

What is an IRS 1099-R?

The 1099-R is a tax statement that reports distributions from pensions, annuities, retirement plans, profit sharing plans, IRAs, or insurance contracts.

The enclosed form reports taxable distributions from your annuity made in the year 2017.

- The 1099-R is mailed to payees in late January.
- It includes both full and partial distributions.
- If you have more than one annuity with a taxable distribution, then you will receive a 1099-R for each account.
- If you took a distribution from your IRA, even if the amount was rolled over into another IRA, you will receive a 1099-R.
- If your form shows federal income tax withheld, attach copy B of your 1099-R to your tax return and retain copy C for your files.
- If you transferred proceeds directly from one IRA to another IRA, or exchanged funds among subaccounts held in the same annuity, John Hancock is not required to report them and did not report them on your 1099-R.

Common questions

Why did I receive a 1099-R?

You may have received this form for a number of reasons, including:

- Any distribution that was not a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer
- Any defaulted 403(b) loan
- Any tax reportable owner change
- A Roth IRA conversion

Why is the rollover from my IRA reported on my 1099-R?

All distributions and rollover transactions are reportable to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on the 1099-R. If your IRA was rolled over to another IRA investment, the new trustee will also report that amount to you and the IRS on Form 5498, which is typically mailed in May.

I have reviewed all of the information provided and I think there is a discrepancy. How can I correct this?

Please call a customer service representative at 1-800-624-5155 Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

Where can I get more help and/or information?

Due to varying individual tax circumstances and the complex nature of applicable tax laws, consult with your own tax professional and/or the IRS with specific tax questions.

Notice of federal withholding

The income portion of your payments is subject to federal income tax withholding unless you elect not to have withholding apply.

The federal withholding election you previously made will remain in effect unless you notify us that you wish to change it for future payments. You may change withholding elections whenever you wish by contacting us at 1-800-624-5155 for instructions. Unless your state allows you to request a change, any state withholding will also continue.

If you elect not to have federal withholding apply to your payments, or if you do not have enough tax withheld, you may be responsible for payment of estimated tax. You may incur penalties under the estimated tax rules if your withholding and estimated tax payments are not sufficient.

In order to elect out of federal withholding, you must provide John Hancock with a properly completed IRS Form W-9.

Please contact John Hancock if you have moved so that we can update your address on file and ensure you receive important tax information.

The information displayed in your 1099-R is described below:

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<p>PAYER'S country, a John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.)* PO Box 55446 Boston, MA 02205-5446 1-800-624-5155</p> <p>PAYER'S federal identification number</p> <p>Street address (including apt. no.) 123 Main Street</p> <p>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Anytown, USA</p> <p>Amount allocable to IRR Please see the back of your 1099-R for an explanation of each code. For example: 1 = Early distribution 6 = 1035 exchange 7 = Normal distribution</p>	<p>1 Gross distribution \$</p> <p>2a Taxable amount \$</p> <p>2b Taxable amount not determined <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3 Capital gain (included in box 2a) \$</p> <p>5 Employee contributions /Designated Roth contributions or insurance premiums \$</p> <p>7 Distribution code(s) IRA/SEP/SIMPLE <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>11 1st year of desig. Roth contrib.</p> <p>FATCA filing requirement <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>OMB No. 1545-0119</p> <p>2017</p> <p>Form 1099-R</p>	<p>Box 2a Taxable amount The portion of the gross distribution that is generally taxable unless box 2b is checked.</p> <p>Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc.</p> <p>Box 4 Federal income tax withheld Federal income tax amount withheld from your distribution. If an amount other than zero is shown, attach copy B to your tax return and retain copy C for your records.</p> <p>Box 5 Employee contributions The total represents the amount of the original tax cost basis included in the distribution.</p> <p>Box 7 Distribution codes</p> <p>Box 11 Roth rollover The first year of the in-force plan Roth rollover.</p> <p>Box 12 State tax withheld State tax withheld from your distribution.</p> <p>Box 14 State distribution The portion of the distribution that is generally state taxable.</p>
<p>RECIPIENT'S identification number XXX-XX-6789</p>		<p>4 Federal income tax withheld \$</p> <p>6 Net unrealized appreciation in employer's securities \$</p> <p>8 Other \$ %</p> <p>9a Your percentage of total distribution %</p> <p>9b Total employee contributions \$</p> <p>13 State/Payer's state no.</p> <p>14 State distribution \$</p> <p>15 Local tax withheld \$</p> <p>16 Name of locality</p> <p>17 Local distribution \$</p>	

As an added privacy measure, John Hancock has truncated the first five digits of your Social Security number (SSN) on your 1099-R for 2017. Please note that John Hancock has provided your complete SSN to the IRS as required by law.

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Boxes 3, 6, 8, 9a and b, FATCA filing requirement and 15-17 are not applicable.