up to the lesser of<br>100% of compensation<br>or \$15,500 (\$3,500<br>catch-up age 50+)  | Participants cannot<br>contribute to this plan   |
| HOW MUCH CAN AN EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PLAN?   | Employer has full<br>discretion whether to<br>contribute or not  | Employer must either (1) make a nonelective contribution of 3% of participant's compensation or (2) match participant deferrals up to 4% of their compensation, depending upon plan    | Employer has full<br>discretion whether to<br>contribute or not  | Employer has full<br>discretion whether to<br>contribute or not, up to<br>25% of the participant's<br>compensation   | Employer must either (1) make a nonelective contribution of 2% of participant's compensation or (2) match participant deferrals up to 3% of participant's compensation (may be reduced to 1% during 2 of the prior 5 years) | Employer has full<br>discretion whether to<br>contribute or not, but<br>generally must make<br>uniform % payments to<br>all participants                   |
| WHAT IS THE AGGREGATE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION LIMIT (EMPLOYER AND PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND FORFEITURES)? | Up to the lesser of<br>100% of earned<br>income <sup>2</sup> or \$66,000<br>(\$73,500 with catch-up)<br>(employer contribution<br>can't exceed 25% of<br>gross income for corp,<br>20% of net income for<br>sole proprietor/<br>partnership) | Up to the lesser of<br>100% of compensation <sup>2</sup><br>or \$66,000 (\$73,500<br>with catch-up)  | Up to the lesser of<br>100% of compensation <sup>2</sup><br>or \$66,000 (\$73,500<br>with catch-up)  | Up to the lesser of 25%<br>of compensation <sup>2</sup> or<br>\$66,000   | Sum of maximum<br>employer and<br>participant<br>contributions above  | Up to the lesser of<br>25% of compensation <sup>2</sup><br>or \$66,000 (special<br>rules apply for<br>self-employed)                                       |

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| MAY LOANS BE PERMITTED?   | Yes   | Yes   | Yes   | Yes   | No  | No  |
| IS THIS PLAN SUBJECT TO<br>ANNUAL TESTING?  | No  | No  | Yes   | Yes   | No  | Yes   |
| ARE CONTRIBUTIONS VESTED?   | Yes, 100%   | Yes for 100% of<br>participant and<br>employer safe harbor<br>contributions, but a<br>vesting schedule is<br>allowed for additional<br>employer contributions   | Yes for 100% of<br>participant<br>contributions, but a<br>vesting schedule is<br>allowed for employer<br>contributions  | A vesting schedule is<br>allowed  | Yes, 100%   | Yes, 100%   |
| WHEN IS THE DEADLINE FOR<br>ESTABLISHING THIS PLAN FOR<br>THIS TAX YEAR?            | Last day of employer's<br>taxable year  | Last day of employer's<br>taxable year  | Last day of employer's<br>taxable year  | Income tax filing<br>deadline including<br>extensions   | October 1 (if business is<br>formed after this date,<br>as soon as feasible)  | Income tax filing<br>deadline including<br>extensions   |
| WHEN IS THE DEADLINE<br>FOR FUNDING EMPLOYER<br>CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THIS<br>TAX YEAR? | Income tax filing<br>deadline including<br>extensions   | Income tax filing<br>deadline including<br>extensions   | Income tax filing<br>deadline including<br>extensions   | Income tax filing<br>deadline including<br>extensions   | Income tax filing<br>deadline including<br>extensions (unless DOL<br>rules apply earlier date)                                      | Income tax filing<br>deadline including<br>extensions   |
| MUST FORM 5500 BE FILED<br>ANNUALLY WITH THE IRS?                                   | Yes, if plan balance<br>is above \$250,000  | Yes   | Yes   | Yes   | No  | No  |
| ARE PARTICIPANTS PERMITTED TO WITHDRAW FROM THIS PLAN?                              | Withdrawals are not permitted until a specified event (e.g., age 59.5, separation from service, or other trigger per plan) or hardship (if permitted). Withdrawals are subject to income tax (unless Roth) and possible 10% penalty | Withdrawals are not permitted until a specified event (e.g., age 59.5, separation from service, or other trigger per plan) or hardship (if permitted). Withdrawals are subject to income tax (unless Roth) and possible 10% penalty | Withdrawals are not permitted until a specified event (e.g., age 59.5, separation from service, or other trigger per plan) or hardship (if permitted). Withdrawals are subject to income tax (unless Roth) and possible 10% penalty | Withdrawals are<br>permitted, but are<br>subject to income tax<br>and possible 10%<br>penalty | Withdrawals are<br>permitted, but are<br>subject to income tax<br>and possible 10%<br>penalty (25% penalty<br>within first 2 years) | Withdrawals are<br>permitted, but are<br>subject to income tax<br>and possible 10%<br>penalty |
| CAN THIS PLAN OFFER A<br>ROTH PROGRAM?  | Yes   | Yes   | Yes   | No  | No  | No  |

<sup>\*</sup>Many factors / features may be modified by the employer. Review plan options and terms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Note the changes introduced by Section 112 of the SECURE Act regarding long-term part-time employees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>401(a)(17) compensation limit of \$330,000 applies.

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