

2022 Cost-of-Living Adjustments

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The IRS and Social Security Administration have announced the 2022 cost-of-living adjustments for retirement plans. Here are some of the more significant limitations affecting employee benefit plans:

- The maximum amount that may be deferred under 401(k), 403(b) and 457(b) plans, not including catch-up deferrals, under Internal Revenue Code Section 402(g) limit, is increased from \$19,500 to \$20,500.
- The IRC Section 415 maximum annual benefit under a defined benefit plan is increased by \$15,000 to \$245,000.
- The IRC Section 415 maximum annual additions under a defined contribution plan will be increased by \$3,000 to \$61,000, subject to the overall limitation of 100% of compensation.
- The highly compensated employee threshold dollar limit is increased to \$135,000.
- The maximum amount of compensation that may be considered for benefit purposes under a qualified plan will be increased from the current limit of \$290,000 to \$305,000.
- The catch-up deferrals to 401(k), 403(b) and 457 plans will remain unchanged at \$6,500. Please note that the catch-up deferrals are only available for plan participants who turn 50 at any time during the plan year and who may no longer make deferrals because of plan or regulatory limitations.
- The Social Security taxable wage base is increased by \$4,200 to \$147,000.

If you have questions about any of these adjustments, please <u>contact me</u> or anyone in the <u>Barley Snyder</u> <u>Employee Benefits Group</u>.

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