

# IRA Test for Financial Advisors

The following questions provide a quick way to test your advisor's understanding of the rules concerning required distributions from IRAs, qualified retirement plans and TSAs

- 1) What IRS publication form number is titled "Individual Retirement Arrangements"?
- 2) What are the only two things that cannot be used for a self-directed IRA?
- 3) How many Trustee-to-trustee transfers can be performed on an IRA in a 12 month period?
- 4) How many 60-day rollover transfers can be performed on an IRA in a 12 month period?
- 5) Explain the difference between a *Designated Beneficiary* and a recipient named on a beneficiary designation form? [§1.401(a)(9)-4, A-1]
- 6) What is the deadline to establish separate accounts that allow the beneficiary of each respective separate account to use his or her own life expectancy when computing the maximum stretch-out potential? [§1.401(a)(9)-8, A-3]
- 7) List the four requisites a revocable trust must fulfill in order for it to serve as a suitable beneficiary of an IRA, TSA or qualified retirement plan?
- 8) How do you determine the applicable distribution period for required distributions following a participant's post-RBD death if the account has no Designated Beneficiary?
- 9) If a QTIP trust is used as a beneficiary for a qualified plan, what resource document spells out the guidelines that such a trust must follow in order to qualify for the marital deduction and also satisfy the minimum distribution rules?

You will know that you have connected with a knowledgeable planning professional if he or she can readily answer these questions. In the event you receive a vague or evasive response, please contact another professional. The decisions you must make are too important to rely on guesswork or incompetent advice.