



IRA Charitable Rollover (Age 70 ½ and older)

"...There are mighty agencies in this world, governments, foundations, institutions of many kinds with tremendous financial resources which are working to improve the material lot of human beings. Anything we Bahá'ís could add to such resources in the way of special funds or contributions would be a negligible drop in the ocean. However, alone among men we have the Divinely-given remedy for the real ills of mankind; no one else is doing or can do this most important work, and if we divert our energy and our funds into fields in which others are already doing more than we can hope to do, we shall be delaying the diffusion of the Divine Message which is the most important task of all."

~ From a letter written on behalf of the Universal House of Justice to the National Spiritual Assembly of Italy, November 19, 1974

The IRA charitable rollover legislation passed by Congress was signed by the President on December 18, 2015. This law extended the IRA charitable rollover, and made it permanent with no expiration date for future years. What this means for believers who are 70 ½ and older is that moving forward you may make a direct transfer from your IRA to the National Spiritual Assembly, of up to \$100,000 per year as a non-taxable event. There is, of course, no additional deduction allowed for this transfer.

Now that the IRA charitable rollover has no expiration date, donors age 70 ½ and older will have the ability to plan their IRA required minimum distributions with the knowledge that the charitable IRA rollover is available as a benefit to the National Bahá'í Fund, and is also a tax savings that benefits the donor. In order to participate in the IRA Charitable Rollover the following criterion must be met:
The donor must be at least 70 ½ years of age when the gift is made.

- The transfer must be made directly from the IRA plan administrator to the National Spiritual Assembly.
- The contribution from the IRA cannot exceed \$100,000 per person (\$200,000 total for a couple, each owning an IRA) in a given year.
- The direct transfer must be an outright contribution (establishing a charitable gift annuity with these funds is not permitted).

Please Note: This legislation only applies to Individual Retirement Accounts, it DOES NOT apply to funds in a 401k.