

Ascensus Payroll Processing Guide This guide will take you through payroll submission step-by-step.

Everything you need to manage payroll is located on the plan website.



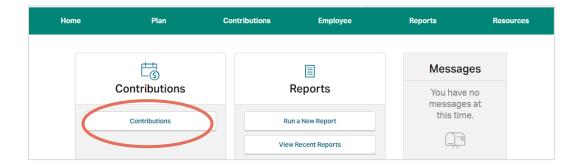
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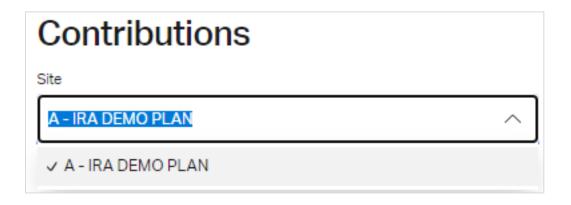
Reference for payroll terminology definitions

Manually Enter Contributions

1. Select Contributions.

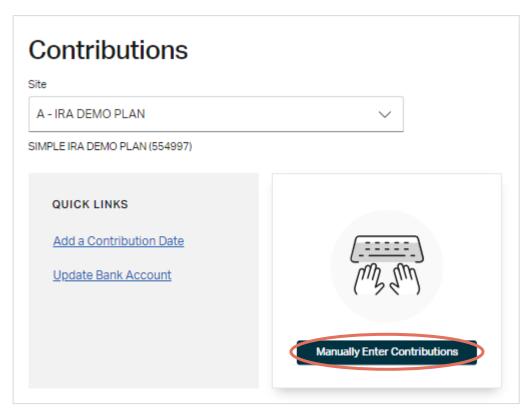


2. Select site A.





3. Select Manually Enter Contributions.





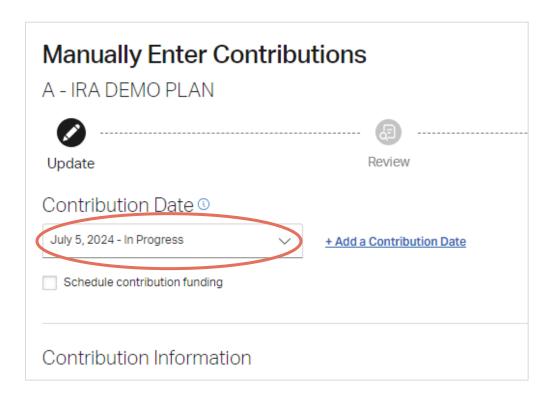
TIP: If you have already submitted a contribution that has posted to accounts, you'll have two options: **Start blank** or **Load previous contributions**. Clicking **Load previous contributions** will bring up the most recent contributions and transfer your previous employee(s) to your current contribution date. This will allow you to edit the dollar amounts listed to match your current contribution.

If you had previously started a payroll entry that has not been submitted, you will see two options: **Continue in progress** or **Reset in progress**. To continue working on the entry, select **Continue in progress**.

If there is a contribution in progress, you will not be able to submit a different contribution date until you either submit the In Progress contribution or reset (delete) the contribution in progress.



4. Select a **Contribution Date**. These dates are pre-populated with payroll dates and pay frequency information previously determined during the onboarding process. The payroll status is also displayed next to the date as **Not Started** or **In Progress**.

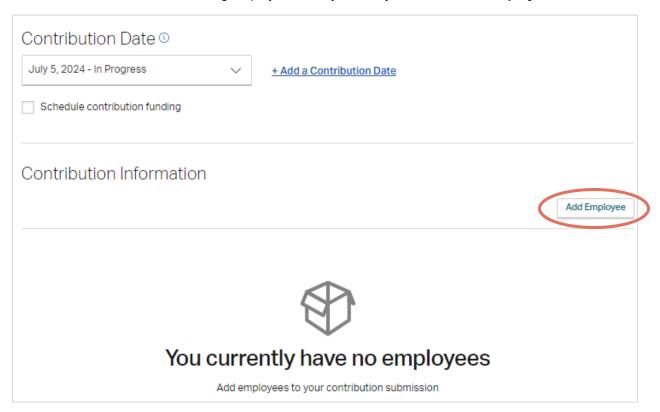




TIP: To schedule a one-time contribution date outside of your normal payroll frequency, go to the one-time contribution date section at the end of the document.



5. To enter contributions for an existing employee already in our system, click Add Employee.



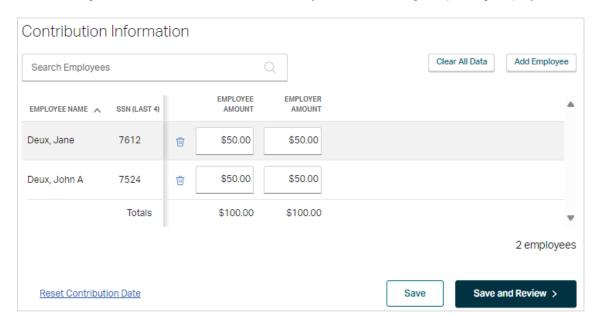


TIP: If your employee isn't listed, confirm your employee has completed the Ascensus Trust IRA new account application. If they have, you will need to wait until you receive an email confirmation from Ascensus Trust indicating your employee's account is active before you can complete this contribution.

If they haven't, you can find a link to your plan's online IRA enrollment site in the messages section of this website. Forward the link to your employee and ask them to complete the IRA new account application. Once your employee completes the application and you've received notification their account is active you can complete this contribution.



- 6. After employee(s) have been added or populated via **Load previous contribution**, you can add to or update the contribution fields for the appropriate contribution source. Detailed information about each field can be found in the glossary at the end of this document.
- 7. Select **Save and Review** to continue towards completing your payroll. This will show you the totals again and allow you to verify and update employee data as needed. **Save** is also available to select while entering data to ensure data is saved before you finish entering or updating employee data.

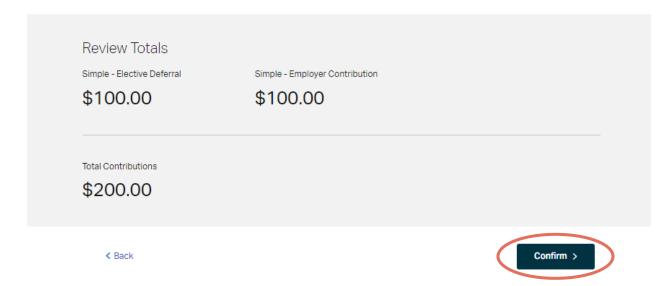


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TIP: When you are done entering or editing the data fields, you can verify the bottom **totals** match your expected contribution totals.

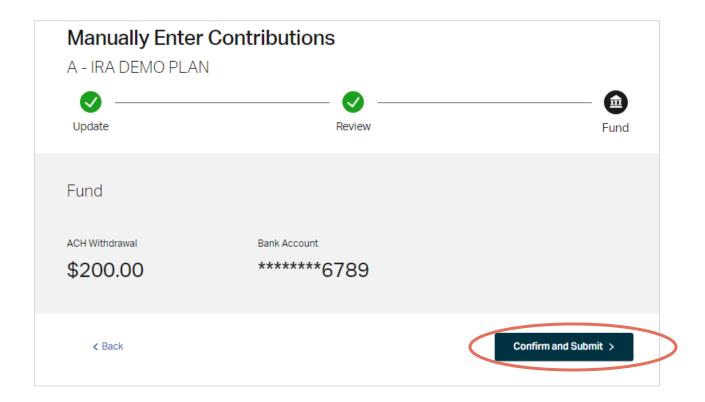


8. The Review Totals step displays the amounts being funded to each contribution source. If the totals match the intended contribution amounts, select **Confirm** to continue or select **Back** in the lower left to make updates.





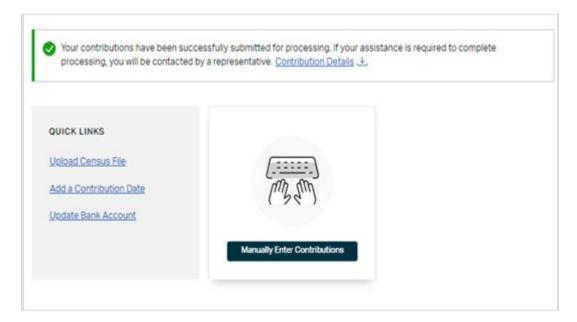
Next, you will see a read-only view of the total ACH withdrawal and the bank account to be used. Select Confirm and Submit.



TIP: After submission, you will receive an Automated Funding Request (AFR) email that confirms the contribution date, site, contribution source totals, funding instructions, if applicable, and whether contributions are funded via Automated Clearing House (ACH), check, or wire transfer.



10. After submission, you'll be directed to the Contributions home page where you can review the **Contribution Details** by downloading an excel spreadsheet in the banner or below in the **Tracking Details** section of the page.



11. Verify the status of your submitted file under **Tracking Details**, which also keeps you informed of the steps that remain before contributions are posted to participant accounts.



Congratulations! You have now successfully submitted your payroll.

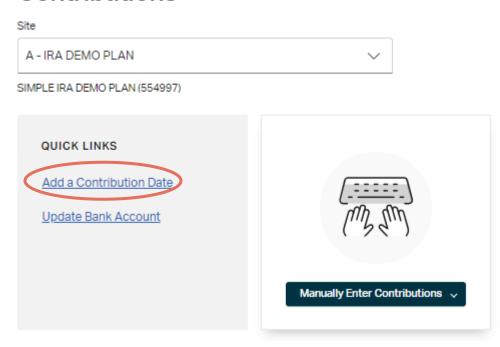


Add One-Time Contribution Date

To schedule a one-time contribution date outside your normal payroll frequency, proceed with the following steps.

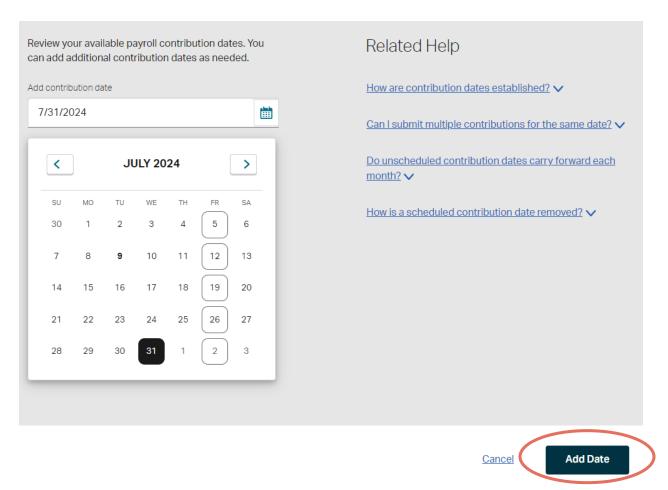
1. From the Contributions home page, select Add a Contribution Date.

Contributions





2. Select a contribution date from the calendar.



Contribution dates cannot be added if they are more than 18 months in the past. To submit a contribution older than 18 months, please contact your client service team.

Once a date has been chosen, you will receive the confirmation below and can start a new payroll.





Glossary

Employee Amount

Pre-tax employee contributions that reduce your employee's taxable income.

Employer Amount

Contributions made by the employer to a SEP or SIMPLE IRA

Site

The term "site" refers to distinct groups of employees and pay frequencies that may correlate to a different location or division of the company. For example, you may have hourly employees who are paid on a different pay frequency than your salaried employees. Or you may have an east location that funds payroll from a different bank account than the west location. In these instances, different "sites" would need to be set up in the plan.