2025 IRS Retirement Plan Limits

Selected Financial Limits for Contribution and Testing, Indexed for Inflation

	2025	2024
Defined Contribution Salary Deferral Limit	\$ 23,500	\$ 23,000
Age 50 Catch-Up Limit	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Employee Compensation Testing Limits Nondiscrimination Testing - HCE Top Heavy Testing - Officers	\$ 160,000 \$ 230,000	\$ 155,000 \$ 220,000
Section 415 Limits Defined Benefit Plans Defined Contribution Plans	\$ 280,000 \$ 70,000	\$ 275,000 \$ 69,000
Maximum Compensation	\$ 350,000	\$ 345,000
Integration Limits Social Security Taxable Wage Base	\$ 176,100	\$ 168,600

Consult your tax counsel for guidance on how these and other limits apply to your plans.



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The Internal Revenue Service updates certain plan limits annually, due to cost-of-living increases mandated by law or in response to legislative events. The IRS newsletter and website provides much more detail on how these and other limits apply to your benefit plans. Of course, you should consult your tax counsel for specific advice.

Keeping a retirement plan in administrative compliance is difficult enough. Why bear the entire burden of managing investment issues as well? Your investment consultant can provide the policy guidance, monitoring, manager search, and communications support you need – allowing you to stay focused on plan administration and benefits policy.

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