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Nonqualified Stretch

Spreading Out Income ... and Taxes ... For Non-Spousal Beneficiaries

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Upon Death of Owner of NQ Deferred Annuity

- Potential options:
 - 1. Lump-sum
 - 2. Annuitization
 - 3. 5-year deferral
 - 4. NQ stretch





Upon Death of Owner of NQ Deferred Annuity

Death Benefit Options: Pros and Cons					
	Pros	Cons			
Lump Sum	Immediate access to cash	All gain includable in income; no continued growth or tax deferral			
Five-Year Deferral	Ability to spread any tax over five years; may access cash as needed	All gain must be includable in income within the five-year deferral period			
Annuitization	Use of exclusion ratio, each payment is part gain and part return of basis; may elect guaranteed lifetime income	Lack of flexibility and liquidity			



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Death Benefit Options: Pros and Cons				
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NQ Stretch	Allows most flexibility; can stretch payments and taxes over lifetime but can take more as needed ³	May not qualify for exclusion ratio		



³ Taking more than the required amount will result in the loss of the exclusion ratio and remaining distributions will be taxed under the LIFO (gains first) method.



NQ Stretch Requirements

- Distributions taken over life or a period not longer than their life expectancy
- First distribution must begin within 1 year of owner's death
- Distributions must be taken at least annually
- May need to elect NQ stretch option within 60 days





Not All Carriers Allow NQ Stretches

- No regulations under Section 72(s)
- PLR 200303016¹ outlined 3 methods for satisfying requirements:
 - RMD method
 - 2. Amortization method
 - 3. Annuitization method



¹ A PLR has no reliance value other than for the particular taxpayer receiving it.



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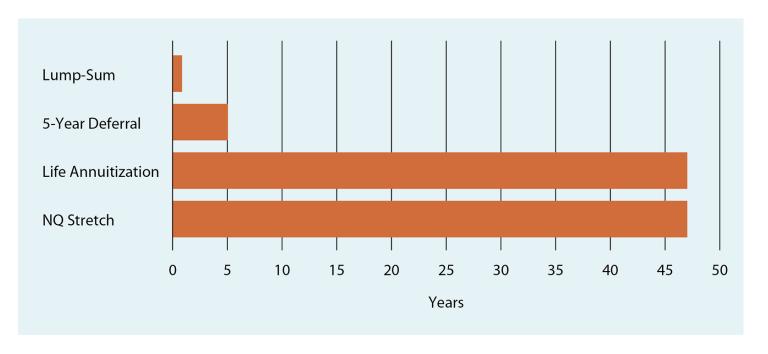
 PLR 201330016² – permitted a non-spousal beneficiary to do a 1035 exchange of one inherited NQ deferred annuity for another



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Two Forces: Time and Tax Deferral



Source for beneficiary's life expectancy of 47.6 years as illustrated for Life Annuitization and NQ Stretch from Table 1 (Single Life Expectancy; For Use by Beneficiaries); https://www.irs.gov/publications/p590b#en US 2020 publink1000231236; accessed 6/15/2022.





Revised RMD Factors

Distribution Years Before 2022						
Taxpayer's Age	Life Expectancy	Withdrawal Percentage				
72	25.6	3.91%				
73	24.7	4.05%				
74	23.8	4.20%				
75	22.9	4.37%				

Distribution Years After 2021					
Taxpayer's Age	Life Expectancy	Withdrawal Percentage			
72	27.4	3.65%			
73	26.5	3.77%			
74	25.5	3.92%			
75	24.6	4.06%			

Bottom line: smaller RMDs





A Case Study

- Sarah's father was owner & annuitant of a NQ annuity
- Value at father's death: \$500,000 w/ \$250,000 cost basis
- Sarah is 55 & married
- Couple's combined annual taxable income of \$100,000 puts them in 22% federal tax bracket





A Case Study

- All options assume a 4% future value/interest rate
- Lump sum distribution assumes combined 30% net effective federal & state tax rate
- 5-year deferral distributions assume 27% combined net effective federal & state tax rate
- Stretch distributions assume 25% net effective federal & state tax rate
- All future values of distributions assume 25% combined net effective federal & state tax rate
- Portion of NQ Stretch account value still subject to income tax





Upon Death of Owner of NQ Deferred Annuity: An Example

	Lump Sum	5-Year Deferral	NQ Stretch				
End of	Future Value of Distribution	Account Value + Future Value of Distributions	NQ Stretch Account Value		Future Value of Distributions		Total
Year 1	\$437,750	\$503,260	\$503,544	+	\$14,320	=	\$517,864
Year 5	\$492,691	\$508,551	\$512,660	+	\$80,879	=	\$593,539
Year 10	\$571,164	\$589,551	\$509,920	+	\$187,983	=	\$697,903
Year 15	\$662,136	\$683,451	\$486,988	+	\$326,558	=	\$813,546

All options assume 4% future value/ interest rate. Lump sum distribution assumes 30% combined net effective state and federal tax rate. 5-year deferral distributions assume 27% combined net effective state and federal tax rate. All future values of distributions assume 25% combined net effective state and federal tax rate on the growth in future value. Portion of NQ Stretch account value still subject to income tax. Hypothetical results for example only.

- Assuming all after-tax funds received are reinvested, in 15 years:
 - projected future value of NQ stretch account & its distributions totals \$813,546
 - compare to \$683,451 w/ 5-year deferral & \$662,136 w/ lump sum





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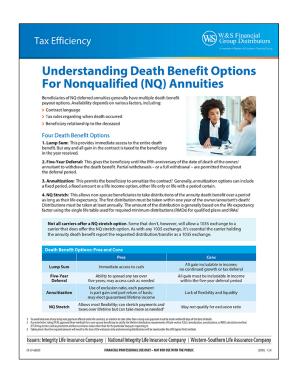
End of	Annual Distribution	Taxable Amount	Taxes	Net Distribution		
Exclusion Ratio Taxation						
Year 1	\$16,456	\$8,544	\$2,136	\$14,320		
LIFO Taxation						
Year 1	\$16,456	\$16,456	\$4,114	\$12,342		

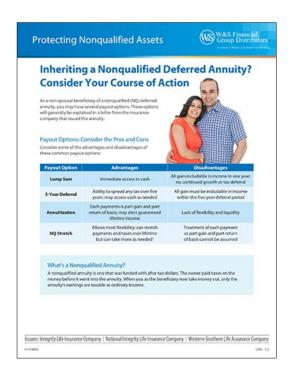
Assumes 4% future value/ interest rate on account value and 25% combined net effective state and federal tax rate on all distributions. Hypothetical results for example only.

- Use of exclusion ratio will allow for larger net distributions
- Required distributions may not always qualify for exclusion ratio
- Taking more than required amount will trigger LIFO taxation











DB Options for NQ Annuities CF-27-68020

DB Options for NQ Annuities (Client) CF-27-68028 RMD Tables: Quick Reference CF-27-68038





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