

Increasing life expectancy and the rising cost of health care are making retirement more expensive today than for prior generations. Individuals who save in 403(b) or 457(b) plans can be better prepared to leave service at normal retirement ages and have more flexibility to meet their future financial needs.

The attractiveness of a 403(b) or 457(b) plan may vary greatly depending on the circumstances. For more information on comparing 403(b) and 457(b) plans, please review the chart below.

Feature	403(b)	457(b)
IRS annual contribution	2024 limits	2024 limits
limits	• \$23,000 for those under age 50	• \$23,000 for those under age 50
	<ul> <li>\$7,500 catch-up contribution for those over age 50</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$7,500 catch-up contribution for those over age 50</li> </ul>
Loans	Yes, as allowed by the plan	Yes, as allowed by the plan
Distributable events	Termination of employment, death, disability, retirement, age 59½ (even if still employed), hardship, loan (if allowed by the plan)	Termination of employment, death, disability, retirement, unforeseen emergency loan
Penalties for early withdrawals	10% IRS penalty before age 59½ and may be subject to income taxes	None
Emergency withdrawals	Financial hardship  Examples: prevent eviction or foreclosure, purchase of a principle residence, loss-related repairs on principle residence, out-of-pocket medical expenses, post-secondary education, current funeral or burial expenses	Unforeseen emergency Examples: prevent eviction or foreclosure, unexpected medical expenses not reimbursed by insurance, funeral expenses for a family member
Minimum distribution requirements	Applicable to accumulation at age 73 (age 70½ if you reached 70½ before Jan. 1, 2020) or retirement, whichever is later	Applicable to accumulation at age 73 (age 70½ if you reached 70½ before Jan. 1, 2020) or retirement, whichever is later
Taxability	Amounts are taxable when distributed. 1099-R issued by investment provider.	Amounts are taxable when distributed. 1099-R issued by investment provider.

You have options. We can help you find answers. At Horace Mann, we can help you understand the options available so you can make the decision that's best for your individual situation.

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This document provides only a summary of the main features of 403(b) and 457(b) plans, and the Plan Documents will govern in the event of any discrepancy.

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Withdrawals from a 403(b) and 457(b) account are restricted by the Internal Revenue Code and may be further restricted by your employer's plan. Generally, you may make a withdrawal from a 403(b) account only upon reaching age 59½, severance from employment, disability or certain hardships (if allowed by the plan); a 457(b) account only upon reaching age 59½, severance from employment, disability or an unforeseeable emergency. If you take money out before age 59½, you could be subject to a federal penalty tax of 10% (except for 457(b) accounts) in addition to income taxes. You should consult with a tax advisor regarding any tax-favored products.