

Invest your required minimum distribution

Are you 70½ or older with an IRA? Connect her talents with opportunities.

Provisions in the recent tax law change created a simple way for many donors to make charitable contributions on a more “tax-efficient” basis through a “qualified charitable distribution” (QCD).

If you are 70 ½ or older and have an IRA, you can make a charitable contribution directly from your IRA to a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity such as MAIA (EIN 68-0652444). The contribution will count as part of your minimum required distribution for the year in which the contribution is made. There may be significant tax benefits for this under the new tax law.

Usually, most or all of the required minimum distributions you receive from your IRA will be taxable. However, suppose you make a QCD directly from your IRA. In that case, the charitable contribution amount will be part of your minimum required distribution and will not be included in your adjusted gross income.

This only works with an IRA, and funds go directly to the organization of your choice. Please consult your tax advisor if this is a viable option.