

Eligibility and Participation Schedule

With this Eligibility and Participation Schedule ("Schedule"), the _____ ("Organization") affirms the Servant Solutions Retirement Plan ("Plan") as the approved employer retirement plan of the Organization and sets forth the rules and procedures for the Organization's participation in the Plan. This Schedule and any separately documented practices and procedures adopted by the Organization (including employee handbook, organizational minutes and other related documents) accurately describe the Plan and the practice of the Organization with respect to such Plan, and are all incorporated by reference and made part of the Plan.

The initial effective date of these rules and procedures is _____, 20_____. These rules and procedures remain in effect until they are changed by the Organization.

Unless permitted under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) provisions and otherwise approved by the Organization, **only employees who receive W-2 income are eligible to participate in the Plan.**

Rules and Procedures for Contribution and Eligibility

Section 1 – Compensation

Checkmark all items to be considered as Compensation for purposes of determining Contributions to the Plan:

- Salary. Defined: "Salary" means the fixed salary or wages paid by the Organization to an employee, or self-employment income earned in the performance of ministry by a minister, including any contributions to a cafeteria plan under IRC Section 125. In the case of an employee who is a minister, Salary also includes any housing allowance. For a minister who is furnished the free use of a residence (a parsonage), Salary also includes the fair rental value subject to self - employment tax (SECA).

Other: _____

Section 2 - Employee Contributions (from their own pay)

Checkmark the employees who will be eligible to make Participant Before-Tax Contributions, Roth and/or After-Tax Contributions:

- All employees will be eligible.

Or

- Only employees who meet the following service requirements below will be eligible:

Expected and/or regularly work _____ hours or more per _____ (week, month, year)

Other: _____

Or

Other: _____

NOTE: There are special rules that apply to non-QCCOs that limit their ability to restrict employees from making Participant Before-Tax and Roth Contributions. These employers must comply with the "universal availability" rule. That means that all employees working 20 or more hours a week must be allowed to make Participant Before-Tax and Roth Contributions.

Checkmark when an eligible employee can begin participation in the Plan:

- The first day the employee meets the Plan's above eligibility requirements

Other: _____

While employed with the Organization, an eligible employee may make the following types of Contributions to the Plan:

Participant Before-Tax Contributions
Participant After-Tax Contributions
Roth Contributions

Section 3 - Employer Contributions

Checkmark the employees who will be eligible to receive Employer Contributions to the Plan:

All Employees will be eligible

Or

Only Employees who meet the service requirements checked below will be eligible:

Select all that apply:

Must be age _____ or older

Must complete _____ months or more of service

Past church/church-related employers' service of new hires

will

will not be counted

Past service of former employees who are rehired

will

will not be counted

Expected and/or regularly work _____ hours or more per _____ (week, month, year)

Other: _____

NOTE: For Organizations that are non-QCCOs, Employer Contributions generally must not discriminate in favor of highly compensated employees. Annual testing by the employer's Human Resources Department and/or legal counsel may be required to avoid violation.

Checkmark the types of Employer Contributions that will be provided to eligible employees (as defined above):

Non-Matching Contributions (if applicable, select one of the following options):

Fixed percentage equal to _____% of the employee's Compensation

A percentage of the employee's Compensation based on the following years of service schedule:

COMPLETED YEARS OF SERVICE

PERCENTAGE OF Compensation

Less than _____ Year(s) _____ %

_____ Year(s) _____ %

_____ Year(s) _____ %

_____ Year(s) _____ %

_____ Year(s) or more _____ %

Other: _____

Matching Contributions (if applicable, select one of the following options):

A matching Contribution equal to the employee's Contribution, but not to exceed a maximum of _____% of Compensation. (ex. 10%)

A matching Contribution equal to _____% (ex. 75%) of the employee's Contribution, but not to exceed a maximum of _____% of Compensation. (ex. 10%)

A matching Contribution based on years of service: Matching Contribution of _____% of an employee's Compensation for each _____ years of service but not to exceed a maximum of _____% of Compensation (ex. 10%)

Other: _____

Note: A non-matching fixed percentage equal to 11% of Salary is a recommended employer-paid rate of contribution. Any match or basic Employer Contribution that comes from the Church/Employer must be a before-tax contribution.

Rules and Procedures Execution

By signing below, the Organization by its duly authorized officer or other representative hereby affirms the Servant Solutions Retirement Plan as the approved employer provided retirement plan of the Organization and agrees to the rules and procedures as indicated above. The Organization, by its duly authorized officer or representative has executed this document, on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Name of Organization: _____

Authorized officer or representative signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Title: _____

This document should be completed and retained by the Organization, and updated whenever changes are made. Please do not send this document to Servant Solutions.

Notes:

For clarity in understanding, the common terms of "Participant" and "Organization" are used in this document rather than the terms of "Member" and "Congregation" defined in the Servant Solutions Retirement Plan document.

Non-Qualified Church Controlled Organizations (colleges, universities, retirement homes, etc.) must comply with coverage and non-discrimination regulations related to their retirement plan(s). Consult with your legal advisor and visit www.servantsolutions.org for more information.

Internal Revenue Code (IRC) contribution limits are typically generous for church plan participants. To assure IRC contribution limits are not exceeded, employers can review plan contribution limits in IRS publication 517. These limits are also described at www.servantsolutions.org.