

Definitions

Five-year rule – Deplete the entire account by the end of the fifth year following the year of the IRA owner's death (Applies only to Roth IRA distributions and Traditional IRA distributions when the IRA owner died before his/her required beginning date.

Life-expectancy payments – Take a minimum amount each year. To determine the minimum amount, divide the IRA balance (on 12/31 of the prior year) by the applicable life expectancy.

Spouse only – Calculate the life expectancy using the surviving spouse's age (on his or her birthday in the distribution year) each year. If the IRA owner died after his/her required beginning date and the beneficiary is older than the decedent, use the decedent's age as of his or her birthday in the year of death, reduced by one for each year since the year of death.

Nonspouse or spouse/nonspouse combination – Calculate the first life expectancy payment using the beneficiary's age (on his or her birthday in the first distribution year), then reduce that factor by one for each subsequent year.

Nonindividual – Calculate the life expectancy payment using the decedent's age as of his or her birthday in the year of death, reduced by one for each year since the year of death.

In year of death – Required minimum distributions for the year in which an IRA owner dies are calculated as if the owner was still alive. If the IRA owner did not take the RMD before death, the beneficiary must satisfy the RMD with a timely distribution paid to the beneficiary. Beneficiary life expectancy calculations generally begin the year following the year of the IRA owner's death.



Full table available in IRS Publication 590, available at www.irs.gov

Age	Life Expectancy
23	60.1
24	59.1
25	58.2
26	57.2
27	56.2
28	55.3
29	54.3
30	53.3
31	52.4
32	51.4

Age	Life Expectancy
33	50.4
34	49.4
35	48.5
36	57.5
37	46.5
38	45.6
39	44.6
40	43.6
41	42.7
42	41.7

Spouse Only Options

Treat as own (transfer) – Transfer the IRA to a new or existing IRA in the sole spouse beneficiary's name and tax identification number.

Distribute and roll – Take a distribution of the decedent's IRA assets using the name and tax identification number of the beneficiary. Those assets may then be rolled into a new or existing IRA in the beneficiary's name according to the IRA rollover rules. If the beneficiary rolls the assets over in the same year the IRA owner died, and the owner died after the required beginning date, the decedent's applicable required minimum distribution is ineligible for rollover.

Penalty for Failure to Remove a Required Beneficiary Distribution

If there are no distributions, or if the total amount of distributions is not large enough, the beneficiary may have to pay a 50 percent excise tax (penalty) on the amount not distributed as required.

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PAYER'S name, street address, city, state, and ZIP code <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: #8B0000;">Beneficiary's Name</div>		1 Gross distribution \$ _____		OMB No. 1545-0119 <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #00008B;">2011</div> Form 1099-R		Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc.	
		2a Taxable amount \$ _____					
		2b Taxable amount not determined <input type="checkbox"/> Total distribution <input type="checkbox"/>					
PAYER'S federal identification number	RECIPIENT'S identification number <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: #8B0000;">Beneficiary's SSN</div>	3 Capital gain (included in box 2a) \$ _____		4 Federal income tax withheld \$ _____		Copy 1 For State, City, or Local Tax Department	
RECIPIENT'S name Street address (including apt. no.) City, state, and ZIP code		5 Employee contributions / Designated Roth contributions or insurance premiums \$ _____		6 Net unrealized appreciation in employer's securities \$ _____			
		7 Distribution code(s) <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: #8B0000;">4, Q or T</div>		8 Other \$ _____ %			
Account number (see instructions)		9a Your percentage of total distribution %		9b Total employee contributions \$ _____		12 State distribution \$ _____	
		10 State tax withheld \$ _____		11 State/Payer's state no.			
13 Local tax withheld \$ _____		14 Name of locality _____		15 Local distribution \$ _____			
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