



Using Your IRA RMD for a QCD

IRA = Individual Retirement Account
RMD = Required Minimum Distribution
QCD= Qualified Charitable Donation

IRA RMD Rules

Individuals aged 70 1/2 and older are required to start getting money out of your traditional IRA savings account. This is called taking your "required minimum distribution" (RMD). For some, the RMD increases your income and can put you in a higher tax bracket. This would mean more taxes will be taken out of your income. To avoid this, you can choose to use your RMD for charity.

RMD and QCD

Under the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act, fewer taxpayers will be able to itemize deductions, which means the charitable deduction is less advantageous for most people. However, if you must take the RMD, you can choose to make the distribution directly to a qualified charity and the distribution is not included in your income.

Please note...

If you choose to make a QCD with your RMD from your IRA, you can't touch the money first. You need your broker to send the check directly to the charity.