You're in control.

One of the best parts about rolling over your retirement plan into an IRA is that you are in complete control of your retirement funds. You can change investment options within the IRA based on the investment products that your credit union offers. You can also take your money out of your IRA at any time (although you may be subject to taxes and penalties).

Interested in a Roth IRA?

Consolidating your retirement savings into a Roth IRA may also be an option. Beginning in 2010, any qualified retirement plan (QRP) participant can make a QRP conversion contribution to a Roth IRA, regardless of income and tax filing status. This new rule also applies to IRA conversion contributions. For 2010 conversions, the contribution will not be taxed in 2010, but instead will be split evenly over 2011 and 2012.

We can help.

Our IRA professionals can assist with your rollover questions and help with your retirement planning. Call or stop in today.

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Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)

IRA rollovers:

Managing your retirement assets

Preserve your retirement savings.

Simplify your nest egg.

If you've changed jobs or recently retired, you may be wondering what to do with your traditional qualified retirement plan from a previous employer. It may make sense for you to consolidate your retirement savings into a single traditional IRA.

An IRA rollover may allow you to:

- Preserve the tax-deferred status of your retirement savings
- Increase your investment options
- Move your money out of your former employer's retirement plan without tax or penalties
- Reduce the cost of administration
- Take control over your retirement plan

Compare all your options by consulting with a financial services professional and/or tax advisor before making any decisions.

First, determine your options.

If you're interested in an IRA rollover, one of your first steps should be to investigate whether you can take the money out of the employer-sponsored retirement plan. Some retirement plans specify a certain age when participants can take distributions while other plans allow for a lump-sum distribution once you leave that employer. You may also have the option of moving your retirement savings to your current employer's plan.

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Consider a direct rollover.

Direct rollovers are a popular way to complete an IRA rollover. With a direct rollover, a check is made payable to your credit union as the fiduciary of your IRA. You can roll over the entire amount, and your previous employer is not required to withhold 20 percent of your money for taxes.

If you take a distribution of your retirement funds by having the check payable to yourself, 20 percent will be withheld for federal income taxes and subject to income taxes unless you replace it within 60 days by contributing money from other sources to your IRA.