

2018 Compliance Calendar

The following calendar reflects compliance dates for select plan document and administration items based on a defined contribution plan using a calendar plan year/fiscal year.

January

- For participants who received 31¹distributions during the previous year,
- deadline for sending Form 1099-R.

February

Deadline to file Form 1099-R with the 28 IRS in order to report distributions

made in 2017 (paper).

March

For calendar-year plans, last day to 15 process corrective distributions for

- failed actual deferral percentage (ADP)/actual contribution percentage (ACP) testing process to avoid 10% excise tax.^a
- 15 Last day to file corporate tax return or file for automatic extension to September 15 for plan sponsors operating on a calendar fiscal year.
- 15 Last day for plan sponsor filing a corporate tax return to deposit contributions in its plan for deductibility in prior year unless extended.
- 31 Deadline to file Form 5330 for excise tax on failed 2016 ADP/ACP test.

April

Deadline to take first required 1^{1} minimum distribution (RMD) for

- ¹ participants attaining age 70½ or retiring after age 70½ in 2017.
- 15 Last day to process corrective distributions for excess deferrals.
- 15 Last day to file for individual income tax returns (including partnership income) or file for an automatic extension to October 15.
- 15 Last day for individual and partnership plan sponsors to deposit contributions in their plans for deductibility in prior year unless the tax return is extended.
- 15 Last day to file for a partnership tax return or file for an automatic extension to September 15.

June

- Last day to process corrective distributions **30** for failed ADP/ACP test for plan with an
- eligible automatic contribution arrangement (EACA) to avoid 10% excise tax.^b

July

- Last day to distribute a summary of material modifications or revised summary
- 29 plan description (SPD) to existing participants and beneficiaries (note: other timelines apply to newly eligible participants).
- 31 Last day to file Form 5500 and Form 8955-SSA or file Form 5558 for automatic extension to October 15.^c
- 31 Statement of deferred benefit to participant, no later than filing of Form 8955-SSA.
- 31 Last day to file Form 5330 Return of Excise Taxes Related to Employee Benefit Plans — used to report and pay excise taxes on prohibited transactions and nondeductible contributions to a 401(k) plan that occurred in the prior year.

September

- 15 Last day to file corporate tax return, and contribution deadline for deductibility (extended deadline).
- 15 Last day to file partnership tax returns, and contribution deadline for deductibility
- 30² (extended deadline). Last day to provide the summary annual report (SAR) unless deadline for Form 5500 was extended.^d

October

- 15¹Last day to file individual and/or partnership tax returns if extension was previously requested.
- 15¹Form 5500 and 8955-SSA extended deadline due date.^e
- 15 Last day to adopt a retroactive amendment if you need to correct an IRC Section 410(b) coverage or Section 401(a)(4) nondiscrimination failure for previous plan year.

November

2 Annual SIMPLE plan notice.

December

- 1 Annual safe harbor/supplemental safe harbor notice deadline.
- 1 Annual qualified default investment alternative (QDIA) notice deadline.
- 1 Annual automatic contribution arrangement notice deadline
- 15 Last day to distribute summary annual report (SAR) to your participants if Form 5500 is on extension.⁹
- 31 Last day to process corrective distributions for a failed 2017 ADP/ACP test that includes a 10% excise tax.^h
- 31 Last day to correct a failed 2017 ADP/ACP test with qualified nonelective contributions (QNEC).^h
- 31 Last day to execute an amendment to convert an existing 401(k) plan to a safe harbor design for next plan year; remove safe harbor status from an existing 401(k) plan for next plan year; or make discretionary changes implemented during plan year.h Note that in addition, the plan sponsor must provide an annual safe harbor notice to each employee eligible to participate at least 30 days before the beginning of the plan year.^h
- 31 Last day to process RMDs for current tax year from participant and beneficiary accounts.

Note: 404(a)-5 fee disclosure to plan participants must be provided within 12 months of the last notice provided.



Notes if your plan uses off-calendar plan year:

a. For off-calendar plan years, the deadline is 2½ months following the plan year end; for plans with eligible automatic contribution arrangements (EACAs), the deadline is six months following year end.

- b. For off-calendar plan years, the deadline is six months following plan year end.
- c. For off-calendar plan years, the deadline is seven months following plan year end.
- d. For off-calendar plan years, the deadline is nine months following plan year end.
- e. For off-calendar plan years, the extended deadline is 9½ months following plan year end.
- f. For administrative ease, a combined notice may be sent.
- g. For off-calendar plan years, the extended deadline is 11½ months following plan year end.
- h. For off-calendar plan years, the deadline is 12 months following plan year end.

1 Typically, when the due date for Form 5500 and tax forms falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is extended to the next business day.

2 This can be provided as late as two months after the date the related Form 5500 is filed.

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