
What's New for 2011

Due date for contributions and withdrawals. Contributions can be made to your IRA for a year at any time during the year or by the due date for filing your return for that year, not including extensions. Because April 15, 2012, falls on a Sunday and Emancipation Day, a legal holiday in the District of Columbia, falls on Monday, April 16, 2012, the due date for making contributions for 2011 to your IRA is April 17, 2012. See [When Can Contributions Be Made?](#) in chapter 1.

There is a 6% excise tax on excess contributions not withdrawn by the due date (including extensions) for your return. You will not have to pay the 6% tax if any 2011 excess contributions are withdrawn by April 17, 2012 (including extensions). See [Excess Contributions](#) under *What Acts Result in Penalties or Additional Taxes?* in chapter 1.

Modified AGI limit for traditional IRA contributions increased. For 2011, if you were covered by a retirement plan at work, your deduction for contributions to a traditional IRA is reduced (phased out) if your modified AGI is:

- More than \$90,000 but less than \$110,000 for a married couple filing a joint return or a qualifying widow(er),
- More than \$56,000 but less than \$66,000 for a single individual or head of household, or
- Less than \$10,000 for a married individual filing a separate return.

If you either lived with your spouse or file a joint return, and your spouse was covered by a retirement plan at work, but you were not, your deduction is phased out if your modified AGI is more than \$169,000 but less than \$179,000. If your modified AGI is \$179,000 or more, you cannot take a deduction for contributions to a traditional IRA. See [How Much Can You Deduct?](#) in chapter 1.

Modified AGI limit for Roth IRA contributions increased. For 2011, your Roth IRA contribution limit is reduced (phased out) in the following situations.

- Your filing status is married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) and your modified AGI is at least \$169,000. You cannot make a Roth IRA contribution if your modified AGI is \$179,000 or more.
- Your filing status is single, head of household, or married filing separately and you did not live with your spouse at any time in 2011 and your modified AGI is at least \$107,000. You cannot make a Roth IRA contribution if your modified AGI is \$122,000 or more.
- Your filing status is married filing separately, you lived with your spouse at any time during the year, and your modified AGI is more than -0-. You cannot make a Roth IRA contribution if your modified AGI is \$10,000 or more.

See [Can You Contribute to a Roth IRA?](#) in chapter 2.

Future developments. The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Publication 590, at www.irs.gov/pub590. Information about any future developments affecting Publication 590 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

What's New for 2012

Modified AGI limit for traditional IRA contributions increased. For 2012, if you are covered by a retirement plan at work, your deduction for contributions to a traditional IRA is reduced (phased out) if your modified AGI is:

- More than \$92,000 but less than \$112,000 for a married couple filing a joint return or a qualifying widow(er),
- More than \$58,000 but less than \$68,000 for a single individual or head of household, or
- Less than \$10,000 for a married individual filing a separate return.

If you either live with your spouse or file a joint return, and your spouse is covered by a retirement plan at work, but you are not, your deduction is phased out if your modified AGI is more than \$173,000 but less than \$183,000. If your modified AGI is \$183,000 or more, you cannot take a deduction for contributions to a traditional IRA.

Modified AGI limit for Roth IRA contributions increased. For 2012, your Roth IRA contribution limit is reduced (phased out) in the following situations.

- Your filing status is married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) and your modified AGI is at least \$173,000. You cannot make a Roth IRA contribution if your modified AGI is \$183,000 or more.
- Your filing status is single, head of household, or married filing separately and you did not live with your spouse at any time in 2012 and your modified AGI is at least \$110,000. You cannot make a Roth IRA contribution if your modified AGI is \$125,000 or more.
- Your filing status is married filing separately, you lived with your spouse at any time during the year, and your modified AGI is more than -0-. You cannot make a Roth IRA contribution if your modified AGI is \$10,000 or more.

Reminders

2010 conversions and rollovers to Roth IRAs. If you converted or rolled over amounts to your Roth IRAs in 2010 and did not elect to include the entire amount in income in 2010, you must include part of the amount in income in 2011. For information on reporting a 2010 rollover from a qualified retirement plan to a Roth IRA, see Publication 575. For information on reporting a 2010 conversion from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, see [How to treat 2010 conversions to Roth IRAs](#) in chapter 2.