

Should you consolidate your retirement assets?

Most investors have accumulated a number of retirement accounts over the years. These may include Traditional and Roth Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) or employer-sponsored plans like SEP IRAs, SIMPLE IRAs, 401(k)s, 403(b)s, or governmental 457 plans. To simplify your finances and get a better view of your overall financial picture, consider consolidating your financial assets with one provider.



Reasons to consider consolidating

Combining retirement assets into an IRA at Wells Fargo Advisors can offer you the following:

- **Ease in managing your investment strategy.** Maintaining multiple investment accounts is not the same as diversification. Your Financial Advisor can help ensure that your asset allocation meets your goals and risk tolerance. Through regular financial checkups, you can adjust your investment selections according to varying economic and market conditions or to changes in your personal situation.
- **Improve tax efficiency.** Bringing retirement accounts and brokerage accounts together with one service provider may make it easier to implement a tax-efficient investing strategy. With all your assets in one place, you can be sure the least tax-efficient assets are in accounts that offer tax deferral or exemption.

- **RMD simplification.** For investors who are age 70½ and older, annual Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) must be taken from your Traditional, SEP, and/or SIMPLE IRAs as well as from any qualified employer sponsored retirement plans, including designated Roth accounts left with former employers. Roth IRA owners do not have to take RMDs. Failure to satisfy the requirements of taking timely RMDs can result in a 50% IRS penalty tax for every dollar under-distributed.
- **Effective beneficiary planning.** Having your assets at one provider can make it easier to update your beneficiaries and keep them in line with your estate planning objectives.
- **One monthly statement.** This can make it easier to monitor your account(s) and lessen the chore of handling paperwork.
- **Potentially fewer fees.** You may be able to eliminate multiple account fees.

With you every step of the way

Everyone has a different vision of retirement that requires a unique financial strategy. Wells Fargo Advisors can support you in your retirement planning process by providing the guidance needed to make informed choices. We will meet with you and help create a comprehensive plan that takes into account your complete financial picture. Your Financial Advisor will be with you every step of the way to monitor your progress and adapt your plan as needed. Working together, we'll design and implement a retirement plan that can help you live out your unique vision of retirement.

When considering rolling over assets from an employer plan to an IRA, keep in mind that rolling over assets to an IRA is just one of multiple options, including leaving assets in your former employer's plan (if the plan allows), moving assets into a new employer's plan (again, if the plan allows), and, finally, cashing-out or taking a lump-sum distribution. Factors that should be considered and compared between the employer plan and the IRA include fees and expenses, services offered, investment options, when penalty free withdrawals are available, treatment of employer stock, when required minimum distributions begin, protection of assets from creditors, and bankruptcy. Investing and maintaining assets in an IRA will generally involve higher costs than those associated with employer-sponsored retirement plans. You should consult with the plan administrator and a professional tax advisor before making any decisions regarding your retirement assets.

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