



2011 Tax Year

Form 5498

Fact Sheet

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FAQ's about Form 5498

Q: WHY DID I RECEIVE A FORM 5498?

A: Form 5498 reports regular and rollover contributions during the applicable tax year made to your IRA, Roth IRA, or SEP account.

Q: WHY DID I RECEIVE ONLY ONE FORM 5498 THIS YEAR?

A: The Form 5498 you received in the mail was generated at the account level. The online form is presented by fund. Therefore, if you made a contribution into more than one fund, there will be an online Form 5498 for each fund. To determine the fund that the Form 5498 is referencing, look in the upper left-hand corner in the box titled "Trustee's or Issuer's Name."

Q: THE TAX FILING DATE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND I HAVEN'T RECEIVED MY FORM 5498. WHEN SHOULD I EXPECT IT?

A: The IRS permits you to make contributions to IRA accounts until the date of the filing deadline for the applicable tax year. As a result Form 5498 reports all contributions made up until the tax filing date. The form will be mailed to you in late May after all contributions have been made for that year.

Q: THE FAIR MARKET VALUE LISTED ON MY 5498 IS ZERO. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

A: This means that the amount in the fund that the 5498 is referencing was zero as of December 31st of the applicable tax year. This situation occurs if:

- A contribution was deposited into one fund and then 100% of that fund position was exchanged to another fund
OR
- The contribution was made for the applicable tax year but was received after December 31st.

In both of these situations, the balance of the fund was zero on December 31st. Therefore the fair market value is listed as zero.

Q: THE FAIR MARKET VALUE LISTED ON MY 5498 IS MUCH LESS THAN MY ACCOUNT BALANCE. CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY?

A: Therefore the fair market value is the value of the reported fund as of December 31st of the applicable tax year.

Q: I HAVE A SEP IRA AND THE SEP CONTRIBUTIONS LISTED IN BOX 8 ARE INCONSISTENT WITH MY RECORDS. CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY?

A: The amount in Box 8 represents any SEP contributions received during the applicable calendar year the form is reporting. The IRS requires the reporting of a contribution by the year it was received, regardless of the tax year for which it is coded. Remember that the 5498 is reported by fund so the amount listed in Box 8 is only for contributions made in the applicable tax year for the fund listed in the box titled "Trustee or Issuer name."

Q: HOW WILL CONVERSIONS AND RECONVERSIONS OR RECHARACTERIZATIONS OF TRADITIONAL IRA CONTRIBUTIONS BE REPORTED?

A: Any withdrawal from an IRA (traditional or Roth) will be reported on Form 1099-R. Any contribution to an IRA (traditional or Roth) is reported on Form 5498. Therefore, if you converted a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA during the applicable tax year, the withdrawal from your traditional IRA will be reported on Form 1099-R and the contribution to the Roth IRA will be reported on Form 5498. If you recharacterized your retirement account (moved assets from a Roth IRA back to a traditional IRA) you will receive a Form 1099-R showing the withdrawal from the Roth IRA and a 5498 reporting the recharacterization, or contribution, back into the traditional IRA.

This information does not constitute tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor and/or state and local tax office for more complete information.

HOW TO READ YOUR FORM 5498

The information on Form 5498 is submitted to the Internal Revenue Service by the trustee or issuer of your individual retirement arrangement (IRA) to report contributions, including any catch-up contributions, required minimum distributions (RMDs) and the fair market value (FMV) of the account. For information about IRAs, see Pub. 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs), and Pub. 560, Retirement plans for Small Business (SEP, SIMPLE, and Qualified Plans).

Account Number. May show an account or other unique number the payer assigned to distinguish your account.

Box 1. Shows traditional IRA contributions for 2011 you made in 2011 and through April 17, 2012. These contributions may be deductible on your Form 1040 or 1040A. However, if you or your spouse was an active participant in an employer's pension plan, these contributions may not be deductible. This box does not include amounts in boxes 2-4, 8-10, 13a and 14a.

Box 2. Shows any rollover, including a direct rollover to a traditional IRA or Roth IRA, or a qualified rollover contribution (including military death gratuity, SGLI payment, qualified settlement income or airline payments) to a Roth IRA, you made in 2011. It does not show any amounts you converted from your traditional IRA, SEP, or SIMPLE IRA to a Roth IRA. They are shown in box 3. See the Form 1040 or 1040A instructions for information on how to report rollovers. If you have ever made any nondeductible contributions to your traditional IRA or SEP IRA and you did not rollover the total distribution, use Form 8606, Nondeductible IRAs, to figure the taxable amount. If property was rolled over, see Pub. 590. For a qualified rollover to a Roth IRA, also see Pub. 590.

Box 3. Shows the amount converted from a traditional IRA, SEP IRA, or SIMPLE IRA to a Roth IRA in 2011. Use Form 8606 to figure the taxable amount.

Box 4. Shows amount recharacterized from transferring any part of the contribution (plus earnings) from one type of IRA to another. See Pub. 590.

Box 5. Shows the fair market value of the listed fund at year end. However, if a decedent's name is shown, the amount reported may be the FMV on the date of death. If the FMV is zero for a decedent, the executor or administrator of the estate may request a date-of-death value from the financial institution.

Box 7. May show the kind of IRA reported on this Form 5498.

Box 8. Shows SEP contributions made in 2011, including contributions made in 2011 for 2010, but not including contributions made in 2012 for 2011. If made by your employer, do not deduct on your income tax return. If you made the contributions as a self-employed person (or partner), they may be deductible. See Pub 560.

Box 9. Shows SIMPLE contributions made in 2011. If made by your employer, do not deduct on your income tax return. If you made the contributions as a self-employed person (or partner), they may be deductible. See Pub. 560.

Box 10. Shows Roth IRA contributions you made in 2011 and through April 17, 2012. Do not deduct on your income tax return.

Box 11. If the box is checked, you must take a required minimum distribution (RMD) for 2012. An RMD may be required even if the box is not checked. If you don't take the RMD for 2012, you are subject to a 50% excise tax on the amount not distributed. See Pub. 590 for details.

Box 12a. Shows the date by which the RMD amount in box 12b must be distributed to avoid the 50% excise tax on the undistributed amount for 2012.

Box 12b. Shows the amount of the RMD for 2012. If box 11 is checked and there is no amount in this box, the trustee or issuer must provide you the amount or offer to calculate the amount in a separate statement by January 31, 2012.

Box 13a. Shows the amount of any postponed contribution made in 2011 for a prior year.

Box 13b. Shows the year to which the postponed contribution in box 13a was credited.

Box 13c. For participants who made a postponed contribution due to an extension of the contribution due date because of a federally designated disaster, shows the code FD.

For participants who served in designated combat zones and made postponed contributions, shows the code for the combat zone or hazardous duty area in which the participant served. The codes are: AF—Allied Force;

EF—Enduring Freedom; and IF—Iraqi Freedom. For additional information, including a list of locations within the designated combat zones and qualified hazardous duty areas, see Pub. 3, Armed Forces' Tax Guide.

Box 14a. Shows the amount of any repayment of a qualified reservist distribution or federally designated disaster withdrawal repayment. See Pub. 590 for reporting repayments.

Box 14b. Shows the code QR for the repayment of a qualified reservist distribution or code DD for repayment of a federally designated disaster distribution.

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