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TCRS 2009-08: Selected Pension Plan Limitations for 2010

SELECTED PENSION PLAN LIMITATIONS FOR 2005 - 2010

Benefit Limit	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 & 2010
IRC § 415(b)(1)(A) Defined Benefit					
Dollar Limit for Plan Years Ending in	\$170,000 ¹	\$175,000 ¹	\$180,000 ¹	\$185,000 ¹	\$195,000 ¹
IRC § 415(c)(1)(A) Defined Contribution					
Dollar Limit for Plan Years Ending in	$$42,000^2$	$$44,000^2$	$$45,000^2$	$$46,000^2$	$$49,000^{2}$
Elective Deferral Limit for 401(k), 403(b)					
& 457(b) Plans	$$14,000^3$	$$15,000^3$	\$15,500 ³	$$15,500^3$	$$16,500^3$
IRC §§ 402(g)(1), 457(e)(15)					
Catch-Up Limit for 401(k), 403(b) &					
457(b) (gov. only) Plans (age 50+)	\$4,000 ⁴	\$5,000 ⁴	\$5,000 ⁴	\$5,000 ⁴	\$5,500 ⁴
Minimum Compensation Amount					
for SEPs (Non-SIMPLE)	\$ 450	\$450	\$500	\$500	\$550
IRC § 408(k)(2)(C)					
Maximum Compensation Limit for SEPs -					
IRC § 408(k)(3)(C), 408(k)(6)(D)(ii),	$$210,000^{5}$	$$220,000^{5}$	\$225,000 ⁵	\$230,000 ⁵	\$245,000 ⁵
Qualified Plans, IRC §§ 401(a)(17), 404(l)					
Plan Years beginning in					
Highly Compensated Employee					
Definitional Limits	$$95,000^6$	$$100,000^6$	$$100,000^6$	$$105,000^6$	$$110,000^6$
IRC § 414(q)(1)(B)					
ESOP Payout Limits	\$170,000 ⁷	\$175,000 ⁷	\$180,000 ⁷	\$185,000 ⁷	\$195,000 ⁷
IRC § 409(o)(1)(C)(ii)	\$850,000 ⁸	\$885,000 ⁸	\$915,000 ⁸	\$935,000 ⁸	\$985,000 ⁸
SS Taxable Wage Base	\$90,000	\$94,200	\$97,500	\$102,000	\$106,800
Contribution Limit for SIMPLE					
IRC § 408(p)(2)(E)	\$10,000 ⁹	\$10,0009	\$10,500 ⁹	\$10,500 ⁹	\$11,500 ⁹
Catch-Up Limits for SIMPLE					
401(k) Plan (age 50+)	\$2,000 ¹⁰	$$2,500^{10}$	\$2,500 ¹⁰	\$2,500 ¹⁰	\$2,500 ¹⁰
Key Employee Officer Comp.					
IRC § 416(i)(1)(A)(i)	\$135,000 ¹¹	\$140,000 ¹¹	\$145,000 ¹¹	\$150,000 ¹¹	\$160,000 ¹¹

Legend:

- EGTRRA provides the lesser of \$160,000, with Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase, if any, in \$5,000 increments after 2002 or 100% of the employee's average compensation for his high 3 years.
- EGTRRA provides the lesser of \$40,000 with COLA increase, if any, in \$1,000 increments after 2002 or 100% of employee compensation. NOTE: 1. The 100% is reduced to 25% for SEPs by the contribution limitations of IRC \$402(h)(2)(A), and 2. SIMPLEs are not subject to IRC \$415.
- Increasing by \$1,000 each year in 2004-6; thereafter, COLA increase, if any, in \$500 increments.
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- 5 COLA increase, if any, in \$5,000 increments after 2002.
- \$105,000 is 2008 Comp for HCE's in 2009, \$110,000 is 2009 Comp for HCE's in 2010
- Amount used to determine the lengthening of the 5-year distribution period.
- Amount used for determining the maximum account balance in an ESOP subject to a 5-year distribution period.
- Increasing by \$1,000 each year in 2004-5; thereafter, COLA increase, if any, in \$500 increments.
- Increasing by \$500 each year in 2004-6; thereafter, COLA increase, if any, in \$500 increments.
- 11 Compensation for plan year ending on the determination date (last day of the prior plan year).

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