

403(b) Pension Plan Information for Terminating/Retiring Participants

What types of contributions are in my 403(b) account?

There are two sources of contributions that have been made to your diocesan 403(b) pension plan:

1. **Employee Contributions:** The contributions you personally made to the plan are 100% vested (owned by you).
2. **Employer Contributions:** The contributions made to your account by your employer are 20% vested (owned by you) per full year of covered employment. The vested employer portion of your account increases 20% with each full year of covered employment until you are 100% vested after five years of continuous covered employment.

What happens to my vested 403(b) account balance?

Terminated participants have the following options for their vested 403(b) account balance:

1. **Distribution** – You may request a distribution of funds from your vested account balance. The distribution will be considered taxable income in the year of distribution and a 20% federal tax will be withheld from the distribution. Early withdrawal penalties may also apply if you do not meet certain IRS requirements.
2. **Direct Rollover or Transfer** – You may request a transfer of your vested balance to another qualified retirement plan or an individual IRA.
3. **Maintain your account** - Terminated participants with a vested balance of less than \$5,000 will have his/her vested account balance automatically transferred to a Lincoln Small Account IRA if they do not initiate a distribution, direct rollover, or transfer. Terminated participants with a vested account balance of \$5,000 or greater may choose to retain their vested balance in the plan for future distribution. Participants must begin to take a distribution from the plan at age 70 ½.

Who do I contact and where can I obtain the necessary forms?

First determine which Lincoln retirement account(s) you have; you may have one account or two separate accounts depending on your individual situation. Although all accounts are through Lincoln, each type of account has different contact information and different forms to complete for account distribution or transfer. Quarterly statements are provided to participants and you may also refer to those statements to determine which account(s) you have a balance in.

Please keep the following items in mind when contacting Lincoln regarding your account(s):

- Effective 3/1/2010, all employee and employer contributions to the 403(b) retirement plan have been invested in the **Lincoln Alliance Program**®
- Prior to 3/1/2010, all employee and employer contributions to the 403(b) retirement

plan were invested in **Lincoln Multi-Fund[®] Annuity**. Participants with Multi-Fund[®] accounts were given the opportunity to complete contract exchange paperwork to transfer those assets to the Lincoln Alliance Program[®].

Lincoln Contact Information

To obtain information on your account(s) and plan forms, please use the following:

Lincoln Multi-Fund[®] Annuity

CUSTOMER SERVICE

1-800-454-6265

Mon - Fri 7 am - 7 pm

24 Hour Voice Response

www.lincolnfinancial.com

MAILING ADDRESS

The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company

Attention - Annuities Operations

PO Box 2340

Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2340

Lincoln Alliance Program[®] (Effective April 1, 2010)

CUSTOMER SERVICE

1-800-234-3500

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