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The TIAA-CREF Book offers the definitive guide to TIAA-CREF for participants, estate planners, and financial advisors. Simply and clearly--and with a droll sense of humor--the authors explain the often complex legal and financial aspects of how the TIAA-CREF plan works, how the investment choices new participants make can affect the funds.

They require you to fill out multiple error prone forms and snail-mail them to a third-party for verification. The delay and stall tactics of TIAA forced our family to borrow from a disreputable lender in order to make a down payment on our dream home. I have contributed to TIAA-Cref in more than one state, but have had a teaching job for 6 years now that contributes to another retirement entity. In fact, I consummated the entire rollover online! Moreover, one should not have to get permission from anybody to collect money that is theirs. They full well know that it is a big hassle to fill out all the paper work and make the necessary contacts. I am closing with a long list of folks who have from minor to serious grievances with the way TIAA-Creff operates. Even so, I continued paying into the TC retirement system. I also, unfortunately, have lived in one of those states where there have been no raises for state university employees for the past five years. I made my guesses on the options offered to me for payouts " in my opinion they offer very little in writing about the various options and offer little to no guidance one would expect in the form of a personal financial advisor. It seems that every time I return properly filled out forms, a few weeks later they come across yet another that has to be filled out before they can begin disbursing any funds. This is a concern because as the stock market continues to decline because of the debt limit political crisis the value of my retirement account " and thus my monthly payment " continues to decrease in value. If they find more forms to be filled out, certified and notarized it will be September, at the earliest, before I see any funds. If anyone is considering electing to use TIAA-Cref as their retirement vehicle, let me suggest they do at two things before making their decision: In addition, I was never told by the various representatives that I could wait a few months and draw in one lump sum at the age of 65 the total amount. Instead, I was only told that I had to annuitize over 9 years. I am more fortunate than the situation cited above because it took one week shy of two months to get the first amount of a nine year payout. Why not contact the CEO or the Board about this problem? I called to get information on a withdrawal. The woman answering said the form could NOT be sent electronically but had to be via surface mail. After a few days, after the date she assured me by which I would receive the form, I got no form. The man answering said he could send it to me electronically, which he did, and would walk me through how to fill it out, which he did, while I took notes. I printed out the form, filled it in, put a stamp on it for the oversize, mailed it. After a few days, I checked the status. The man answering said there were errors on it and I needed to fill out a new form. By this time I, ordinarily a calm, polite, controlled person, lost it. Plus he could not send me the form right then as he would fill out most of it electronically but I should get it via email the next day. Each person I speak to gives me a different answer. I need the money now. This company appears to be in almost total disarray. Get all of your money out ASAP. How does one contact the Board and CEO. They seem to hide themselves really well. The electronic funds transfer for my withdrawal after more than a month of failed tries was initiated the same day they TIAA-Cref received my complaint from the BBB, which was just a couple of days after I filled out the online complaint form. You should make sure you keep record of the dates you interacted with various representatives, mailed things, etc. Barnum said it best. But try to pry your funds out of their sticky hands and you will get the full horror show. END Comment 5 I worked at an institution that contributed to a cref account on my behalf for two years. I have moved elsewhere, and I have another retirement account roth IRA. I am currently trying to withdraw after an initial failure and the complexity of rolling over to a roth IRA. I sent in forms that were declined by TIAA-Cref because the signatures were over 90 days old I had to get a notarized signature from my wife who was out of state at the time, a signature from a past employer in another state, neither more wife or I had easy access to fax, so we used the mail, and my wife and I have other jobs to do! I received a call and was told I could sort it over the phone when I could get to the internet. When I was able to get to my computer and call, this was not the case. I was told by the rep that he would send me a pre-filled form electronically that I would simply have to print, sign and mail. I just want my

money. END Comment 6 I have also experienced the same headaches and hassles enumerated here. I want my money this sucks! I think their lawyer is Carranza Pryor. He passed away in December I am one who believes in doing the right thing, even if it costs to see justice prevail. The company is unscrupulous in its business relationships with retirees and their beneficiaries. A totally despicable organization in my experience.

Chapter 2 : Dadâ€™s Retirement Plan: Learning About The TIAA-CREF Traditional Annuity â€” My Money

TIAA-CREF Life Insurance Company is domiciled in New York, NY, with its principal place of business in New York, NY. Its California Certificate of Authority number is Read the TIAA-CREF Individual & Institutional Services, LLC, Statement of Financial Condition.

And yet, while there is a wealth of information on IRAs, 401(k)s and other investment vehicles, until now there has been little guidance for the millions of TIAA-CREF plan participants and their advisors. Simply and clearly--and with a droll sense of humor--the authors explain the often complex legal and financial aspects of how the TIAA-CREF plan works, how the investment choices new participants make can affect the funds available at retirement, what the distribution options are for withdrawing money either before or after retirement, and how to leave the fund as an inheritance. For participants in the accumulation stage of their careers, the authors explain the important differences between fixed income securities TIAA and equity securities CREF , and examine the investment choices for both. They address such important issues as how to allocate contributions, how portable an account really is, and how plans differ from employer to employer. In addition to the valuable primer on estate planning--from how to quantify assets, needs, and income to how the Federal Estate Tax affects TIAA-CREF accounts--the authors explore in detail the distribution options available and help weigh the pros and cons of each choice. Drawing on their extensive work in the field of estate planning, the authors cover the gamut of what it takes to make the most out of a TIAA-CREF plan.

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Chapter 3 : Understanding TIAA-CREF annuities

TIAA-CREF is the largest private pension plan in the world, with more than \$ billion under management, including an estimated 1% of all shares traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

Click on a topic to be taken to that topic. Streamlined withdrawal processing The online withdrawal process on the secure My TIAA-CREF website has the same easy-to-use navigation and functionality as other websites that you visit regularly to shop, pay bills or apply for credit cards. Submitting withdrawals through this streamlined approach saves time and eliminates the need for paper forms. It includes helpful tips and step-by-step instructions for completing a transaction from either an employer-sponsored retirement plan retirement plan account or an Individual Retirement Account IRA. We encourage you to keep it close at hand for easy reference if you need to take a withdrawal. Overview and helpful tips Types of withdrawals. Not all of your retirement plan accounts may offer online withdrawals at this time. You can view which retirement plans have this feature as part of the submission process. Direct transfers are not taxable. This type of withdrawal is often used when people retire, change jobs or want to consolidate their retirement assets. The available rollover options depend on the type of account from which you are withdrawing your money see page 7 for complete information. Like direct transfers, rollovers are not taxable. With this option, you take either a one-time payment or a series of systematic payments from your retirement plan account or IRA. The payments are usually deposited directly into your bank account, but you can also request a physical check. You may not see all of the above withdrawal options. For example, the rollover option for retirement plan accounts will generally not appear unless you are separating from service e. Guide to online withdrawals September 2 Guide to online withdrawals How to compare different withdrawal options A side-by-side comparison of the different types of withdrawals and their taxation is available in the Choose Withdrawal Type section of the site and may help you decide which option is most appropriate based on your needs. You can also view frequently asked questions for more detailed information before proceeding with your withdrawal or loan request, if available. Guide to online withdrawals September 3 Guide to online withdrawals Important deadlines for retirement plan withdrawals Once you have submitted a withdrawal request, it is automatically sent to your employer for review if they need to confirm information or approve the transaction. To help ensure timely processing of your requests, we need to receive any supporting documentation and approvals within the following time frames: They can also request a ve-business-day extension if they need more time to complete their review. This also applies if we do not receive a completed spousal waiver form, if required. This will bring you to the Get Started page. Guide to online withdrawals September 4 Guide to online withdrawals Step 2: Con rm your employment status and personal information, and indicate if you want to receive account information electronically. You will not need to verify your employment information if you have only an IRA. Then click Next to continue. Choose Rollover from the list of available withdrawal options. Specify your rollover amount. Follow Step 4A for a simple rollover if you want to roll over a speci c dollar amount and have it divided among your accounts and investments to maintain your current asset allocation. Follow Step 4B for a custom rollover if you want to take your rollover amount from speci c contracts or investments. Follow Step 4C for a maximum rollover if you want to roll over the maximum amount available for a single transaction. You may also be asked to verify a one-time passcode, which TIAA-CREF will send to you via email or postal mail based on your communication preferences on le. Guide to online withdrawals September 5 Guide to online withdrawals Step 4A: Choose Simple Rollover and enter the dollar amount you want to withdraw. Then click Calculate and go to Step 5. Choose Custom Rollover and ll in speci c amounts next to the investment s you want to use. Choose Maximum Rollover and go to Step 5. Scroll to the bottom of the page and indicate if this is a one-time or recurring payment and when the transaction should be processed. Click Next to continue. You can calculate the withdrawal either as a dollar amount or percentage.

Chapter 4 : Understanding Mutual Funds | TIAA

Read "Understanding TIAA-CREF How to Plan for a Secure and Comfortable Retirement" by Irving S. Schloss with Rakuten Kobo. TIAA-CREF is the largest private pension plan in the world, with more than \$ billion under management, including an e.

It is worth noting that these rules apply to traditional IRAs and also work based plans, but there are exclusions from the rule if you remain employed, where your RMD would start after retirement. However, there is a special provision with certain older accounts. Contributions made to b plans prior to are excluded from RMD calculations until age 75, thus lowering total RMDs thereafter. The reason for this is that Roths the destination of the rollover are not subject to the RMD rule. Note that the RMDs themselves cannot be used to rollover. You have to take that money out first, and then rollover further amounts. Required Minimum Distribution Table Impact of rollover strategies Rolling over money from tax deferred to tax free Traditional to Roth is a taxable event. You receive income in the year of the transaction. The reason for this is that Roths are exempt from RMD rules. Controlling when you pay the tax on the year of partial rollover vs when you must RMD can control the tax bracket that you reside in when the money flows from the tax deferred account. This can mean that tax brackets are already forced higher due to required income distributions, and therefore using sabbatical to rollover to Roths may offer long term value. This can offer advantages, but only in a very small and unique set of circumstances. Many people who have held accounts for this period of time will thankfully have earned significant growth due to compound interest. This means that the vast majority of the balance of the account does not benefit from the preferential treatment. Below is a chart that shows the opportunity to rollover funds if you had a lowered RMD amount. The first column shows how the lowered RMD amount creates a small window of opportunity to rollover, but because of the rule that forces Pre money to roll out first, the value in this example is very limited. However, due to the rules on the rollovers, anything you roll will come first from the balance of pre money, so it does limit value. I did not inflate the amount in the Roth going forward, though that is a consideration. Each period a rate of return is offered for the fund known as a Vintage and money invested or reinvested into the Traditional fund during that period is guaranteed by TIAA CREF to offer a fixed rate of return. The Traditional fund works with a bucket like system, where interest generated by one vintage will be poured into a new one, potentially at a different rate. This means that an individual will many buckets of money within the Traditional account all earning at different rates. Though it would be much more attractive if they allowed you to move out the poorer performing accounts and keep those offering the highest levels of growth. CREF Fund options are expensive! The R rating that you are offered is dependent on the relationship between the university and CREF, R1 being the worst for the customer, and R3 the best. In terms of cost difference, each fund offers a different expense ratio, but it is not uncommon to see 0. However, many other people might find that the added cost in terms of expense ratio from the R1,R2,R3 rated funds makes it a smarter option to forgo special treatment of the RMD. Rolled over funds reduce treated money first. Finance Matt is passionate about making smart financial decisions to empower a fantastic life. He writes here on Travel and Finance related topics, and is always happy to help with specific questions in the comment section of this site, follow him on Twitter. Get posts by email.

Chapter 5 : TIAA- Guide to Online Withdrawals “ RCUH

Understanding these design differences will be valuable to policy makers looking to reform the (k) system and also to employers and (k) institutional providers in reshaping their plans. The emphasis in the design of plans funded with TIAA annuities has been to generate and provide an adequate and secure retirement income for plan.

They are one of the biggest financial services companies in the U. I was not at all familiar with this beast, so I decided to learn more about it. TIAA has credited additional amounts of interest every year since The annuity primarily invests in publicly traded bonds, commercial mortgages, direct loans to business, and real estate. It has no loads, no surrender charges, no maintenance fees, and very low annual operation expense ratios of about 0. Think of the savings on antacids during the next stock bubble! There are two tiers of performance “” From what I understand, the higher paying tier is for money that is contributed directly by the employing company or group, whereas the lower paying tier is for voluntary contributions from the individual. Here are the historical returns: Withdrawal Stage When you reach retirement and are ready to start take money out of your annuity, you have a variety of options. There are one-lifetime income options, two-lifetime income options, fixed-period ex. Of course, all annuities are simply a promise, not a In this regard, TIAA does have the highest possible credit ratings from all the major agencies: Summary Overall, it was very interesting learning about this additional investment option. Here were my tentative opinions: There is an expected trade-off of lower long-term performance in exchange for a guaranteed minimum return if you purchase this annuity. Those that are very risk-averse will love this investment. The lifetime income options are nice and reliable, but you could also do the same with a portion or all of any retirement portfolio. Just cash out your stocks and bonds, and go buy an immediate annuity with a lifetime payout option. As my father is nearing retirement and I think the safety of this investment is very comforting to him, I think this option will work adequately for him. The majority of his annuity holdings are also in the higher-paying tier.

Chapter 6 : Understanding an Employer Retirement Plan | TIAA

Ironically, the more TIAA-CREF diversified from its original two choices (50% TIAA guaranteed rates; 50% CREF stocks), offering more and more options and sub-accounts for members to select from, the more it became just an average investment.

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Chapter 7 : Rumination Station

Most people working in the public education system have access to TIAA-CREF investment options within their employer-sponsored plan. Many upcoming retirees who have TIAA-CREF encounter confusion about how the TIAA Traditional Annuity option works, and in particular, how it works when you want to.

Chapter 8 : Understanding TIAA-CREF: How to Plan for a Secure and Comfortable Retirement

TIAA-CREF, the retirement plan of many university professors and administrators as well as others, has escaped much of the increasing criticism of (k)-type plans. A number of academics with TIAA-CREF are even unaware that it is a (k)-type plan, thinking that the growing criticisms of (k)s don't apply to their situation.

Chapter 9 : TIAA Secure Account Access

TIAA is a nonprofit organization that provides investment and insurance services for those working in education, medicine, culture and research. It went by the name TIAA-CREF, short for.