

Transfer on Death Account

Transfer on Death (TOD) is a form of securities ownership that enables you to designate beneficiaries of your assets upon your death. During your lifetime, you retain all normal rights of ownership. You can change beneficiaries or modify distribution percentages or revoke the TOD at any time, and TOD helps you avoid probate.

WILLS AND PROBATE

Probate is the legal proceeding for the administration and distribution of your property after death. The process can delay asset distribution and can be costly. Securities in your TOD account would normally bypass the probate process and be passed directly to your designated beneficiaries. TOD accounts only cover eligible assets—cash and securities (registered in street name) held at RBC Wealth Management—and it does not replace your will.

PER STIRPES

Per Stirpes is a method for distributing the estate of a deceased individual. Per Stirpes (which is Latin for “per branch”) specifies that each member or branch of a family receives an equal share of the estate. Per Stirpes can be used as either a primary or contingent beneficiary. However, distribution to the Per Stirpes group of beneficiaries will be delayed until RBC Wealth Management receives direction from the court-appointed Executor of the estate. TOD does not affect your tax liability.

FEES

There is no fee for accounts with \$250,000 or more held at RBC Wealth Management. For all other accounts, the Standard Account fee of \$140 will apply.

Contact your Financial Advisor to get started on your TOD. Review and sign the TOD Account Agreement and Disclosure Statement. Then, complete the Beneficiary Designation form and return it to your Financial Advisor. You can change or revoke your agreement (in writing) at any time.

The TOD account can be a valuable part of your estate plan and should be discussed in collaboration with your Financial Advisor and other estate planning professionals.

RBC Wealth Management does not provide tax or legal advice. All decisions regarding the tax or legal implications of your investments should be made in connection with your independent tax or legal advisor.

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