

The 403(b), 457(b), and DC Plans

Minimum Required Distributions Fact Sheet

What are minimum required distributions (MRDs)?

Once you reach age 72¹ and are no longer working at UC, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and UC's Retirement Savings Program require you to start withdrawing money from your tax-deferred retirement savings plan(s), such as UC's 403(b), 457(b) and DC Pre-Tax Plans. These mandatory withdrawals are known as "minimum required distributions" (or sometimes "required minimum distributions").

Minimum required distributions (MRDs) apply to all of UC's plans, and you must satisfy the requirements for each plan separately. Distributions from one plan do not satisfy the requirements for another plan, and MRDs are not eligible for rollover to other tax-deferred accounts. Further, distributions from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or any other non-UC plans that you might have do not satisfy the requirements for the UC plans.

What are the dates for my first and subsequent MRDs?

Your first MRD must be withdrawn by April 1 of the year following the year you turn age 72¹ or leave UC employment (whichever is later).

All subsequent MRDs must be received by December 31 of each year. Once you begin receiving your MRD, you must continue to receive an **MRD each year, even if you return to work at UC.**

What if I don't take my MRD?

The penalty for not taking your MRD is severe: If you don't receive a distribution that satisfies the requirements, you must pay the IRS an additional nondeductible 50% tax on the amount that you should have received.

If you are age 72 or older and did not work for UC through the end of the calendar year, you are required to take your MRD.

How is my MRD determined?

The amount of your MRD is calculated by dividing your previous year-end plan balance by an IRS factor based on your life expectancy. For your calculation each year, the IRS factor corresponding to your age on your birthday in that year is applied. For instance, if you turn age 72 in August, the calculation for your MRD that year will be based on the factor corresponding to age 72.

EXAMPLE

$$\$100,000 \div 25.6 = \$3,905.25$$

MRDs must be calculated using the Uniform Lifetime Table (see below), unless your sole primary beneficiary for the entire tax year is your spouse who is more than 10 years younger than you. In this case, the Joint Life Expectancy Table can be used (resulting in a longer distribution period).

UNIFORM LIFETIME TABLE — 2021

AGE	FACTOR	AGE	FACTOR	AGE	FACTOR	AGE	FACTOR
72	25.6	83	16.3	94	9.1	105	4.5
73	24.7	84	15.5	95	8.6	106	4.2
74	23.8	85	14.8	96	8.1	107	3.9
75	22.9	86	14.1	97	7.6	108	3.7
76	22.0	87	13.4	98	7.1	109	3.4
77	21.2	88	12.7	99	6.7	110	3.1
78	20.3	89	12.0	100	6.3	111	2.9
79	19.5	90	11.4	101	5.9	112	2.6
80	18.7	91	10.8	102	5.5	113	2.4
81	17.9	92	10.2	103	5.2	114	2.1
82	17.1	93	9.6	104	4.9	115 and older	1.9

If you want to schedule an automatic withdrawal for the current year, you must contact Fidelity Retirement Services at 1-866-682-7787.

Can I schedule my MRDs?

You have the option of scheduling “automatic withdrawal payments” (AWP) for the current and future years. This service will allow you to establish an electronic funds transfer (EFT) payment, so that your distribution will be deposited directly to your chosen bank account, as well as choose the specific date(s) of your MRD payment every year. With AWP you will also be able to customize your tax withholding.

¹The SECURE Act raised the MRD age to 72 years old. This change in the MRD age requirement from 70½ to 72 only applies to individuals who turn 70½ on or after January 1, 2020.

Tax withholding

You can provide specific withholding instructions, including electing to not have income tax withheld. If you do not provide instructions, Fidelity Retirement Services is required to automatically withhold federal income tax from your gross MRD amount. The amount withheld is determined by the IRS wage withholding tables and assumes you are married with three withholding allowances. The withholding tax tables are available at www.irs.gov.

Source of distribution

If you have money invested in more than one investment fund, Fidelity Retirement Services will withdraw your MRD proportionately from each fund in which you are invested, unless you ask to have your MRD withdrawn from a specific fund or funds.* Because investments can change throughout the year, you cannot identify the specific fund(s) from which you want to withdraw your distribution until just prior to your desired distribution date. Call Fidelity Retirement Services for more information.

*MRDs cannot be processed automatically from BrokerageLink®. Sufficient funds must be available and invested in the UC fund menu lineup. If all of your investments in any UC Plan are in BrokerageLink, you must call Fidelity Retirement Services to initiate your MRD. Direction to move sufficient funds into the UC Fund line-up will be provided.

Beneficiary accounts

The beneficiaries of deceased retirees who maintain 403(b), 457(b), or DC Plan balances in the University's Retirement Savings Program are also subject to the IRS rules regarding MRDs.

Name your beneficiary for your 403(b), 457(b), and DC plans

If you have not named a beneficiary for your account and want to do so, log on to www.myUCretirement.com, click *Update Beneficiary* in the *Supplemental Retirement Benefits* tab at the top to name your beneficiary online. Be sure to name a beneficiary for each of your plans. You may also name your beneficiary by calling Fidelity Retirement Services and requesting a paper beneficiary designation form at **1-866-682-7787**.

Special rule if you had a 403(b) plan balance on 12/31/86

A special federal tax rule will **exclude** your 403(b) Plan balance as of December 31, 1986, from your MRD calculation. This special federal tax rule will be applied until the year in which you reach the age of 75.

The amount you can exclude will be reduced by the amount of any voluntary withdrawals since January 1987, except for MRDs. If you are eligible, Fidelity® Retirement Services will automatically **exclude** any pre-1987 balance when calculating your MRD. Account balances in the 457(b) Plan or the DC Plan are not subject to this rule.

EXAMPLE

A 73-year-old participant has a UC-sponsored 403(b) Plan from which no distributions have been taken during 2021. This 403(b) Plan is subject to the MRDs.

	A	−	B	=	C	÷	D	=	2021 MRD
	Previous year-end balance		12/31/86 balance in 403(b) Plan		Amount subject to 2021 MRD		Uniform Lifetime Table factor		
SAMPLE	\$100,000		\$20,000		\$80,000		24.7		\$3,239 (\$80,000 ÷ 24.7)
YOUR CALCULATION	Log on to your accounts or call Fidelity for 12/31 balance		Call Fidelity for balance		A − B		Use table on page 2		C ÷ D



Questions about the 403(b), 457(b), or DC Plans?

For questions about the 403(b), 457(b), or DC Plans, please call Fidelity Retirement Services at **1-866-682-7787**. Representatives are available Monday through Friday, 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Pacific time.



Need additional information?

You can get additional information about your individual plan accounts and name beneficiaries online at **www.myUCretirement.com**. Click *Check your account* under the *Supplemental Retirement Benefits*.



Tax questions?

For tax questions, you may wish to obtain a copy of IRS Publication 575, which discusses taxation of retirement plan distributions. This publication also discusses minimum required distributions and amounts that can be rolled over to an IRA. Publication 571 discusses unique taxation rules for 403(b) plans. Publication 590-B provides the joint life table and the table that applies to beneficiaries. These publications are available from local IRS offices or on the Web at **www.irs.gov**. You may also wish to consult a tax advisor to discuss your individual situation.

The University of California intends to continue the benefits described here indefinitely; however, the benefits of all employees, retirees, and plan beneficiaries are subject to change or termination at the time of contract renewal or at any other time by the University or other governing authorities. If you belong to an exclusively represented bargaining unit, some of your benefits may differ from the ones described here.

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