

Course Outline

Defined Benefit Plans

Two-Credit Course

Introduction

- I. Retirement Options for Plan Sponsors

Defined Benefit Plan Formulas

- II. Income Replacement Ratios
- III. Benefit Formulas
- IV. Career Average Pay Formula
- V. Final Pay Formula
- VI. Integrating Pay-Related Formulas With Social Security Benefits
- VII. Excess Formula
- VIII. Offset Formula
- IX. Service-Related Formulas

Estimated Time to Complete: 30 minutes

Funding Defined Benefit Plans

- I. Cost of a Defined Benefit Plan
- II. Actuarial Assumptions
- III. Contributions to Defined Benefit Plans
- IV. Former Funding Methods for Defined Benefit Plans
- V. Advance Funding
- VI. Advance Funding Vehicles
- VII. Minimum Funding Requirements
- VIII. Investment Risk in Defined Benefit Plans
- IX. Investment Options
- X. Other Investment Considerations for Plan Sponsors

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Defined Benefit Plan Distributions

- I. Life Annuity Payments
- II. Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuities (QJSAs)
- III. Certain and Life Annuities
- IV. Taxation of Distributions
- V. Lump-Sum Payments
- VI. Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)
- VII. Early Retirement Options
- VIII. Consequences of Early Retirement
- IX. In-Service Distributions Upon Attaining the Age of 59½
- X. Terminated Participants
- XI. Accounting Requirements for Defined Benefit Plans
- XII. Balance Sheets

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Defined Benefit Plan Termination

- I. Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC)
- II. Single Employer Insurance Program
- III. Standard Termination
- IV. Plan Freeze
- V. Distress Termination
- VI. PBGC-Initiated Termination
- VII. Termination Premiums
- VIII. Multiemployer Insurance Program
- IX. Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014 (MPRA)

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