

	TRADITIONAL IRA	ROTH IRA
What is it?	An individual retirement account to which you contribute pre-tax or after tax dollars, and which allows your money to grow tax-deferred. When you make withdrawals after age 59 1/2, they are treated as current income.	An individual retirement account allowing a person to set aside after-tax income up to a specified amount each year. Both earnings on the account and withdrawals after age 59 1/2 are tax free.\
Service Requirement	You must have earned income	You must have earned income
Tax Benefits	Tax-deferred growth	Tax-free growth
Eligibility Age	Contributions cannot be made starting in the year you attain age 70 1/2	No maximum age for contributions (provided you have earned income)
Contribution Limit	\$5,500 for year 2016. Cannot contribute more than earned income	\$5,500 for year 2016. Cannot contribute more than earned income
Catch-up Contribution (for participants age 50 +)	\$1,000	\$1,000
Taxation at Withdrawal	Deductions allowed provided you are not a participant in an employer-sponsored plan. Pre-tax contributions and any earnings are taxable when withdrawn	Contributions are withdrawn tax-free. Earnings are federally tax-free after the five -year aging requirement has been satisfied and certain conditions have been met
Penalties at withdrawal	Non-qualified withdrawals are subject to taxation of earnings and a 10% additional tax unless an exception applies.	Withdrawals before 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10% early withdrawal penalty unless an exception applies
Minimum Required Distributions	Minimum required distributions starting at age 70 1/2	No minimum required distributions during the lifetime of the original owner.
Contribution Deadline	April 15th	April 15th