

Retirement Services • Investments



# Get Started

Your step-by-step retirement plan information and enrollment guide





# Welcome to a smarter path to your financial future

As the service provider for your employer-sponsored retirement plan, Mutual of America offers you an array of services designed to help you prepare for the kind of retirement you want and deserve.

You can choose from a clear, easy-to-understand menu of investment options, and your Mutual of America Participant Account Representative can provide you with educational information to help you develop a long-term retirement savings strategy.

This guide gives you an overview of enrollment steps, contributions, investment options and where to find more information.

### Introducing your new retirement plan

#### The best time to enroll is now.

To prepare for a more secure retirement, many industry experts generally recommend that you save enough to provide a retirement income equal to 80% of your current income.<sup>1</sup>

Fortunately, your employer-sponsored retirement plan offers you one of the most effective ways for you to prepare for a more financially secure future.

#### **Key advantages of enrolling now**



#### Get the value of time.

The sooner you begin saving for retirement, the more time your money can work for you.





Unless you are making designated Roth contributions, federal income taxes on your contributions will be deferred until you take a distribution from the plan. This reduces the amount of tax deducted from your paycheck. See page 6 for information on Roth contributions.

#### Your savings can grow faster, tax deferred.



Any earnings accumulate tax-free until you withdraw them, usually at retirement. Withdrawals are taxed as ordinary income, and if you withdraw funds before you turn age  $59\frac{1}{2}$ , you may incur a 10% federal tax penalty. See page 6 for information on Roth distributions.

#### A wide range of investment options.



Mutual of America provides investment options that can help you save for the future, regardless of your investment experience.

#### One-on-one help.



Mutual of America representatives are available at no cost to answer your questions about your enrollment, your retirement plan and naming beneficiaries.

## **Enrolling in the plan is fast and easy**

Enrolling only takes a few minutes, and it's even faster if your employer offers Online Enrollment.

- Please visit mutualofamerica.com/signup to get started.2
- **Review** the plan details.
- **Establish** your investment risk profile and how you want your contributions allocated to the retirement plan.
- **Designate** your beneficiaries.
- **View** your retirement savings projection.
- **Sign up** for Mutual of America's eDocuments program to receive various documents electronically.<sup>3</sup>
- Once you complete these steps, you'll receive a notification confirming your enrollment.

After you enroll, you will receive a confirmation notice regarding your participation in the retirement plan. Or, if you decide not to enroll online, please ask your Mutual of America representative or your Human Resources department or Plan Administrator for the necessary forms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Not available for group annuity plans in NY or VA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> We determine and charge the monthly participant charge as of the 15th day of each month (or, the first business day thereafter if the 15th day occurs on a weekend or holiday). Generally, the monthly participant charge will be waived for any month, provided you are consented to receive eDocuments by the close of the New York Stock Exchange on the 15th day of such month (or, the first business day thereafter if the 15th day occurs on a weekend or holiday). If you participate in an individual or group retirement plan funded by a Mutual of America variable annuity contract, the monthly participant charge is the lesser of \$2 or 1/12 of 1% of your account balance at the 15th day of the month if your account balance is less than \$2,400 at the 15th day of the month. The \$2 monthly participant charge is also waived for participants with an account balance of less than \$300 at the 15th day of the month. If you participate in a group retirement plan that offers a menu of mutual funds, the monthly participant charge is \$3.50. When you sign up for eDocuments, read the terms and conditions for the eDocuments program carefully. You will no longer receive paper versions of documents that are made available to you through eDocuments.



#### **Maximize your savings**

Tax-deferred investing can be one of the most powerful tools for growing your retirement savings. Consider contributing the maximum percentage allowable, and take advantage of your employer match if one is available. To see the IRS contribution maximums and limitations for various retirement plans, visit **mutualofamerica.com**.

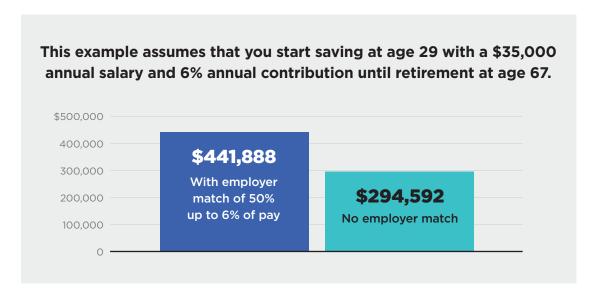


The illustration assumes a beginning balance of \$0 and tax-deferred investment with an annual rate of return of 6%. This is not a prediction of any type of investment, is not representative of any investment strategy and is provided for illustrative purposes only. Investment returns are not guaranteed, and your actual return may vary significantly from that shown.

## Understand the value of employer matching contributions

The earlier you start to save, the more time your retirement account has the potential to grow. Plus, many employer-sponsored retirement plans offer matching contributions. This means that the employer will match a certain percentage of your contribution, based on a specific formula in your plan.

The chart below highlights the impact of saving early and regularly. In addition, you can see how taking advantage of an employer match, if offered, can provide even more value.



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Saving early and regularly over time can increase your retirement readiness.

## Select the investment options suited to your goals

One of the most important investment decisions you can make is determining how much of your retirement savings to allocate to the major asset classes—stocks, bonds and cash. You can allocate your salary contributions among any of the funds offered through the plan.

Diversifying your savings can help reduce your risk and increase your opportunity to achieve higher returns. However, diversification does not guarantee investment returns or eliminate the risk of loss. When selecting investment options, consider your long-term financial goals, tolerance for risk, investment experience and time horizon for investing.

The investment options offered by your retirement plan have been carefully selected to provide you with choice and flexibility. The performance of the investment options is not guaranteed, and any assets allocated to them may decrease or increase in value.



### **Establish your asset allocation**

#### If you want to take a less active role in your retirement investing...

Perhaps you have limited investment experience or don't have the time or inclination to research every investment choice within your plan. You may be able to choose from several funds in which the investment allocation is selected by a professional fund manager.

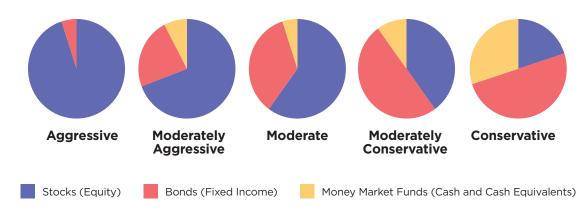
#### If you want to be more involved in your investment selection and management...

With the array of investment options available under your retirement plan, you can structure a portfolio to be as concentrated or as diversified as you wish.

#### Your asset allocation will vary depending on the type of investor you are.

Some experts believe that determining your asset allocation is one of the most important decisions you will make with respect to your investments.<sup>4</sup>

Help preserve capital by reducing risk over time. The examples below are representative of generic asset allocations.



Sample portfolio allocations shown for illustration purposes only. The use of asset allocation does not guarantee returns or eliminate the risk of loss.

#### If your plan offers a Roth provision...

You can contribute after-tax dollars. Any earnings accumulate tax-free, as well as any withdrawals, provided you've held the account for at least five years and are at least age 59½ at the time of withdrawal.

Withdrawals for a qualified first-time home purchase (up to a \$10,000 maximum lifetime limit), or as a result of disability, are also free of federal taxes. Withdrawals of your after-tax contributions are not subject to federal income taxes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Investor.gov, "Beginners' Guide to Asset Allocation, Diversification, and Rebalancing," www.investor.gov/additional-resources/general-resources/publications-research/info-sheets/beginners-guide-asset.



## **Consolidate your retirement savings**

Do you have retirement plan accounts with former employers or IRAs with different financial institutions? You may be able to save time, money and effort by transferring your retirement savings from other retirement plans or IRAs into your Mutual of America retirement plan account. You'll receive one convenient quarterly statement, and you can manage your account anytime at **mutualofamerica.com**.

Before making a transfer, you should review the accounts you have with other providers to determine the fees and expenses you currently pay and whether there are any surrender charges that may result and to ensure that it is in your best interest to transfer your other accounts to your current plan.



For more information, please call your local Mutual of America office. You can also call **866.939.7655** to speak with a Rollover Specialist, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET.

### Take advantage of the "Saver's Credit"

Based on your income, you may be eligible to take advantage of the Retirement Savings Contributions Credit, generally referred to as the Saver's Credit.

This tax credit is available to retirement savers who make eligible contributions to a qualified retirement plan, including 401(k) and 403(b) plans to help offset their federal income taxes. The Saver's Credit ranges from 10% to 50% of eligible contributions, depending on your adjusted gross income. Moreover, for those who qualify, the Saver's Credit reduces their federal income tax bill dollar for dollar.

The Saver's Credit is a nonrefundable tax credit, which means that the amount claimed as a credit can never be more than the total federal income tax owed for a given tax year.

#### Who can take the credit?

The Saver's Credit applies to individuals who are at least 18 years of age at the end of the applicable tax year and cannot be claimed as a dependent by someone else or are not full-time students, as determined under federal tax law.

These individuals can take the credit if they voluntarily make eligible contributions to the plans described above and have a filing status and adjusted gross income for 2023 of:

- Single with adjusted gross income up to \$36,500
- Head of household with adjusted gross income up to \$54,750
- Married, filing jointly with adjusted gross income up to \$73,000

#### Tax filing status, adjusted gross income limits and credit percentages

Individuals eligible for the Saver's Credit could reduce their federal income tax bill by as much as \$1,000 (\$2,000 if married and filing jointly). The actual credit depends on your adjusted gross income, filing status and how much you contribute to your retirement plans. Eligible contributions may have to be reduced to reflect distributions received during a period, called the testing period, as defined by federal tax law.

In addition, adjusted gross income may have to be increased to reflect certain allowable deductions or exclusions, as provided by federal tax law.

Note: This information is for informational purposes only. You should consult your tax adviser or attorney regarding your individual circumstances.

## Manage your account 24/7 at mutualofamerica.com



## In addition to the services provided by our local offices, **mutualofamerica.com** allows you to:

- Check your account balance
- Change your asset allocation strategy
- Make transfers among investment options\*
- Receive quarterly account statements and more through eDocuments
- Access performance information for all the funds, updated daily
- Track your personal rate of return
- Use our educational resources to learn more about retirement planning and investing



#### **Online Retirement Calculators\*\***

These interactive tools are designed to help you:

- Find out how much you may need to save based on when you want to retire
- **Determine** the amount you may need to save to reach your target
- Calculate how various contribution amounts may affect your paycheck
- **See the potential** financial impact of delaying retirement and much more!

#### You'll find the Retirement Calculators at mutualofamerica.com/ri.

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\*\*Information and interactive calculators are made available as self-help tools for independent use and are not intended to provide investment advice. We cannot and do not guarantee their applicability or accuracy in regard to individual circumstances. All examples are hypothetical and are for illustrative purposes only. We encourage individuals to seek personalized advice from qualified professionals regarding all personal finance issues.

You should consider the investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses of the investment funds and, if applicable, the variable annuity contract, carefully before investing. This and other information is contained in the funds' prospectuses and summary prospectuses and the contract prospectus or brochure, if applicable, which can be obtained by calling 800.468.3785 or visiting mutualofamerica.com. Read them carefully before investing.

Money Market Fund Investors: You could lose money by investing in the Fund. Because the share price of the Fund will fluctuate, when you sell your shares they may be worth more or less than what you originally paid for them. The Fund may impose a fee upon sale of your shares or may temporarily suspend your ability to sell shares if the Fund's liquidity falls below required minimums because of market conditions or other factors. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The Fund's sponsor has no legal obligation to provide financial support to the Fund, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the Fund at any time.

Mutual of America's group and individual retirement products that are variable annuity contracts are suitable for long-term investing, particularly for retirement savings. The value of a variable annuity contract will fluctuate depending on the performance of the Separate Account investment options you choose. Upon redemption, you could receive more or less than the principal amount invested. A variable annuity contract provides no additional tax-deferred treatment of benefits beyond the treatment provided to any qualified retirement plan or IRA by applicable tax law. You should consider a variable annuity contract's other features before making a decision.



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