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- Sam was born November 1, 1971
- ► He is an HCE in a 401(k) plan with a June 30 plan year
- ► For the plan year ending 6/30/21, Sam had a \$6,500 catch-up
- ▶ Sam dies 8/1/21
- Sam is catch-up eligible for all of 2021 since that is the year his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday would have occurred

EXAMPLE: AGE 50















No option	s here	9				
The law o	does n	ot give an o	ption			
► Who ree	ceives	distributions o	of excess co	ontributions		
► Whose	deferra	lls are rechara	acterized as	s catch-ups		/
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► Distribu	te inste	ead of rechara	ecterize Excess	Distribute	Recharacterize	
				Distribute \$4,000	Recharacterize \$0	
Participant	Age	Deferral	Excess			





# Limited choices Plan choice: Allow catch-ups Not allow catch-ups Participant choice Whether to defer How much to defer Everything else is automatic

































Payda	ay compu	tation	IS	
Month	Comp	%	Limit	Catch-up adding monthly
Jan	5,000	10	500	limits = \$7,200 - \$5,220 =
Feb	5,000	10	500	. , . ,
Mar	5,000	10	500	\$1,980
Apr	5,000	10	500	► Weighted average limit = 8%
Мау	5,000	7	350	X \$66.000 = \$5.280
June	5,000	7	350	× \$00,000 = \$3,200
July	6,000	7	420	► Weighted average catch-up =
Aug	6,000	7	420	\$1,920
Sep	6,000	7	420	¢.,•=•
Oct	6,000	7	420	
Nov	6,000	7	420	
Dec	6,000	7	420	
Total	66,000	8	5220	

# Example: Comp definition

- Cold Molasses, Inc. limits HCEs to deferring 10% of gross compensation (plus catch-ups)
- ▶ Plan computes ADP on comp net of deferrals
- ▶ In 2021, Elmer defers \$11,000
  - ► Gross comp: \$100,000
  - ► ADP comp: \$89,000

	Gross Comp	ADP Comp
Limit	\$10,000	\$8,900
Catch-up	\$1,000	\$2,100
ADR	11.24%	10%



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## NONDISCRIMINATION

Universal Availability

- Participants
- Plans
- Limits



All catch-up eligible participants in all applicable plans sponsored by the employer must have an <u>effective</u> <u>opportunity</u> to make the same dollar amount of catch-up contributions

 Or else plan fails 401(a)(4) nondiscrimination

# UNIVERSAL AVAILABILITY









# Permitted provisions Limit deferrals to % of pay plus portion of catch-up limit Limit total deferrals to net paycheck Limit total deferrals to 75% (or more) of gross pay Have an employer limit on HCEs and not NHCEs But can't have different limits on catch-up eligible and others





















# Average benefit percentage test



- Don't count catch-up in year contribution is made when determining the average benefit percentage
- Catch-up contributions for prior years are taken into account for purposes of section 410(b)

Category	Amount
Deferral	\$26,000
ER Contribution	\$38,500
Total	\$64,500
Less Catch-up	\$6,500
Adjusted Total	\$58,000
Compensation	\$200,000
Avg Benefit %	29%
Avg Benefit %	299







# MULTI-YEAR FISCAL YEAR EXAMPLE

Calendar years certainly make catchups easier



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# The facts

- ▶ Jo (55) starts work at Complex 1/1/19
- ► Complex 401(k) plan:
  - ► 10/31 plan year end
  - Immediate entry
  - No employer provided limit
- ▶ Jo's comp. = \$240,000/year
- ► Deferrals:
  - ▶ \$1,000/month in 2019 (\$12,000/year)
  - ▶ \$2,000/month 2020 and 2021 (\$24,000/year)

Limits	2019	2020	2021
402(g)	\$19,000	\$19,500	\$19,500
Catch-up	\$6,000	\$6,500	\$6,500
ADP	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$16,000
Jo defers	\$12,000	\$24,000	\$24,000
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# 2019: No catch-ups

- ▶ PYE 10/31/19 Deferrals: \$10,000
- ▶ 2019 CY Deferrals: \$12,000
- ► Jo isn't HCE in 2019
- ▶ 2019 402(g) limit is \$19,000



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## Plan Year Ending 10/31/20 Period Catch-ups Deferred Amount 11/1/19 - 12/31/19 401(a)(30) \$2,000 \$500 1/1/20 - 10/31/20 \$20,000 **Total Deferrals** \$22,000 Total \$500 ▶ Deferrals in ADP test: \$21,500 ► ADR = \$21,500/\$240,000 = 8.96%

### Plan Year Ending 10/31/20 Catch-ups Amount Period Deferred 11/1/19 - 12/31/19 \$2,000 401(a)(30) \$500 1/1/20 - 10/31/20 \$20,000 \$3,500 ADP \$4,000 **Total Deferrals** \$22,000 Total ▶ Deferrals in ADP test: \$21,500 ► ADR = \$21,500/\$240,000 = 8.96% ► ADP Limit is \$18,000 ► Excess deferrals = \$21,500 - \$18,000 = \$3,500 ► Recharacterized as catch-ups

Plan	Deferred	Jo	Amount
Deferrals	\$20,000	Deferrals	\$20,000
Catch-up	\$4,000	Catch-up	\$500
401(a)(30)	\$16,000	402(g)	\$19,500
Unused 401(a)(30)	\$3,500	Unused 402(g)	\$C
Unused Catch-up	\$2,500	Unused Catch-up	\$6,000
Deferral available	\$6,000	Deferral available	\$6,000

# Finish 2020



Through 10/31	Deferred	Nov. Dec. 2020	Amount
Deferrals	\$20,000	Deferrals	\$4,000
Catch-up	\$4,000	401(a)(30) defer	\$3,500
401(a)(30)	\$16,000	401(a)(30) catch-up	\$500
Unused 401(a)(30)	\$3,500	Unused 401(a)(30)	\$0
Unused Catch-up	\$2,500	Unused Catch-up	\$2,000
Deferral available	\$6,000	Deferral available	\$2,000
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### Plan Year Ending 10/31/21 2021 Catch-ups Period Deferred Amount 11/1/20 - 12/31/20 \$4,000 401(a)(30) \$500 1/1/21 - 10/31/21 \$20,000 \$24,000 \$500 **Total Deferrals** Total **Deferrals in ADP** Amount ▶ Jo's ADR: \$23,000/\$240,000 = 9.58% **Total Deferral** \$24,000 ► ADP Limit = \$16,000 12/2020 401(a)(30) catch-up \$500 ▶ Recharacterize \$6,000 as catch-up 2021 401(a)(30) catch-up ► Distribute \$1,000 of excess contributions \$500 **Deferrals in ADP** \$23,000

### Comparison 401(a)(30) vs 402(g) 10/31/2021 Plan Deferred Jo Amount Deferrals Deferrals \$20,000 \$20,000 Catch-up Catch-up \$6,500 \$500 401(a)(30) \$13,500 402(g) \$19,500 Unused 402(g) Unused 401(a)(30) \$6,000 \$0 \$6,000 Unused Catch-up \$0 **Unused Catch-up** \$6,000 Deferral available **Deferral available** \$6,000

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Finish 2021			W.
Plan	Deferred	Nov. Dec. 2021	Amount
Deferrals	\$20,000	Deferrals	\$4,000
Catch-up	\$6,500	401(a)(30) defer	\$4,000
401(a)(30)	\$13,500	401(a)(30) catch-up	\$0
Unused 401(a)(30)	\$6,000	Unused 401(a)(30)	\$2,000
Unused Catch-up	\$0	Unused Catch-up	\$0
Deferral available	\$6,000	Deferral available	\$2,000

All \$4,000 of Jo's November and December deferrals will count in the 2022 ADP test





