

# 1099-Rs: Basic or Advanced & the Simplified Method

**Basic:** Boxes 1 and 2a have amounts in them. (Box 2b is irrelevant in this case.)

**Advanced:** Box 2a is empty or “0” and box 2b is checked.

**We do the simplified method whenever the 1099-R is determined to be Advanced and the taxable amount of the distribution has not been determined.**

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PAYER'S name, street address, city or town, state or province, country, ZIP or foreign postal code, and phone no.		1 Gross distribution \$	OMB No. 1545-0119  <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">2018</div>	Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc.
		2a Taxable amount \$	Form 1099-R	
PAYER'S TIN                      RECIPIENT'S TIN		2b Taxable amount not determined <input type="checkbox"/>	Total distribution <input type="checkbox"/>	Copy 1 For State, City, or Local Tax Department
RECIPIENT'S name		3 Capital gain (included in box 2a) \$	4 Federal income tax withheld \$	
		5 Employee contributions	6 Net unrealized	

**These box 7 codes are out of scope for VITA:** 5, 6, 8, 9, A, E, J, K, N, P, R, T, U, W.  
Review page D-39 of Pub 4012 to confirm all codes on the 1099-R are within scope.

## Simplified Method Worksheet

See below for some tips on completing the worksheet. It is the taxpayer's responsibility to answer the questions. If they are not sure, they need to find the answers before we can proceed.

Gross distribution amount (from 1099-R)  
\$17,500.00

Plan cost at annuity start date

«Total contribution by taxpayer over time.  
Box 9b on 1099-R.

Starting date of annuity \*

  

«When they first started taking distributions.

Check here if this is a Joint or Survivor Annuity.

«They should know the answer to this.  
(Will the surviving spouse receive money?)

Death benefit exclusion

«Ask the question but doesn't usually apply.

Age of recipient at start date \*

If joint or survivor annuity, add ages of recipients

«(If Joint or Survivor Annuity is not checked above, don't add anyone's ages.)

Number of months paid in 2017 \*

«If they've been receiving it for years, the answer is 12.  
If they just started taking distributions this year, it could be fewer than 12 months.

Amounts previously recovered

«These don't usually apply.

Public Safety Officer Exclusion

«These don't usually apply.