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In IR–2022–52 the Internal Revenue Service reminded taxpayers to consider taking a deduction for a 2021 contribution to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). The contribution may be made prior to filing your tax return on April 18, 2022.

IRAs are a popular savings plan. Individuals with earned income may contribute to a traditional IRA and qualify for a deduction on their 2021 tax return. Traditional IRA or Roth IRA contributions are subject to many rules and limits. IRA contributions may be reduced for individuals with higher incomes.

- 1. **IRA Contribution Limits** The basic rule for an IRA contribution is a limit of \$6,000 for individuals under age 50. Individuals age 50 or older are permitted to add \$1,000 as a "catch—up" contribution, for a total amount of \$7,000. The contribution limit is not affected by rollovers of existing IRAs.
- 2. IRA Deduction Limits If Covered If you are covered by a retirement plan at work and your income is above specific limits, you may be limited in your IRA contribution amount. A single person may take a full IRA deduction with \$66,000 or less of modified adjusted gross income (MAGI). The IRA contribution is phased out between \$66,000 and \$76,000 of MAGI. If you are married and filing jointly or you are a qualified widower, the MAGI limit is \$105,000 and the IRA is phased out over the next \$20,000. Married couples filing separately have a limit of \$10,000 of MAGI.

3. **IRA Deduction Limits If Not Covered** — If you do not have a retirement plan at work, there are higher limits. A single person or married person filing jointly whose spouse is not covered by a retirement plan may contribute any amount to an IRA even if he or she has a high income. If you are married to a spouse who is covered by a plan at work, the MAGI limit is \$198,000 and the IRA deduction is phased out over the next \$10,000. If you are married and filing separately with a spouse who is covered, the MAGI limit is \$10,000.

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