

How to Make

Q. What is an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution and who is eligible to use it?

A. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is an otherwise taxable distribution from an IRA (other than an ongoing SEP or SIMPLE IRA) made by a

nonqualifying retirement

owner, if you are currently

single or married and you are taking a tax-free withdrawal from your

IRA. If you have already paid income taxes on the funds you

are withdrawing, you may be able to claim a charitable tax deduction on a gift made

if you itemize deductions, the QCD gift may be more

tax

Q. If I direct a QCD gift from my IRA, how does this affect my required minimum distribution?

A. Once you reach the age of 70½, you can direct an IRA QCD in support of your philanthropy. Once you begin taking IRA distributions, you may deduct the amount of the IRA QCD gift(s) from the amount of your RMD. Note that you must begin taking your RMD when you reach age 73. For those who are 70½ and are not subject to the RMD who are continuing to make tax deductible contributions to an IRA, the maximum amount of a QCD gift is reduced by the amount of their deductible contributions to their IRA.

Q. How do I make a QCD gift to Bowdoin?

A. RMD

Q. My spouse also supports Bowdoin. Can we both take advantage of the IRA QCD?

A. Yes. The amount that can be excluded from income is limited to any amount up to