

## 2014 Tax Form 1099-R

## **Distributions from Retirement Plans**

Form 1099-R reports both full and partial distributions from your mutual fund retirement plan accounts.

- > If you have more than one retirement plan account with a taxable distribution in Virtus Mutual Funds, you will receive one consolidated Form 1099-R.
- > If you have more than one type of retirement account with us for example, a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA separate Forms 1099-R will be produced for distributions from each type of account.

Please note: BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company provides custodial and administrative services for your Virtus retirement account. We do not report distributions from retirement accounts held by other custodians.

You will receive Form 1099-R if you withdrew assets from your retirement plan account, even if you rolled them over and reinvested them in another retirement plan account within 60 days. You will also receive a Form 1099-R if you took your retirement account dividend distributions in cash, but not if they were reinvested into your retirement account. If you took more than one distribution from your retirement account in 2014, the distributions have been aggregated according to the type of distribution as defined by the IRS distribution code.

You will receive a Form 1099-R if you converted your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA in 2014.

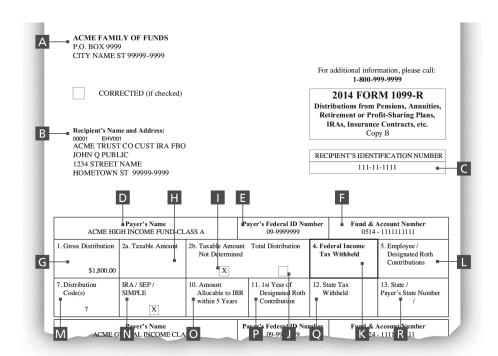
You will not receive a Form 1099-R if you arranged to move your IRA account as a trustee-to-trustee transfer of assets directly to another IRA account without taking possession of the funds.

You should have received a year-end statement in January 2015 that reports the value of your account as of December 31, 2014.

Please consult your tax advisor for guidance on reporting the information from Form 1099-R on your tax returns.



## SAMPLE 2014 TAX FORM 1099-R



- A The Fund's mailing address
- B Account registration and address
- Your Taxpayer Identification Number; this information may or may not be masked
- The Fund's name
- The Fund's Federal
  Taxpayer Identification
  Number
- Your Fund and account number
- G Total dollar amount of the distribution(s) from your retirement account in 2014
- H Taxable amount of your distribution(s)

- An "x" here indicates your Funds are unable to determine the taxable amount of your distribution(s)
- An "x" here indicates a total distribution of account assets as of 12/31/2014 (There is no share balance left)
- Amount of Federal taxes withheld from the distribution
- The portion that is your basis in a designated Roth account
- M Distribution codes identify the type of distribution(s) you received (A complete list of distribution codes appears on the back of the form)

- N Indicates if your account is a Traditional, SEP, or SIMPLE IRA
- Amount allocable to IRR within 5 years
- The 1st year you made a contribution to the designated Roth account
- Amount of State taxes withheld from the distribution, if applicable
- R The state and state ID that taxes were paid to

The information on your Form 1099-R is reported to the IRS.

In some cases, a copy of Form 1099-R must be filed with your tax return.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - IRS FORM 1099-R

| Q. Does information on Form 1099-R get reported to the IRS?   | A. Yes, tax reporting information is reported to the IRS. Form 1099-R is sent to shareholders by mutual fund companies to provide a record of both full and partial distributions from your mutual fund retirement account.  |
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| Q. Will my conversion from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA affect my tax return?  | A. Yes, converting from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA or recharacterizing a Roth IRA to a traditional IRA is reportable to the IRS. Please consult your tax advisor for assistance.  |
| Q. Why is money withheld from my IRA distribution?  | A. Federal law requires withholding on IRA distributions at a rate of 10% unless the IRA holder opts out of withholding, or elects more than 10%. This serves as a prepayment on your federal income tax and is not to be confused with any IRS penalties for premature withdrawals. Please consult your tax advisor for assistance. Those states with mandatory withholding will require state income tax to be withheld from payments if federal taxes are withheld. |
| Q. How do I know how much of my distribution is taxable on my 1099-R if there is no amount in box 2a?                         | A. If box 2a is blank and Box 2b has been checked "Taxable amount not determined," you will need to determine the taxable portion. Tax laws have permitted IRAs to hold nondeductible contributions since January 1987.  Nondeductible contributions are made using income which has already been taxed and for which no deduction has been taken. Please consult your tax advisor for assistance.   |
| Q. Why did I receive a 1099-R when I rolled my IRA distribution into another IRA within the 60-day period allowed by the IRS? | A. We are required to send Form 1099-R when a distribution from your IRA was a direct payment to you. All distributions to you are reported as either premature or normal, depending on your age. It is up to you to show that you deposited the money into an allowable product within the 60-day time period. A Form 5498 will be sent from the receiving company.   |
| Q. Am I allowed more than one IRA to IRA rollover per year?   | A. Beginning in 2015, you can make only one rollover from an IRA to another (or the same) IRA in any 12 month period, regardless of the number of IRAs you own. Please consult your tax advisor for assistance.  |
| Q. Does Virtus have a tax advisor or anyone who can help me fill out my return?   | A. Our telephone representatives will be happy to help you with any questions and information about your accounts; however, we cannot provide tax advice. For assistance in filling out your return, you should contact your tax advisor.  |