

savings plus plan comparison 401(k) vs. 457(b)

One of the decisions you make when you enroll is whether to choose a 401(k) or 457(b) plan, or both. You will also want to consider whether you will make pre-tax or Roth contributions to your account. You may choose to make pre-tax contributions to your account and pay taxes on contributions and earnings when you take a distribution. Roth contributions are also available, which means you have already been taxed on the contributions before it enters your account(s), so you may take tax free distributions if certain criteria are met.

We give you a choice: would you rather pay taxes now or later? Compare your options by using the chart below.

| | 401(k) | | 457(b) | | |
|---|------------|------------|--------|------------|----------|
| | Pre-tax | Roth | | Pre-tax | Roth |
| Maximum contribution of \$19,500 per year ¹ | O | O | | | S |
| Age-based Catch-Up (\$6,500) | Ø | O | | O | O |
| Traditional 457(b) Catch-Up ² | | | | | O |
| In-service transfers to purchase service credit | Ø | | | | |
| Loans ³ | \bigcirc | | | O | |
| Rollovers allowed from an eligible or qualified employer's plan | Ø | \bigcirc | | | O |
| Financial hardship withdrawals ⁴ | Ø | 0 | | | |
| Unforeseeable emergency withdrawals | | | | | O |
| Convert account assets to Roth ⁵ | Ø | | | \bigcirc | |
| Roth IRA Rollover In to Savings Plus account | | | | | |

- ² The Traditional 457(b) Catch-Up provision and the Age-based Catch-Up provision may not be used in the same Plan within the same calendar year.
- ³ One outstanding loan per plan is allowed, not to exceed two outstanding loans across both the 401(k) and 457(b) plans. You may qualify for a loan based on your account value. Note: A defaulted loan is considered a withdrawal or distribution and will be treated accordingly. Visit **savingsplusnow.com**.
- ⁴ Withdrawals may be subject to ordinary income tax. Withdrawals made prior to age 59½ may incur a 10% early withdrawal tax. Eligibility criteria to withdraw funds are featured in the 401(k) Hardship Withdrawal Booklet in the Forms/Publications/Support section of **savingsplusnow.com**.



⁵ See In-Plan Roth Conversion Election Form at **savingsplusnow.com**.

¹ Combined contributions to the 401(k) and the California State University System 403(b) plans also cannot exceed \$19,500. Combined contributions to the 457(b) and PST plans cannot exceed \$19,500.

Contributions and Distributions Comparison

| | 401(k) | | 457(b) | |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| | Pre-tax | Roth* | Pre-tax | Roth* |
| Contributions | | | | |
| Contribution(s) are taxable income in the calendar year contributed | | • | | \bigcirc |
| Contribution(s) and earnings are taxable income in the year distributed | ⊘ | | ⊘ | |
| Distributions | | | | |
| Assets can be retained in your Savings Plus account, even if you leave state employment | ⊘ | ⊘ | ⊘ | ⊘ |
| Required Minimum Distribution at age 72 if you are retired, separated from service, or are a Rehired Annuitant (RA) | ⊘ | ⊘ | ⊘ | ⊘ |
| In-service distributions | \bigcirc | O | \bigcirc | \bigcirc |
| | You are eligible to re withdrawals when yo older without an add withdrawal tax. *NOTE: Roth earning certain requirements to savingsplusnow.c | ou are age 59½ or ditional 10% early gs will be taxed if s are not met (refer | You are eligible to rein-service withdrawa following requireme Account balance in to \$5,000. No 457(b) or PST last 2 years. You have not used past. There is not a legal account. You do not have a defaulted loan on *NOTE: Roth earning certain requirement to savingsplusnow. | al if you meet the ents: is less than or equal contributions in the d this option in the al hold on your in active or your account. gs will be taxed if s are not met (refer |

| | | ik | | T(b) | |
|---|---|----------|---|----------|--|
| | Pre-tax | Roth* | Pre-tax | Roth* | |
| Distributions after separation from service or retirement | | 0 | | Ø | |
| | You are eligible to receive a distribution when you separate or retire without an additional 10% early withdrawal tax if you meet one of the following requirements: • Non-Public Safety employee separated from service at age 55 or older • Public Safety employee separated from service at age 50 or older • 59½ or older • Death • Disabled *NOTE: Roth earnings will be taxed if certain requirements are not met (refer to savingsplusnow.com for details). | | You are eligible to receive a distribution when you separate or retire, regardless of age without being subject to an earl withdrawal tax. *NOTE: Roth earnings will be taxed if certain requirements are not met (refer to savingsplusnow.com for details). | | |
| Multiple distribution options are available. See Benefit Payment Booklet at savingsplusnow.com . | O | O | O | O | |

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