## Your Retirement. Your Way.

## Increase your contribution today

Congratulations, Jane Sample. You've made an important financial decision to invest in the ABC Company 401(k) Retirement Plan. You probably had a retirement savings goal in mind when you joined the plan. Many experts recommend that you aim for replacing between $70 \%$ and $90 \%$ of your current income in retirement. If you increase your contribution to your plan, you may increase your ability to meet your retirement goal.

Your personal planner inside shows how easy increasing your contribution can be. This information is confidential and never shared with anyone. It may or may not be current or accurate. It is designed to give you relevant examples only.

Important retirement information for Jane Sample

## Consider increasing your contribution to meet your company's match.

## Consider your contribution amount

Your retirement plan is often considered one of the best places to save for retirement. Contributing to the plan can help you get to your dreams faster. You have many advantages when you contribute to the plan. Two of them are listed below.

- Pre-tax savings. Contributions to your plan are deducted from your salary before taxes, so your income tax is reduced while you save.
- Tax-deferred compounding. In your plan, your money has a chance to grow without being reduced by current taxes.
- Generous match. Your employer is offering a valuable incentive to save.


## Don't stop now

The ABC Company's retirement plan matches $\$ 0.50$ for every dollar you put in, up to $6 \%$ of your pay. Even if you're already contributing enough - or more than enough - to get the full match, think about increasing your contributions even more. You'll be surprised at the difference increasing your contribution rate by just $1 \%$ could make.

For example, based on your current annual salary of $\$ 65,000.00$, if you increase your contributions by $1 \%$ - or about $\$ 54.17$ a month - and your account earns an average annual return of $6 \%$, when you retire at age 65, you could have $\$ 56,058.74$ more in your account. Up your increase by $2 \%-$ or $\$ 108.33$ a month - and your extra savings could total $\$ 112,117.48$.

Increasing your contributions on a regular basis - say, on your job anniversary date, the New Year, or your birthday - could make a big difference at retirement time.
*This investment return is hypothetical and doesn't represent any investment offered by your plan. Your investment results will be different.

## For Jane Sample

This personalized savings illustration is intended to show you how your pre-tax contributions affect your account. The figures below are based on assumptions that may or may not be current or accurate.
Annual Pay: \$65,000.00
Tax Marital Status: Single
Exemptions: 0

Employer Match Amount: $\$ 0.50$ per $\$ 1$ up to $6 \%$ of pay

## Contributions and Your Paycheck

| Contribution Percentage | 2\% | 4\% | 6\% | 8\% | 10\% |
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| Current Bi-weekly Pay | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| Pre-tax Contribution | \$50.00 | \$100.00 | \$150.00 | \$200.00 | \$250.00 |
| Taxable Income | \$2,450.00 | \$2,400.00 | \$2,350.00 | \$2,300.00 | \$2,250.00 |
| Less |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Federal Income Tax | \$407.69 | \$395.19 | \$382.69 | \$370.19 | \$357.69 |
| - Social Security Tax | \$141.25 | \$141.25 | \$141.25 | \$141.25 | \$141.25 |
| Take-home Pay | \$1,901.06 | \$1,863.56 | \$1,826.06 | \$1,788.56 | \$1,751.06 |
| Net Effect |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Your Account Contribution | \$50.00 | \$100.00 | \$150.00 | \$200.00 | \$250.00 |
| - Reduction in Take-home Pay | \$37.50 | \$75.00 | \$112.50 | \$150.00 | \$187.50 |

## Company Matching Contributions

| Your Bi-weekly Contribution | $\$ 50.00$ | $\$ 100.00$ | $\$ 150.00$ | $\$ 200.00$ | $\$ 250.00$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Matching Contribution Amount | $\$ 25.00$ | $\$ 50.00$ | $\$ 75.00$ | $\$ 75.00$ | $\$ 75.00$ |
| Total Bi-weekly Contribution | $\$ 75.00$ | $\$ 150.00$ | $\$ 225.00$ | $\$ 275.00$ | $\$ 325.00$ |
| Total Annual Contribution (includes match) | $\$ 1,950.00$ | $\$ 3,900.00$ | $\$ 5,850.00$ | $\$ 7,150.00$ | $\$ 8,450.00$ |
| Total Cost to You (includes tax savings) | $\$ 975.00$ | $\$ 1,950.00$ | $\$ 2,925.00$ | $\$ 3,900.00$ | $\$ 4,875.00$ |

## Savings Growth Over Time

Assumes 6\% Investment Return

- In 5 years
- In 10 years
- In 15 years
- In 20 years
- In 25 years
- In 30 years

| $\$ 11,338$ | $\$ 22,675$ | $\$ 34,013$ | $\$ 41,571$ | $\$ 49,130$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 26,630$ | $\$ 53,261$ | $\$ 79,891$ | $\$ 97,645$ | $\$ 115,398$ |
| $\$ 47,258$ | $\$ 94,516$ | $\$ 141,774$ | $\$ 173,279$ | $\$ 204,785$ |
| $\$ 75,082$ | $\$ 150,163$ | $\$ 225,245$ | $\$ 275,299$ | $\$ 325,354$ |
| $\$ 112,612$ | $\$ 225,223$ | $\$ 337,835$ | $\$ 412,909$ | $\$ 487,983$ |
| $\$ 163,234$ | $\$ 326,467$ | $\$ 489,701$ | $\$ 598,524$ | $\$ 707,346$ |

## It's easy to increase your contribution!

- Log onto the web at www.sampleabccompany.com.
- Call 800-123-4567.
- Dial the VRU number: 800-123-4567.


## Small savings can grow



You might feel it is hard to find a little more to save. One approach is to give your plan a raise every time you get a raise. You can also look for ways to budget for small savings that can really add up over time. Here are some ideas where you may find a few more dollars to fund your future.

## Small Sacrifices

|  | Unit price | Per week | Per year | If invested in <br> plan for $\mathbf{4 0}$ yrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 specialty coffee | $\$ 4.00$ | $\$ 28.00$ | $\$ 1,460.00$ | $\$ 537,471$ |
| 1 movie per week | $\$ 10.00$ | $\$ 10.00$ | $\$ 521.00$ | $\$ 191,954$ |
| 1 candy bar per day | $\$ 0.70$ | $\$ 4.90$ | $\$ 255.50$ | $\$ 94,057$ |

Assumes 4\% annual price inflation, deposits to plan at the end of each month, and 7\% average annual returns, net of fees, no taxes apply. There are 52.143 weeks in a 365 -day year. Newkirk Products, Inc. Research, 2011.

## Take action today

Increasing your contributions can make a long-term financial difference to help you reach your retirement dreams.

To increase your contributions online, log into www.sampleabccompany.com. For more information or to speak to a representative, please call 800-123-4567 (M-F between $8 \mathrm{am}-8 \mathrm{pm}$ ). You may also increase your contribution by calling the VRU at 800-123-4567.

