

A Roth IRA conversion strategy for tax-free guaranteed lifetime income

If you have qualified funds in your retirement portfolio and are concerned about future tax law changes, it's possible that you and your tax advisor and financial professional (professional team) have discussed converting those eligible funds to a Roth IRA.¹

WHAT MAKES TRADITIONAL IRAS DIFFERENT FROM ROTH IRAS?

Roth IRAs are funded only with after-tax dollars.

Traditional IRAs are usually funded with before-tax dollars and are generally fully taxable when withdrawn. The owner of a traditional IRA generally has required minimum distributions (RMDs) beginning at age 72. If withdrawals are taken before age 59½, they may be subject to a 10% federal additional tax.

Roth IRAs, on the other hand, are funded only with after-tax dollars. Distributions after age 59½ are completely income-tax-free as long as the Roth IRA owner has met a five-year requirement, determined by the date the owner first funded any Roth IRA. No required minimum distributions apply during the owner's lifetime, but certain RMD rules do apply to Roth IRA beneficiaries.



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¹ Converting an employer plan account or traditional IRA to a Roth IRA is a taxable event. Be sure to consult with a qualified tax advisor before making any decisions regarding your IRA. Please note that Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America, its affiliated companies, and their representatives and employees do not give legal or tax advice. You are encouraged to consult your tax advisor or attorney.

It is generally preferable that you have funds to pay the taxes due upon conversion from funds outside of your IRA. If you elect to take a distribution from your IRA to pay the conversion taxes, please keep in mind the potential consequences, such as an assessment of product surrender charges or additional IRS penalties for premature distributions.

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WHAT IS A ROTH IRA CONVERSION?

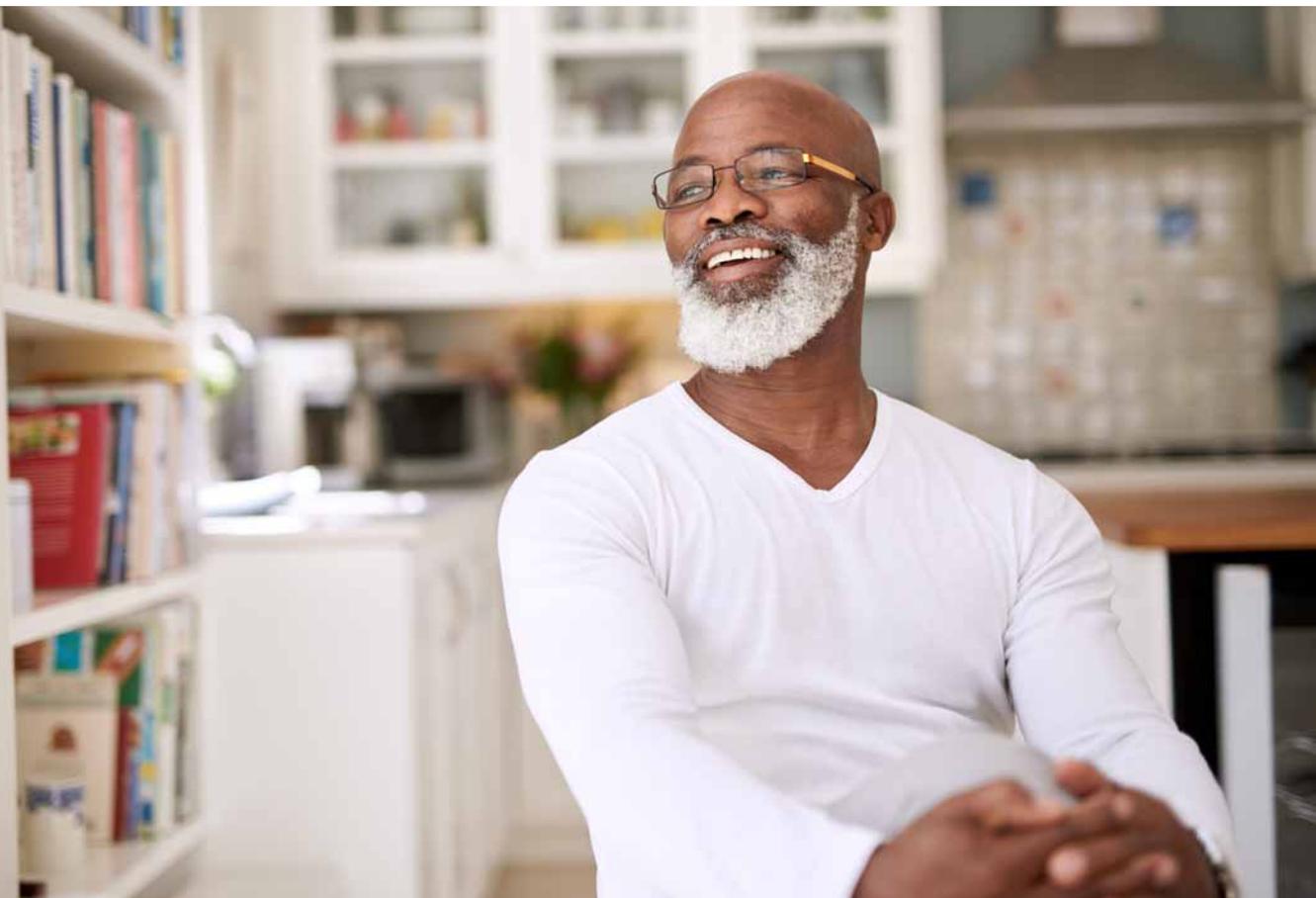
If you currently own a traditional IRA, you can convert all or a portion of those qualified funds to a Roth IRA instead. This also applies to pre-tax funds in a qualified plan such as a 401(k). When you convert from a traditional IRA or qualified plan, **you owe income taxes on the amount converted in the year of the conversion.** At the time of the conversion, many people prefer to pay these taxes with funds outside of their IRA or qualified plan.

What are the advantages of a Roth IRA conversion?

- Qualified distributions from Roth IRAs are income-tax-free.
- Unlike the case for a qualified retirement plan such as a 401(k), there is no mandatory 20% withholding for Roth IRA distributions.
- There are no required minimum distributions (RMDs) for Roth IRA owners, but certain rules do apply to Roth IRA beneficiaries.
- Roth IRA conversions are not subject to a 10% federal additional tax, though the amount converted is subject to ordinary income tax.
- Conversion may be preferable if the income tax bracket is projected to be the same or higher at the time of distribution than at the time of conversion. A Roth IRA conversion could lower your income tax bracket in the future, since qualified distributions from a Roth IRA are income-tax-free.

What are the disadvantages of a Roth IRA conversion?

- Roth IRA conversions are subject to ordinary income tax on the entire amount you convert.
- When converting a traditional IRA annuity, the taxable amount of conversion may be larger than expected.
- Distributions from the traditional IRA or qualified plan may be needed to pay the taxes due at conversion.
- Distributions may be subject to the 10% federal additional tax if removed within five years of the conversion.



CONVERT YOUR IRA FUNDS TO A ROTH IRA AT ALLIANZ

If you and your professional team agree that converting all or a portion of your eligible qualified funds to a Roth IRA makes sense for your financial and income tax strategy, then using a fixed index annuity (FIA) from Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America (Allianz) may also make sense.

In addition to traditional FIA benefits such as indexed interest growth potential, principal and credited interest protection from market downturns, and a death benefit for beneficiaries, Allianz FIAs with an income withdrawal benefit help create an income stream you can't outlive – and because it's a Roth IRA, you save taxes as you receive it.

To help illustrate how converting qualified funds into a Roth IRA annuity can help reduce your future tax liability, let's look at a hypothetical example:



MEET LEE

Lee is 58 years old and is planning to retire at age 65

He is currently in a 24% tax bracket and is concerned that future tax law changes could put him in a higher bracket during retirement. In addition to his tax concerns, Lee would also like to protect some of his retirement savings from market risk while maintaining an opportunity for accumulation.

Lee meets with his professional team to discuss his tax concerns and his need for principal protection. After carefully reviewing the advantages, disadvantages, and special rules involved with Roth IRAs – as well as the advantages and disadvantages of an Allianz FIA – Lee's financial professional recommends purchasing an Allianz Benefit Control® Annuity with \$100,000 of his qualified dollars currently designated as a traditional IRA. Her recommendation is based on the amount of qualified dollars in Lee's retirement portfolio, his 7-year timeline until retirement, and the features and benefits Allianz Benefit Control offers.

Lee's financial professional explains that Allianz Benefit Control can help in both the accumulation phase and income phase of his retirement by providing guaranteed lifetime income withdrawals, protection of principal from market downturns, and potential indexed interest. Going one step further, Allianz Benefit Control gives Lee a premium bonus, the choice of two interest bonuses based on interest earned from his chosen allocations, and potential income increases.¹

Lee also learns that, through the Bonus Control Benefit, his interest bonus choices are:

- The **Accelerated Option** – With a 250% Protected Income Value (PIV) interest bonus factor and a 50% accumulation value interest factor, this is a good choice for Lee if he plans on taking income withdrawals.
- The **Balanced Option** – With a 150% interest bonus factor and a 100% accumulation value interest factor, this is a good choice for Lee if he may need a lump-sum withdrawal in the future.

With a Roth IRA conversion, Lee will pay ordinary income taxes on the amount converted at his current tax rate of 24%. By doing so, the qualified income distributions Lee receives from Allianz Benefit Control during retirement will be tax-free. Keep in mind, the funds used for conversion may have a higher level of liquidity than the annuity.

Lee decides to do a direct conversion of \$100,000 from his traditional IRA funds to an Allianz Benefit Control Annuity designated as a Roth IRA and chooses the Accelerated Option. By converting \$100,000 of his traditional IRA funds, he is subject to a tax bill of \$24,000. Lee uses nonqualified funds from other sources to cover the tax bill.

Assuming an average annual interest credit of 3% from Lee's chosen index allocations, a 20 premium bonus and 250% interest bonus factor credited to the contract's Protected Income Value

(PIV), Lee's initial premium of \$100,000 accumulates to \$199,086 after seven contract years. Because of the annual 250% interest bonus factor, the average annual credit to the contract PIV is 7.50% ($3\% \times 250\% = 7.5\%$). The guaranteed PIV, assuming 0% interest over the seven contract years, would be \$120,000.

Lee lets his Allianz Benefit Control Annuity Roth IRA accumulate for seven contract years, until he's ready to retire. At age 65, he begins receiving lifetime income withdrawals based on the Protected Income Value (PIV) in his contract.

Even after withdrawals begin, Lee's income payments have the opportunity to increase each year based on any indexed or fixed interest from the allocations he has chosen, plus a 150% interest bonus factor credit.

¹ Both the premium bonus and interest bonus are credited only to the protected income value (PIV). To receive the PIV, including the value of these bonuses, lifetime withdrawals must be taken. The PIV is not available as a lump sum. Your clients will not receive these bonuses if the contract is fully surrendered or if traditional annuitization payments are taken. If it is partially surrendered the PIV will be reduced proportionally, which could result in a partial loss of bonuses. Lifetime withdrawals are considered partial withdrawals and are subject to ordinary income tax and, if taken prior to 59½, a 10% federal additional tax. Because this is a bonus annuity, it may include higher surrender charges, longer surrender charge periods, lower caps, higher spreads, or other restrictions that are not included in similar annuities that don't offer a bonus feature.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, SUPPOSE LEE HAS RECEIVED 20 YEARS OF INCOME FROM HIS ALLIANZ BENEFIT CONTROL ANNUITY. DID THE ROTH IRA CONVERSION REDUCE LEE'S TAX OBLIGATION?

As you can see from this chart, after 20 contract years of receiving income withdrawals and assuming Lee remains in the 24% tax bracket, he would have saved more than \$64,000 in taxes.

Deducting for the initial \$24,000 of taxes paid at the time of conversion, Lee has a net tax savings.

Roth IRA Direct Conversion into Allianz Benefit Control® Annuity

Federal income tax paid:¹ \$24,000

Initial premium: \$100,000 at age 58

A Protected Income Value at age 65 assuming 3% interest: \$199,086

Age	Lifetime withdrawal assuming 3% interest ²	Income tax paid	Federal income taxes not paid assuming 24% tax bracket
65	B \$7,963	\$0	\$1,911
66	\$8,322	\$0	\$1,997
67	\$8,696	\$0	\$2,087
68	\$9,088	\$0	\$2,181
69	\$9,497	\$0	\$2,279
70	\$9,924	\$0	\$2,382
71	\$10,370	\$0	\$2,489
72	\$10,837	\$0	\$2,601
73	\$11,325	\$0	\$2,718
74	\$11,834	\$0	\$2,840
75	\$12,367	\$0	\$2,968
76	\$12,923	\$0	\$3,102
77	\$13,505	\$0	\$3,241
78	\$14,113	\$0	\$3,387
79	\$14,748	\$0	\$3,539
80	\$15,411	\$0	\$3,699
81	\$16,105	\$0	\$3,865
82	\$16,830	\$0	\$4,039
83	\$17,587	\$0	\$4,221
84	\$18,378	\$0	\$4,411
85	\$19,206	\$0	\$4,609
Total income			Total taxes not paid
C \$269,030			D \$64,567

Federal income taxes not paid on income: \$64,567

Federal income tax paid to convert: \$24,000

Net tax savings: \$40,567

A PROTECTED INCOME VALUE

The Roth IRA conversion assumes an average annual interest credit of 3% from Lee's chosen index allocations, a 20% premium bonus and 250% interest bonus factor credited to the contract's Protected Income Value (PIV).

Because of the annual 250% interest bonus factor, the average annual credit to the contract PIV is 7.50% ($3\% \times 250\% = 7.5\%$)

With these assumptions, Lee's PIV grew to \$199,086 after seven contract years.

Lee understands that the PIV is designed for lifetime withdrawals and not available to him as a lump sum. The accumulation value of the contract, the value that doesn't include bonuses, accumulates to \$116,054 and would be available to Lee as a lump sum after 10 contract years.

B ANNUAL INCOME

The starting income amount is determined by multiplying the PIV by the payout rate, which vary by age. At age 65, Lee will have a payout rate of 4.00% ($\$199,086 \times 4.00\% = \$7,963$)

C TOTAL INCOME

The total amount of projected income Lee received over the 20-year period.

D INCOME AND TAXES

Distributions from Lee's Roth IRA are distributed tax-free, so Lee paid \$0 in taxes for the total amount of income received over the 20 years. Assuming a 24% tax bracket, by converting, Lee saved over \$64,000 in taxes. His net tax savings is \$40,567 after deduction of the \$24,000 he paid in taxes.

¹State and local income taxes may also apply.

²This hypothetical example uses an annual 3% return. It is highly unlikely, if not improbable, that any investment or annuity would earn a constant rate year over year, which could affect the projected scenarios favorably or unfavorably. The interest bonus is only credited in years when there is a positive interest credit.

THIS HYPOTHETICAL TABLE DISPLAYS THE TAX SAVINGS IF NO INTEREST WAS CREDITED TO THE ALLIANZ BENEFIT CONTROL® ANNUITY.

Roth IRA Direct Conversion into Allianz Benefit Control Annuity

Federal income tax paid:¹ \$24,000

A Initial premium: \$100,000 at age 55

Protected Income Value at age 65 assuming 0% interest: \$120,000

Age	Lifetime income withdrawal assuming 0% interest	Income tax paid	Federal income taxes not paid assuming 24% tax bracket
65	B \$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
66	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
67	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
68	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
69	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
70	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
71	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
72	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
73	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
74	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
75	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
76	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
77	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
78	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
79	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
80	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
81	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
82	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
83	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
84	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
85	\$4,800	\$0	\$1,152
Total income		Total taxes not paid	
C \$100,800		D \$24,192	

A PROTECTED INCOME VALUE

With an annual interest assumption of 0% and no 250% interest bonuses, the contract Protected Income Value (PIV) equals \$120,000 after seven contract years (\$100,000 + \$20,000 premium bonus = \$120,000).

B ANNUAL INCOME

The annual income is calculated by multiplying the payout rate of 4.00% by the \$120,000 PIV to equal \$4,800.

C TOTAL INCOME

The total income paid to Lee using a 0% interest assumption.

D INCOME AND TAXES

Lee's total taxes not paid in this scenario are over \$23,000. After the deduction of the \$24,000 tax payment, he has a positive net tax savings.

Federal taxes not paid on income: \$24,192
Federal income tax paid to convert: \$24,000
Net tax savings: -\$192

¹State and local income taxes may also apply.

This is not intended to project or predict future results. The potential index credits shown are hypothetical. Actual caps, spreads, or participation rates that could have been applied during each time period would have been different from those shown, and in some cases significantly higher or lower depending on a number of factors, including market conditions. With the purchase of any additional-cost riders, the contract's values will be reduced by the cost of the rider. This may result in a reduction of your principal in any year in which the contract does not earn interest or earns interest in an amount less than the rider charge.

The hypothetical examples use an annual 3% return. It is highly unlikely, if not improbable, that any investment or annuity would earn a constant rate year over year, which could affect the projected scenarios favorably or unfavorably.

Although an external index may affect your interest credited, the contract does not directly participate in any equity or fixed income investments. You are not buying shares in an index. The index value does not include the dividends paid on the equity index. These dividends are not reflected in the interest credited to your contract.

BUT WHAT IF LEE DECIDED NOT TO CONVERT TO A ROTH IRA?

The hypothetical example we presented assumed Lee converted \$100,000 from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA resulting in a net tax savings, but required him to pay \$24,000 in taxes at the time of conversion. To contrast and compare, let's look at Lee's example using \$100,000 assumed to be in an investment account.

To help with the comparison, the assumed interest, tax bracket, and income withdrawal amounts will remain the same. In this scenario, Lee pays over \$36,000 in taxes before the account value runs out of funds. Compare this to the Allianz Benefit Control® scenario, where Lee has a net tax savings and the income continues for his lifetime with the opportunity to increase.

ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY WITH ALLIANZ

In addition to offering direct Roth IRA conversions, Allianz also offers the flexibility of partial conversions over time. In this scenario, Lee would have transferred the \$100,000 traditional IRA to Allianz and taken partial conversions over time (for instance, annually after waiting at least five years in accordance with the IRS rules for Roth IRAs). Doing partial Roth IRA conversions provides the benefit of spreading out the tax burden over time versus paying the tax in one lump sum. Allianz offers either choice for your convenience.

Investment account IRA

24% tax bracket

Investment account balance: \$100,000 at age 58

Investment account balance at age 65 assuming 3% interest (net of fees): \$122,987

Age	Investment Account Value assuming 3% growth	Equivalent withdrawals	Income taxes paid on qualified income
65	\$122,987	\$7,963	\$1,911
66	\$118,475	\$8,322	\$1,997
67	\$113,457	\$8,696	\$2,087
68	\$107,904	\$9,088	\$2,181
69	\$101,781	\$9,497	\$2,279
70	\$95,053	\$9,924	\$2,382
71	\$87,683	\$10,370	\$2,489
72	\$79,632	\$10,837	\$2,601
73	\$70,858	\$11,325	\$2,718
74	\$61,320	\$11,834	\$2,840
75	\$50,970	\$12,367	\$2,968
76	\$39,761	\$12,923	\$3,102
77	\$27,643	\$13,505	\$3,241
78	\$14,562	\$14,113	\$3,387
79	\$462	\$462	\$111
80	\$0	\$0	\$0
81	\$0	\$0	\$0
82	\$0	\$0	\$0
83	\$0	\$0	\$0
84	\$0	\$0	\$0
85	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Total income	Total taxes paid
		\$151,227	\$36,294

Taxes paid: \$36,294

Federal income tax paid to convert: \$0

Net tax savings: \$0



Is a Roth IRA conversion right for you? Contact your tax advisor and financial professional to learn more about Roth IRAs and the options available for your own situation.

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Distributions are subject to ordinary income tax and, if taken before age 59½, a 10% federal additional tax may apply.

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