



Plan Highlights

Arizona State Retirement System SSDP 457(b)

Get started in 3 steps

1 Find your comfort zone.

Consider your interest and confidence levels, then choose the investment strategy that's right for your unique situation.

2 Choose the investment options that are right for you.

Choose your funds from the Plan's investment options, and think about how much you want to contribute.

3 Enroll in the plan.

Enroll online at AZssdp.com, or complete the Enrollment Form available online or from your Retirement Specialist.

Questions?



Just call us at 602-266-2733 or 1-888-292-1401.

We are here to help you and to give you the information you need to feel confident about your retirement decisions. You can also visit us on the web at AZssdp.com.

Step 1

Find your comfort zone.

Everyone is unique when it comes to managing their deferred compensation accounts.

Consider your interest and confidence levels when choosing your strategy. What's your preference?

Hands-off	A little of both	Hands-on
Nationwide ProAccount®	Asset allocation funds: target date funds¹ and/or investor profile funds²	The Plan's available investments/self-directed option
<p>A convenient, professionally managed option in which your investments are actively selected for you by a professional money manager based on information you provide about your time horizon and risk tolerance.</p> <p>To enroll, ask for a Nationwide ProAccount® enrollment kit to sign up for or learn more about this option.</p> <p>Investment advice for Nationwide ProAccount is provided to plan participants by Nationwide Investment Advisors LLC, an SEC-registered investment adviser. Nationwide Investment Advisors LLC has retained Wilshire Associates Incorporated as the Independent Financial Expert for ProAccount.</p> <p>The fee for this service is up to 1% of your average daily account balance.</p>	<p>Target date funds are managed with your specific date in mind (usually retirement or when you will begin making withdrawals). The mix is periodically adjusted to balance risk and return and become more conservative as the chosen date approaches.</p> <p>Investor profile funds are managed with your specific risk level in mind. Asset mixes range from conservative to aggressive and are rebalanced periodically to maintain the appropriate risk level.</p>	<p>The Plan's available investments allow you to hand-select and manage your investments based on your own investment or another strategy.</p>

¹ Target date funds are a form of asset allocation funds designed for people who plan to retire during or near a specific year. These funds invest in underlying funds, using a strategy that reallocates assets to become more conservative as an investor approaches retirement. Therefore, in addition to the expenses of the target date fund, an investor indirectly pays a proportionate share of the applicable fees and expenses of the underlying funds. Like other funds, target date funds are subject to market risk and loss. Loss of principal can occur at any time, including before, at or after the target date. There is no guarantee that target date funds will provide enough income for retirement.

² Investor profile funds are a form of asset allocation funds that can be selected based on your personal objectives and risk tolerance. These funds are designed to provide asset allocation across several types of investments and asset classes, primarily by investing in underlying funds. Therefore, in addition to the expenses of the fund itself, an investor pays a proportionate share of the applicable fees and expenses of the underlying funds. The use of diversification and asset allocation as part of an overall investment strategy does not guarantee to make a profit or protect against loss in a declining market.

Step 2

Choose the investment options that are right for you.

If you chose “hands-off,” consider the asset allocation listed in your Participation Agreement. If you chose “hands-on,” consider the funds other than asset allocation or target date funds listed in your Participation Agreement to create your own asset mix.

Asset allocation funds

Asset allocation funds are designed to provide diversification across several types of investment and asset classes, primarily by investing in a mixture of funds. This mixture takes into account the investor’s tolerance for risk (investor profile funds).

Unlike a balanced fund, investor profile funds are routinely adjusted in response to market conditions.

Investor profile funds tend to have words such as aggressive, moderate or conservative in their name.

International funds

These funds include stock in companies located outside of the United States. These funds are generally considered higher-risk investments. Additional risks include currency fluctuations, political instability, differences in accounting standards, and foreign regulations.

Small-cap funds

“Small-cap” refers to companies with market values (or capitalization) under \$2 billion. Small companies can often grow much faster than big companies, but their stocks also tend to be riskier.

Mid-cap funds

“Mid-cap” refers to companies with market values (or capitalization) between \$2 billion and \$10 billion. These stocks are typically more volatile than large-cap stocks, but less risky than small-cap stocks.

Large-cap funds

“Large-cap” refers to companies with market values (or capitalization) greater than \$10 billion. Because these tend to be large, established corporations, their stocks generally offer lower risk than stocks from mid- and small-cap companies.

Balanced funds

Balanced funds typically invest in a combination of stocks (which tend to be higher risk), bonds (which tend to be more stable), and occasionally, short-term investments. This is similar to an asset allocation approach, but the asset mix is never adjusted in response to the investor’s age or risk tolerance.

Bond funds

Bond funds are composed of bonds purchased from a government entity or corporation that agrees to pay back the original amount paid along with interest on a specified date.

Many bonds are generally more stable than stocks and provide a steadier flow of income. However, they also typically provide a lower rate of return. High-yield bond securities are typically subject to greater risk and price volatility than funds that invest in higher-rated securities.

Stable value funds

Stable value funds focus on preserving invested principal while providing liquidity and steady, positive returns without the volatility associated with short- to intermediate-maturity bond strategies.

Short-term investments (fixed accounts/cash)

Short-term investments are sometimes referred to as cash equivalents because they can be easily sold (converted to cash) without affecting their value. While these short-term investments are generally less risky than stocks or bonds, their returns are also usually much lower and may not keep pace with inflation. A variety of investment types can be generally categorized as short-term investments, including certificates of deposit (CDs), money market accounts (MMAs), and Treasury bills (T-bills).

Fund prospectuses can be obtained by calling 1-888-292-1401. Before investing, carefully consider the fund’s investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. The fund prospectus contains this and other important information. Read the prospectuses carefully before investing.

Step 3

Enroll in the plan.

Enroll online at AZssdp.com, or complete the Enrollment Form available online or from your Retirement Specialist. If you need further help, just use the contact information below to get the answers you need.

Keeping up and getting help is easy.

Easy 24/7 web access at AZssdp.com

Account actions include:

- Set up online access to your account
- Find out your account balance
- Make deferral/allocation changes
- Exchange funds or restructure your account
- View fund pricing and performance
- Change your personal information and password

Online planning tools include:

- My Interactive Retirement PlannerSM
- Account Growth Estimator
- Take-Home Pay Calculator
- Asset Allocation Tool

Easy phone access at 602-266-2733 or 1-888-292-1401

Nationwide Retirement Specialists are available 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. ET (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MT) and Customer Service Reps are available 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET:

- To take your questions over the phone
- To set up a one-on-one appointment

The automated Voice Response Unit (VRU) is available 24/7.

Account actions include:

- Find out your account balance
- Make deferral/allocation changes
- Exchange funds or restructure your account
- Change future allocations
- Change your PIN

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Frequently asked questions about contributions

What's the minimum I need to contribute to be in the plan?

\$10 per pay period.

What's the maximum I can contribute?

Unless you qualify for one of the "catch-up" provisions discussed later, the maximum that you can contribute to the Plan is 100% of your includable compensation or the applicable dollar amount for the year found in Internal Revenue Code Section 457(e)(15), whichever is less. In 2024, the maximum applicable deferral amount is \$23,000.

If I'm participating in another 457(b) plan, what's the maximum I can contribute then?

If you are a member of another plan governed by Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, your total deferrals to all Section 457 plans combined, not including catch-up deferrals, may not exceed \$23,000 in 2024.

What's the maximum contribution limit for me if I'm currently in a 401(k) and/or 403(b) plan?

If you are currently participating in another elective deferral plan that is not a 457(b) plan, such as a 401(k) plan or 403(b) plan, the maximum deferrals to your 457(b) plan are not affected by the deferral limits for those other non-457(b) plans.

If I'm close to retirement, is there a way to contribute more?

If you are within 3 years of the year in which you will attain Normal Retirement Age under the Plan, and are making the maximum contribution to your plan, you may be eligible for a catch-up contribution through the Special 457 Catch-Up provision. If you have not contributed the maximum in the past, you may be able to increase your deferral amount to up to 2 times the maximum contribution limit (for example, you may be able to contribute as much as \$46,000 in 2024). Important: Special 457 Catch-Up cannot be used in the same year as Age 50 Catch-Up.

If I'm not so close to retirement, can I still contribute more?

If you are 50 years or older, you may use the Age 50 Catch-Up provision. With the Age 50 Catch-Up provision you can contribute an additional \$7,500 over the normal deferral limit in 2024. Important: Age 50 Catch-Up cannot be used in the same year as the Special 457 Catch-Up.

Can I roll over my balance from another plan into this one?

Yes, the Plan accepts eligible rollover distributions from other eligible retirement plans. In addition, plan-to-plan transfers from another governmental 457(b) plan are permitted under this Plan, if the other governmental 457(b) plan permits such transfers. There are differences between deferred compensation plans, individual retirement accounts and qualified plans, including fees and when you can access funds. There may be sales charges or other fees when you move money out of your current account. You should consider all factors before making a decision. Assets rolled over from a qualified plan, DROP plan or IRA may be subject to a 10% excise tax if withdrawn prior to age 59½.

Can I ever stop my payroll deferrals?

You may stop payroll deferrals to your plan at any time.

Are there any fees I need to be aware of?

There is an Administrative Plan fee applied to certain investment options. Fees and expenses of the underlying fund options also apply.

How often can I change my investment options?

You may make changes to your fund selections at any time. However, each mutual fund has specific rules and guidelines that may restrict frequent transactions into and out of that fund. These rules and guidelines are generally included in the prospectus of each mutual fund. You can obtain prospectus(es) from the Fund Performance section of our website or by contacting a Nationwide representative. Additionally, to protect the interests of all participants, your plan may impose plan-level restrictions that limit frequent trading.

What is the Roth contribution option?

You can designate all or part of your contributions as after-tax Roth 457 contributions. That allows you to pay taxes on your contributions now, based on your current tax bracket, and avoid taxes later if certain conditions are met.

For comparison: Regular contributions are pretax, which means you will pay taxes upon withdrawal, within the tax bracket you're at during the time of withdrawal.

Frequently asked questions about distributions

Can I withdraw my funds before I retire?

Because your funds receive the benefit of tax-deferred status, there are limits to when you can withdraw them. If you are still employed, you can withdraw money from your plan:

- If you experience an unforeseeable emergency that is approved by the Plan
- If your account balance is \$5,000 or less and you have not deferred into the Plan for at least 2 years, and you have not made prior withdrawals of this type
- If you have reached age 70½
- If you have reached age 59½; you may also continue to make contributions into the plan

Are there any penalties when I withdraw my money after I leave my job?

There are no excise taxes from the amount withdrawn from your 457(b) account. However, if you take distributions before age 59½ from a rollover account from a qualified plan such as a 401(k) or an IRA, you may be subject to early withdrawal excise taxes.

Will I have to pay taxes on the funds I withdraw?

When you withdraw your funds or start to receive distributions, they are considered taxable income. This means you will have to pay taxes on them, and you will need to complete federal and state income tax withholding forms for the year the withdrawal/distributions are made. The benefit payments made to you are reported on Form 1099-R.

Nationwide and its representatives do not give legal or tax advice. An attorney or tax advisor should be consulted for answers to specific questions.

When I retire or leave my job, what are my options?

If you choose to leave your employment, or your employment ends because of retirement or permanent disability, there are many options available to you. Contact a Nationwide representative to discuss the details.

You can either leave your money where it is or select from the following payout options:

- Taking it in a lump sum or partial amounts
- Making systematic withdrawals
- Using annuity payout options
- Rolling your money over into another plan or into an IRA

Do I have to withdraw my money right away when I retire?

No, if you are not ready to take any portion of your account now, you can leave it invested where it has the potential to continue to grow.

When must I begin withdrawing my money?

You must begin taking required minimum distributions, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, no later than April 1 of the year following the year you turn age 73 or separate from employment, whichever is later.

How soon do I need to notify someone so my distributions can start?

If you are planning to stop working, contact a Nationwide Representative as soon as possible to receive assistance in planning your distributions.

How do I receive my distribution?

You can either receive it as a direct deposit into a savings or checking account, or as a paper check through the mail. If you choose direct deposit, you will receive your initial payments through the mail until your account is set up and your bank account information is confirmed.

Can I change how often I receive my distribution?

Yes, if you decide you want to change the frequency of your payments, simply fill out a new Benefit Payment Election form with your preferred payment schedule. If you elect an annuity payout option, other restrictions apply.



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