

PLAN DESIGN ALTERNATIVES

For Defined Contribution Plans 2026

Name	Age	Plan Compensation ¹	Simplified Employee Pension (SEP)	SIMPLE Profit Sharing	Tiered Profit Sharing	Tiered Profit Sharing & Safe Harbor 401(k) ²	401(k) & Safe Harbor Matching ²
Shareholder/Owner	53	\$360,000	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$69,000	\$77,000	\$46,900
Shareholder/Owner	60	360,000	72,000	72,000	69,000	77,000	46,900
Non-Owner Employee	46	165,000	33,000	27,680	4,950	4,950	6,600
Highly Compensated Employee Total		\$885,000	\$177,000	\$171,680	\$142,950	\$158,950	\$100,400
Employee 1	26	\$32,000	\$6,400	\$5,050	\$1,600	\$1,420	\$1,280
Employee 2	30	38,000	7,600	6,000	1,900	1,690	1,520
Employee 3	34	40,000	8,000	6,320	2,000	1,780	1,600
Employee 4	38	46,000	9,200	7,260	2,300	2,050	1,840
Employee 5	42	52,000	10,400	8,210	2,600	2,310	2,080
Employee 6	46	59,000	11,800	9,320	2,950	2,630	2,360
Employee 7	50	63,000	12,600	9,950	3,150	2,800	2,520
Employee 8	54	69,000	13,800	10,900	3,450	3,070	2,760
Employee 9	58	94,000	18,800	14,840	4,700	4,180	3,760
Employee 10	62	75,000	15,000	11,840	3,750	3,340	3,000
Non-Highly Compensated Employee Total		\$568,000	\$113,600	\$89,690	\$28,400	\$25,270	\$22,720
Total Company/Owner Contributions			\$290,600	\$261,370	\$171,350	\$184,220	\$123,120
Percentage of Contributions to Owners			49.6%	55.1%	80.5%	83.6%	76.2%

NOTES:

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2. For Shareholders/Owners, this column includes all contributions to the plan, including 401(k) salary deferral and catch up contributions. For non-owners, this column illustrates only the company contributions, since any 401(k) contributions are paid by employees. Company-paid safe harbor contributions are required and are 100% vested to the employees, other than QACA safe harbor.
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Name	Age	Plan Compensation ¹	Cash Balance & Profit Sharing	Combination Cash Balance & 401(k)/PS ²
Shareholder/Owner	53	\$360,000	\$321,000	\$329,000
Shareholder/Owner	60	360,000	425,000	418,500
Non-Owner Employee	46	165,000	9,450	9,500
Highly Compensated Employee Total		\$885,000	\$755,450	\$757,000
Employee 1	26	\$32,000	\$3,414	\$3,414
Employee 2	30	38,000	4,517	4,517
Employee 3	34	40,000	4,740	4,740
Employee 4	38	46,000	4,383	4,383
Employee 5	42	52,000	4,798	4,798
Employee 6	46	59,000	5,283	5,283
Employee 7	50	63,000	5,560	5,560
Employee 8	54	69,000	5,975	5,975
Employee 9	58	94,000	7,705	7,705
Employee 10	62	75,000	6,390	6,390
Non-Highly Compensated Employee Total		\$568,000	\$52,765	\$52,765
Total Company/Owner Contributions			\$808,215	\$809,765
Percentage of Contributions to Owners			92.3%	92.3%

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3. Employer contributions are mandatory to Defined Benefit and Cash Balance plans, subject to IRS penalties for failure to contribute. In combination plans, profit sharing and safe harbor 401(k) contributions are mandatory for Non-Highly Compensated Employees.
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