

Tax efficiency checklist

Uncover assets that may help you reach your financial goals. In the area below, fill in the primary purpose of each asset. For example, you may have \$5,000 in savings for the purpose of buying a new car. Other examples of a primary purpose might include retirement, education, a large purchase, leaving a legacy or an emergency fund.

Tax now (see disclosures)			Tax later (see disclosures)			Tax never* (see disclosures)		
	Amount	Primary purpose		Amount	Primary purpose		Amount	Primary purpose
Savings ¹			IRAs ^{3,4,5}			Roth IRAs ^{5,7}		
Checking ¹			401(k), 403(b)			Roth 401(k) ^{5,7}		
CDs ¹			and other pension plan assets ^{3,4,5}			Municipal bonds ⁸		
Mutual funds ¹			Variable annuities ^{3,5}			Life insurance cash value ⁹		
Stock dividends ¹			Fixed annuities ^{3,5}			Life insurance		
Bonds ¹			Stocks—capital appreciation¹			death benefit ⁹ This amount is not included in total.		
U.S. Treasuries ^{1,2}			U.S. savings bonds ⁶			Health savings account ¹⁰		
Other			Other			Other		
TOTAL			TOTAL			TOTAL		

¹Any interest, dividends or capital appreciation is subject to taxation when realized.

Clients must itemize deductions to receive a charitable income tax deduction. Charitable giving can result in tax, legal and financial consequences. Thrivent and its financial advisors and professionals do not provide legal, accounting or tax advice. Consult your attorney or tax professional.

²U.S. Treasuries are generally exempt from state and local income tax.

³Gains subject to income tax when withdrawn.

⁴Generally funded with pre-tax dollars.

⁵Distributions prior to age 59½ may incur a 10% premature distribution penalty; all distributions may incur surrender charges.

⁶Generally exempt from state income tax. Special tax benefits may apply.

⁷Funded with after-tax dollars; gains may be tax-free.

⁸Interest is free from federal income tax; may be subject to state income tax, federal alternative minimum tax, and capital gains tax.

⁹The primary purpose of life insurance is for the death benefit protection. Withdrawals may be available income tax-free to the extent of basis. Lifetime distributions of the cash value are subject to possible income taxation and penalties, could reduce the death benefit, and could cause the contract to lapse.

¹⁰Eligibility requirements and annual contribution limits apply. Contributions are not subject to federal income taxes and can grow tax-free. State tax exemptions may apply. Distributions to pay for eligible expenses are tax-free. Distributions to pay for ineligible expenses will be taxed and, for individuals who are not disabled or over age 65, are subject to a 20% tax penalty.

^{*}The withdrawal of dividends or the amount of a loan or partial surrender may be subject to ordinary income taxes.

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Keep in mind that this checklist only considers income tax treatment of the listed assets, which also may be subject to state and federal estate and/or inheritance tax.

Time diversification

If you project your life on a timeline, there are a number of short- and long-term goals that you will likely be planning and saving for, like a new home, college education for your children, retirement, travel or charitable giving.

How and when you plan to use the money are important factors in deciding the most tax-efficient type of investment to help you reach your goals.

Investment diversification

Investment diversification is the process of allocating investments across a variety of asset classes. Diversification alone cannot protect against losses in a declining market, but it can be an effective way to minimize risk. In addition, there are types of investments that can provide a hedge against inflation. As such, investment diversification is an important component for investors who have multiple goals with different time horizons.

Income tax diversification

Income tax diversification helps you position your assets more income tax-efficiently and increase your total spendable income. Different types of investments are taxed at different times. For example:

- **Tax now** assets are liquid and are best positioned for current, short-term needs. They include savings and checking accounts, certificates of deposit and U.S. Treasuries.
- **Tax later** assets are generally earmarked for longer-term needs, like college and retirement funding. They include qualified plans, traditional IRAs and annuities.
- Tax never assets generally offer preferential income tax treatment on the accumulated value and its distribution. They can include Roth IRAs, municipal bonds and life insurance, and are funded with after-tax dollars. Health savings accounts (HSA) can be funded with either pre- or after-tax dollars, but fall into the tax never category.

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