

# Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees of Small Employers (SIMPLE)–Not for Use With a Designated Financial Institution

**Do not file**  
with the Internal  
Revenue Service

Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_

establishes the following SIMPLE

IRA plan under section 408(p) of the Internal Revenue Code and pursuant to the instructions contained in this form.

**Article I—Employee Eligibility Requirements** (complete applicable box(es) and blanks—see instructions)

- 1 General Eligibility Requirements.** The Employer agrees to permit salary reduction contributions to be made in each calendar year to the SIMPLE IRA established by each employee who meets the following requirements (select either 1a or 1b):

a  **Full Eligibility.** All employees are eligible.

b  **Limited Eligibility.** Eligibility is limited to employees who are described in both (i) and (ii) below:

(i) **Current compensation.** Employees who are reasonably expected to receive at least \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in compensation (not to exceed \$5,000) for the calendar year.

(ii) **Prior compensation.** Employees who have received at least \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in compensation (not to exceed \$5,000) during any \_\_\_\_\_ calendar year(s) (insert 0, 1, or 2) preceding the calendar year.

**2 Excludable Employees.**

- The Employer elects to exclude employees covered under a collective bargaining agreement for which retirement benefits were the subject of good faith bargaining. **Note:** This box is deemed checked if the Employer maintains a qualified plan covering only such employees.

**Article II—Salary Reduction Agreements** (complete the box and blank, if applicable—see instructions)

- 1 Salary Reduction Election.** An eligible employee may make an election to have his or her compensation for each pay period reduced. The total amount of the reduction in the employee's compensation for a calendar year cannot exceed the applicable amount for that year.

**2 Timing of Salary Reduction Elections**

a For a calendar year, an eligible employee may make or modify a salary reduction election during the 60-day period immediately preceding January 1 of that year. However, for the year in which the employee becomes eligible to make salary reduction contributions, the period during which the employee may make or modify the election is a 60-day period that includes either the date the employee becomes eligible or the day before.

b In addition to the election periods in 2a, eligible employees may make salary reduction elections or modify prior elections \_\_\_\_\_ . If the Employer chooses this option, insert a period or periods (for example, semi-annually, quarterly, monthly, or daily) that will apply uniformly to all eligible employees.

c No salary reduction election may apply to compensation that an employee received, or had a right to immediately receive, before execution of the salary reduction election.

d An employee may terminate a salary reduction election at any time during the calendar year.  If this box is checked, an employee who terminates a salary reduction election not in accordance with 2b may not resume salary reduction contributions during the calendar year.

**Article III—Contributions** (complete the blank, if applicable—see instructions)

- 1 Salary Reduction Contributions.** The amount by which the employee agrees to reduce his or her compensation will be contributed by the Employer to the employee's SIMPLE IRA.

**2a Matching Contributions**

(i) For each calendar year, the Employer will contribute a matching contribution to each eligible employee's SIMPLE IRA equal to the employee's salary reduction contributions up to a limit of 3% of the employee's compensation for the calendar year.

(ii) The Employer may reduce the 3% limit for the calendar year in (i) only if:

(1) The limit is not reduced below 1%; (2) The limit is not reduced for more than 2 calendar years during the 5-year period ending with the calendar year the reduction is effective; and (3) Each employee is notified of the reduced limit within a reasonable period of time before the employees' 60-day election period for the calendar year (described in Article II, item 2a).

**b Nonelective Contributions**

(i) For any calendar year, instead of making matching contributions, the Employer may make nonelective contributions equal to 2% of compensation for the calendar year to the SIMPLE IRA of each eligible employee who has at least \$ \_\_\_\_\_ , (not more than \$5,000) in compensation for the calendar year. No more than \$250,000\* in compensation can be taken into account in determining the nonelective contribution for each eligible employee.

(ii) For any calendar year, the Employer may make 2% nonelective contributions instead of matching contributions only if:

(1) Each eligible employee is notified that a 2% nonelective contribution will be made instead of a matching contribution; and

(2) This notification is provided within a reasonable period of time before the employees' 60-day election period for the calendar year (described in Article II, item 2a).

**3 Time and Manner of Contributions**

a The Employer will make the salary reduction contributions (described in 1 above) for each eligible employee to the SIMPLE IRA established at the financial institution selected by that employee no later than 30 days after the end of the month in which the money is withheld from the employee's pay. See instructions.

b The Employer will make the matching or nonelective contributions (described in 2a and 2b above) for each eligible employee to the SIMPLE IRA established at the financial institution selected by that employee no later than the due date for filing the Employer's tax return, including extensions, for the taxable year that includes the last day of the calendar year for which the contributions are made.

\*This is the amount for 2012. For 2022 this amount is \$305,000. For later years, the limit may be increased for cost-of-living adjustments. The IRS announces the increase, if any, in a news release, in the Internal Revenue Bulletin, and on the IRS's internet website at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

Name of Employer	Name and title		
By:	Signature	Date	

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January 1, 2023

This SIMPLE IRA plan is effective  
See instructions.

### Article VII—Effective Date

Kansas City, MO 64121-9078

P.O. Box 219078  
Invesco Investment Services, Inc.

Employees who wish to withdraw from their SIMPLE IRA accounts may do so by calling Invesco at 800 959 4246 OR by sending the appropriate completed and signed Invesco IRA Distribution Form (available at [invesco.com](http://invesco.com)) to:

**Article VI—Procedures for Withdrawals** (The Employer will provide each employee with the procedures for withdrawals of contributions received by the financial institution selected by that employee, and that financial institution's name and address (by attaching that institution or inserting it in the space below) unless: (1) that financial institution's procedures are unavailable, or (2) that financial institution provides the procedures directly to the employee. See Employee Notice—  
of Contribution in the Instructions.)

4 **Eligible Employee.** An eligible employee means an employee who satisfies the conditions in Article I, item 1 and is not excluded under Article II, item 2.  
SIMPLE IRA. A SIMPLE IRA is an individual retirement account described in section 408(a), or an individual retirement annuity described in section 408(b), to which the only contributions that can be made are contributions under a SIMPLE IRA plan and rollovers or transfers from another SIMPLE IRA. Effective December 19, 2015, this SIMPLE Plan will accept rollover contributions as described in section 408(p)(1)(B) of the Code including any subsequent guidance provided by the IRS.

2 **Employee.** Employee means a common-law employee of the Employer. The term employee also includes a self-employed individual and a leased employee. Employee within the United States.

b **Compensation for Self-Employed Individuals.** For self-employed individuals, compensation means the net earnings from self-employment minded under section 402(a), without regard to section 402(C)(6), prior to subtracting any contributions made pursuant to this plan on behalf of the individual reported by the Employer on Form W-2 (as described in section 6051(a)(8)).  
SIMPLE IRA balance to any IRA or eligible retirement plan after a 2-year period has expired since the individual first participated in any SIMPLE IRA on a tax-free basis to another IRA is generally includable in gross income. However, a SIMPLE IRA balance may be rolled over or transferred if an individual withdraws an amount from SIMPLE IRA during the 2-year period beginning when the individual first participated in any SIMPLE IRA plan of the Employer. Any rollover or transfer must comply with the requirements under section 408.

a **General Definition of Compensation.** Compensation means the sum of the wages, tips, and other compensation from the Employer subject to federal income tax withholding (as described in section 6051(a)(3)), the amounts paid for domestic service in a private home, local college club, or local chapter of a college fraternity or sorority, and the employee's salary reduction contributions made under this plan, and, if applicable, elective deferrals under a section 401(k) plan, a SARSEP, or a section 403(b) plan. In addition, an individual may roll over or transfer his or her SIMPLE IRA to another IRA designed solely to hold funds under a SIMPLE IRA plan. In addition, an individual may roll over or transfer his or her SIMPLE IRA to any IRA or eligible retirement plan after a 2-year period has expired since the individual first participated in any SIMPLE IRA on a tax-free basis to another IRA is generally includable in gross income. However, a SIMPLE IRA balance may be rolled over or transferred if an individual withdraws an amount from SIMPLE IRA during the 2-year period beginning when the individual first participated in any SIMPLE IRA plan of the Employer. Any rollover or transfer must comply with the requirements under section 408.

6 **Effects of Withdrawals and Rollovers**  
Effects in Articles I, II, III, VI, and VII.  
Amendments To This SIMPLE IRA Plan. This SIMPLE IRA plan may not be amended except to modify the entries inserted in the blanks or boxes of the SIMPLE IRA to which the Employer will make all contributions on behalf of that employee.

4 **Selection of IRA Trustee.** The Employer must permit each eligible employee to select the financial institution that will serve as the trustee, custodian, wise impose any withdrawal restrictions.

3 **No Withdrawal Restrictions.** The Employer may not require the employee to retain any portion of the contributions in his or her SIMPLE IRA or otherwise. Vesting Requirements. All contributions made under this SIMPLE IRA plan are fully vested and nonforfeitable.

1 **Contributions in General.** Prior to December 19, 2015, the Employer will make no contributions to the SIMPLE IRAs other than salary reduction contributions (described in Article III, items 1) and matching of nonelective contributions (described in Article III, items 2 and 2b). Effective December 19, 2015, this SIMPLE Plan will accept rollover contributions as described in section 408(p)(1)(B) of the Code including any subsequent guidance provided by the Employer.

**Article IV—Other Requirements and Provisions**

## Model Notification to Eligible Employees

### I. Opportunity to Participate in the SIMPLE IRA Plan

You are eligible to make salary reduction contributions to the SIMPLE IRA plan. This notice and the attached summary description provide you with information that you should consider before you decide whether to start, continue, or change your salary reduction agreement.

### II. Contribution Election

For the \_\_\_\_\_ calendar year, the Employer elects to contribute to your SIMPLE IRA (employer must select either (1), (2), or (3)):

- (1)** A matching contribution equal to your salary reduction contributions up to a limit of 3% of your compensation for the year;
- (2)** A matching contribution equal to your salary reduction contributions up to a limit of \_\_\_\_\_ % (employer must insert a number from 1 to 3 and is subject to certain restrictions) of your compensation for the year; or
- (3)** A nonelective contribution equal to 2% of your compensation for the year (limited to compensation of \$250,000\*) if you are an employee who makes at least \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (employer must insert an amount that is \$5,000 or less) in compensation for the year.

### III. Administrative Procedures

To start or change your salary reduction contributions, you must complete the salary reduction agreement and return it to

\_\_\_\_\_ (employer should designate a place or individual by \_\_\_\_\_ (employer should insert a date that is not less than 60 days after notice is given).

### IV. Employee Selection of Financial Institution

You must select the financial institution that will serve as the trustee, custodian, or issuer of your SIMPLE IRA and notify your Employer of your selection.

## Model Salary Reduction Agreement

### I. Salary Reduction Election

Subject to the requirements of the SIMPLE IRA plan of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of employer) I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ % or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (which equals \_\_\_\_\_ % of my current rate of pay) to be withheld from my pay for each pay period and contributed to my SIMPLE IRA as a salary reduction contribution.

### II. Maximum Salary Reduction

I understand that the total amount of my salary reduction contributions in any calendar year cannot exceed the applicable amount for that year. See instructions.

### III. Date Salary Reduction Begins

I understand that my salary reduction contributions will start as soon as permitted under the SIMPLE IRA plan and as soon as administratively feasible or, if later, \_\_\_\_\_. (Fill in the date you want the salary reduction contributions to begin. The date must be after you sign this agreement.)

### IV. Employee Selection of Financial Institution

I select the following financial institution to serve as the trustee, custodian, or issuer of my SIMPLE IRA.

Name of financial institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address of financial institution \_\_\_\_\_

SIMPLE IRA account name and number \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must establish a SIMPLE IRA to receive any contributions made on my behalf under this SIMPLE IRA plan. If the information regarding my SIMPLE IRA is incomplete when I first submit my salary reduction agreement, I realize that it must be completed by the date contributions must be made under the SIMPLE IRA plan. If I fail to update my agreement to provide this information by that date, I understand that my Employer may select a financial institution for my SIMPLE IRA.

### V. Duration of Election

This salary reduction agreement replaces any earlier agreement and will remain in effect as long as I remain an eligible employee under the SIMPLE IRA plan or until I provide my Employer with a request to end my salary reduction contributions or provide a new salary reduction agreement as permitted under this SIMPLE IRA plan.

Signature of employee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*This is the amount for 2012. For 2022 this amount is \$305,000. For later years, the limit may be increased for cost-of-living adjustments. The IRS announces the increase, if any, in a news release, in the Internal Revenue Bulletin, and on the IRS's internet website at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).



the reduction in the employee's compensation cannot exceed the applicable amount for any calendar year. The applicable amount is \$14,000 for 2022. After 2022, the \$14,000 amount may be increased for cost of living adjustments. In the case of an eligible employee who is 50 or older by the end of the calendar year, the above limitation is increased by \$3,000 for 2022. After 2022, the \$3,000 amount may be increased for cost-of-living adjustments.

### **Timing of Salary Reduction Elections**

For any calendar year, an eligible employee may make or modify a salary reduction election during the 60-day period immediately preceding January 1 of that year. However, for the year in which the employee becomes eligible to make salary reduction contributions, the period during which the employee may make or modify the election is a 60-day period that includes either the date the employee becomes eligible or the day before.

You can extend the 60-day election periods to provide additional opportunities for eligible employees to make or modify salary reduction elections using the blank in Article II, item 2b. For example, you can provide that eligible employees may make new salary reduction elections or modify prior elections for any calendar quarter during the 30 days before that quarter.

You may use the *Model Salary Reduction Agreement* on page 3 to enable eligible employees to make or modify salary reduction elections.

Employees must be permitted to terminate their salary reduction elections at any time. They may resume salary reduction contributions for the year if permitted under Article II, item 2b. However, by checking the box in Article II, item 2d, you may prohibit an employee who terminates a salary reduction election outside the normal election cycle from resuming salary reduction contributions during the remainder of the calendar year.

### **Contributions (Article III)**

Only contributions described below may be made to this SIMPLE IRA plan. No additional contributions may be made.

#### **Salary Reduction Contributions**

As indicated in Article III, item 1, salary reduction contributions consist of the amount by which the employee agrees to reduce his or her compensation. You must contribute the salary reduction contributions to the financial institution selected by each eligible employee.

#### **Matching Contributions**

In general, you must contribute a matching contribution to each eligible employee's SIMPLE IRA equal to the employee's salary reduction contributions. This matching contribution cannot exceed 3% of the employee's compensation. See *Definition of Compensation*, below.

You may reduce this 3% limit to a lower percentage, but not lower than 1%. You cannot lower the 3% limit for more than 2 calendar years out of the 5-year period ending with the calendar year the reduction is effective.

**Note.** If any year in the 5-year period described above is a year before you first established any SIMPLE IRA plan, you will be treated as making a 3% matching contribution for that year for purposes of determining when you may reduce the employer matching contribution.

To elect this option, you must notify the employees of the reduced limit within a reasonable period of time before the applicable 60-day election periods for the year. See *Timing of Salary Reduction Elections* above.

#### **Nonelective Contributions**

Instead of making a matching contribution, you may, for any year, make a nonelective contribution equal to 2% of compensation for each eligible employee who has at least \$5,000 in compensation for the year. Nonelective contributions may not be based on more than \$305,000 of compensation.

To elect to make nonelective contributions, you must notify employees within a reasonable period of time before the applicable 60-day election periods for such year. See *Timing of Salary Reduction Elections* above.

**Note.** Insert "\$5,000" in Article III, item 2b(i) to impose the \$5,000 compensation requirement. You may expand the group of employees who are eligible for nonelective contributions by inserting a compensation amount lower than \$5,000.

#### **Rollover Contributions**

Effective December 19, 2015, this SIMPLE IRA Plan will accept rollover contributions from qualified plans under section 401(a); qualified annuities under 403(a); tax-sheltered annuities and custodial accounts under 403(b); governmental plans under section 457(b); and from traditional IRAs. Such rollovers are permitted after the SIMPLE IRA has been in existence for 2 years measured from the date of the initial contribution to the account.

### **Effective Date (Article VII)**

Insert in Article VII the date you want the provisions of the SIMPLE IRA plan to become effective. You must insert January 1 of the applicable year unless this is the first year for which you are adopting any SIMPLE IRA plan. If this is the first year for which you are adopting a SIMPLE IRA plan, you may insert any date between January 1 and October 1, inclusive of the applicable year.

### **Additional Information**

#### **Timing of Salary Reduction Contributions**

The employer must make the salary reduction contributions to the financial institution selected by each eligible employee for his or her SIMPLE IRA no later than the 30th day of the month following the month in which the amounts would otherwise have been payable to the employee in cash.

The Department of Labor has indicated that most SIMPLE IRA plans are also subject to Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Under Department of Labor regulations at 29 CFR 2510.3-102, salary reduction contributions must be made to each participant's SIMPLE IRA as of the earliest date on which those contributions can reasonably be segregated from the employer's general assets, but in no event later than the 30-day deadline described previously.

#### **Definition of Compensation**

"Compensation" means the amount described in section 6051(a)(3) (wages, tips, and other compensation from the employer subject to federal income tax withholding under section 3401(a)), and amounts paid for domestic service in a private home, local college club, or local chapter of a college fraternity or sorority. Usually, this is the amount shown in box 1 of Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement. For further information, see Pub. 15, (Circular E), Employer's Tax Guide. Compensation also includes the salary reduction contributions made under this plan, and, if applicable, compensation deferred under a section 457 plan. In determining an employee's compensation for prior years, the employee's elective deferrals under a section 401(k) plan, a SARSEP, or a section 403(b) annuity contract are also included in the employee's compensation.



