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Determine which retirement plan is right for you and your employees

Here's a quick and easy guide to deciding which is the best fit for your business and employees—including basic facts about different types of plans, with features and benefits of Vanguard-administered plans.

	Small plan 401(k) (Vanguard Retirement Plan Access™)	Individual 401(k)	SEP-IRA	SIMPLE IRA
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best option if you're looking to offer your employees all the tax, savings, and retirement benefits of a typical 401(k) plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent method to maximize tax deferral. Can contribute as employer and employee. Vanguard is one of the few investment companies to offer a Roth 401(k) option. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works well for business owners who prefer to provide a retirement benefit to all employees (including themselves) by making solely employer contributions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great starter plan that encourages contributions from employees.
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All eligible employees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sole proprietors or partners with no common-law employees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business owners with 100 or fewer employees.
Employer contribution limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 2019, employer plus employee contribution limit is \$56,000 (\$62,000 if the employee is age 50 or older). Contributions are deductible as a business expense and are not required every year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 2019, employer plus employee contribution limit is \$56,000 (\$62,000 if the employee is age 50 or older). Contributions are deductible as a business expense and are not required every year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 2019, up to 25% of the employee's compensation or \$56,000, whichever is less. Contributions are deductible as a business expense and are not required every year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option 1: Match up to 3% of each employee's compensation or \$13,000 for 2019, whichever is less. Option 2: Contribute 2% of each eligible employee's compensation up to \$5,600 for 2019. Contributions are deductible as a business expense.

	Small plan 401(k) (Vanguard Retirement Plan Access™)	Individual 401(k)	SEP-IRA	SIMPLE IRA
Employee contribution limits Under age 50 (2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$19,000. • Cannot exceed 100% of compensation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$19,000. • Cannot exceed 100% of compensation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A personal contribution of up to \$6,000 into an individual SEP, traditional IRA, or Roth IRA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$13,000. • Employees are not required to contribute in any given year.
Employee contribution limits Age 50 and older (2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25,000. • Cannot exceed 100% of compensation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25,000. • Cannot exceed 100% of compensation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A personal contribution of up to \$7,000 into an individual SEP, traditional IRA, or Roth IRA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$16,000. • Employees are not required to contribute in any given year.
Investment choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanguard mutual funds. • Approximately 12,000 non-Vanguard funds.* • Company stock and self-directed brokerage accounts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanguard mutual funds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanguard mutual funds, plus ETFs and individual securities through Vanguard Brokerage Services®. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanguard mutual funds.
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on employer plan rules. Generally, must be offered to all employees at least 21 years of age who have completed a year of service with the employer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No age or income restrictions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally, employees must be allowed to participate if they are older than 21, earn at least \$600 annually, and have worked for the same employer in at least three of the past five years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No age restrictions. Employees must earn a minimum amount specified by the employer during any two preceding years and expect to earn at least \$5,000 in the current year.
Filing requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires filing with IRS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires filing with IRS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No IRS reporting required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No IRS reporting required.

Contact Vanguard at 800-662-2003 for more information.

For information about Vanguard Retirement Plan Access, please call 888-684-4015.

* For plans with \$2 million or more in assets.

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