## 457/401a/403b Plan Differences

Plan Provision		457 Plan	401a Plan	403b Plan
Employee contributions		Minimum to participate – none unless specified by the employer 2023 maximum limits:  Regular limit = \$22,500  Age 50+ limit = \$30,000  3 Year Catch-Up limit = \$45,000 (3-Year Catch-Up benefit is available to qualified participants 4 years or less from normal retirement)	NA	Minimum to participate - none unless specified by the employer 2023 maximum limits:  Regular limit = \$22,500  Age 50+ limit = \$30,000  Special Catch-Up limit = \$3,000 (available to qualified participants employed 15+ years with current employer; \$3,000/yr up to 5 yrs)
Employer contributions		NA	2023 maximum limit = \$66,000	<ul> <li>2023 maximum limit = \$66,000 - including employee contributions</li> <li>2023 maximum limit = \$73,500 - if participant uses the Age 50+ limit</li> </ul>
Rollovers into RIC		Receives eligible assets from pretax and Roth 457 plans as well as Roth 401k and 403b plans	Receives eligible assets from pretax 403b, 401k, 403a, 401a plans and traditional, rollover, or SEP IRAs	Receives eligible assets from pretax 403b, 401k, 403a, 401a, 457 plans, Roth 401k and 403b plans, and traditional, rollover, or SEP IRAs
Investment providers		Employers select one or more of the RIC 457/401a active providers for their plan		All RIC 403b active providers available
Distributable events while employed	Hardship	Access to employee contributions and earnings due to extraordinary circumstances (must meet strict federal guidelines); not available for home purchase or education costs	NA	Access to employee contributions for approved financial hardship due to extraordinary circumstances (must meet strict federal guidelines); may be available for home purchase or education costs
	Loans	NA NA		Employer determines availability
	Cash Out	If total assets = \$5,000 or less and no deferrals have been made in the previous 24 months	NA	NA
	Age	Attainment of age 70 ½		Attainment of age 59 ½
	Disability	NA		Yes
Processing distributions		Requests are made directly to the provider; no employer or TPA approval required		Requests require planwithease certification
Processing provider transfers		Requests are made by completing the <u>Transfer Between RIC Providers</u> form.		Requests require planwithease certification
Early withdrawal penalty		None	Possible IRS	10% early withdrawal penalty prior to age 59 ½

For information specific to each participating employer 457 plan, go to <a href="https://das.iowa.gov/RIC/PSE/plan details">https://das.iowa.gov/RIC/PSE/plan details</a>. For information specific to each participating employer 403b plan, go to <a href="https://das.iowa.gov/RIC/403b/plan details">https://das.iowa.gov/RIC/403b/plan details</a>.