Comparison Of 457(b) Governmental Plans To 403(b) Plans

Features	457(b) Govermental Plans	403(b) Plans
Contribution Limits & Coordination of Contribution Limits	 \$19,500 maximum contribution plus catch-up options 457 limits not reduced by 403(b) contributions 	 \$19,500 maximum contribution plus catch-up options 403(b) limits not reduced by 457 contributions¹
Early Withdrawal Penalty Tax	None - (normal income tax only) ²	10% early withdrawal federal penalty tax may apply under age 59½, plus normal income tax
Eligibility Rules	No discrimination rules apply - employer defines and limits eligibility	Discrimination rules apply - deferrals available to all eligible employees (contributing > \$200/year)
Age 50 Catch-Up Option	Total of \$6,500 for all 457 plans of same employer (not available if special catch-up option used)	Total of \$6,500 for all retirement plans of same employer (other than 457), even if special catch- up option used
Special Catch-Up Option	 Three years prior to normal retirement age allows the lesser of: Two times current year's normal contribution limit; or Underutilized limits from past years. 	 Fifteen years of service option for employees of educational organizations and certain other employers increases limit by the least of: \$3,000; \$15,000 less additional limit used in past years; or Excess of \$5,000 times years of service less past elective deferrals.
Purchase Transfer to State Retirement System (SRS) Service	Available	Available
Distribution Restrictions	 Funds cannot be distributed until: Age 59½; Severance from employment; Disability; Death; or Unforeseeable emergency. 	 Funds cannot be distributed until: Age 59½; Severance from employment; Disability; Death; or Financial hardship
Portability of Plan Funds After Qualifying Event	 Funds can be rolled over to: Another 457(b) Governmental 403(b) TSA IRA (Traditional, SEP, Roth) 401(a) Plan (pension, profit sharing, 401(k), State Retirement System). 	 Funds can be rolled over to: Another 403(b) 457(b) Governmental IRA (Traditional, SEP, Roth) 401(a) Plan (Pension,Profit Sharing, 401(k), State Retirement System)

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Hardship Distributions	 Contributions and earnings may be distributed to the extent required for an unforeseeable emergency beyond control of participant, such as: Medical care; Casualty loss; Funeral expense; or Payments needed to prevent eviction from foreclosure on home. 	 Contributions (but not earnings) may be distributed to extent required for a financial hardship even if foreseeable and voluntary, such as: Medical care; Casualty loss; Funeral expense; Purchase of a home; Payments needed to prevent eviction from or foreclosure on home; or Payment of tuition.
Loans	 Permitted, with loans from all qualified plans limited to the lesser of \$50,000; or One half of vested benefits (or \$10,000, if greater). 	 Permitted, with loans from all qualified plans limited to the lesser of: \$50,000; or One half of vested benefits (or \$10,000, if greater).
Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)	RMD rules apply at age 72 or later severance from employment with plan sponsor, and also after death	RMD rules apply at age 72 or later severance from employment with plan sponsor, and also after death

Figures reflect 2020 contribution limits.

¹ Reduced by elective deferrals to 401(k) plans, SEP plans or SIMPLE plans.

² Unless attributable to rollover from another type of retirement plan.

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