

Examples illustrating withdrawal of Retirement Account savings above Basic Retirement Sum using a property bought with CPF savings

Note :

- 'Retirement Account (RA) balance' below refers to the savings that the member has set aside in his Retirement Account (RA). It excludes interest earned, any government grants received and top-ups made under Retirement Sum Topping-up Scheme.
- "P+I" refers to the CPF savings used towards the property plus the accrued interest.

EXAMPLE 1:

Where RA balance after withdrawal and P+I is more than Full Retirement Sum		
A.	Initial RA balance	: \$176,000
B.	Amount that member would like to withdraw from RA	: \$ 88,000
C.	Remaining RA balance after withdrawal [i.e. A – B]	: \$ 88,000
D.	Total CPF savings used for property plus accrued interest at point of RA withdrawal [i.e. P+I]	: \$100,000
E.	Remaining RA balance after withdrawal + (P+I) [i.e. C+D]	: \$188,000, which is more than his Full Retirement Sum

Member will have \$88,000 remaining in his RA if he withdraws \$88,000. As the remaining RA balance and his P+I of \$100,000 is enough to make up his Full Retirement Sum of \$176,000* should he sell/transfer his property in future, he may withdraw the \$88,000 from his RA.

* The Basic Retirement Sum and Full Retirement Sum for members who turn 55 between January 2019 and December 2019 are \$88,000 and \$176,000 respectively.

EXAMPLE 2:

Where RA balance after withdrawal and P+I is equal to the Full Retirement Sum		
A.	Initial RA balance	: \$128,000
B.	Amount that member would like to withdraw from RA	: \$ 40,000
C.	Remaining RA balance after withdrawal [i.e. A – B]	: \$ 88,000
D.	Total CPF savings used for property plus accrued interest at point of RA withdrawal [i.e. P+I]	: \$ 88,000
E.	Remaining RA balance after withdrawal + (P+I) [i.e. C+D]	: \$176,000, which is equal to his Full Retirement Sum

Member will have \$88,000 remaining in his RA if he withdraws \$40,000. As the remaining RA balance and his P+I of \$88,000 is enough to make up his Full Retirement Sum of \$176,000 should he sell/transfer his property in future, he may withdraw the \$40,000 from his RA.

EXAMPLE 3:

Where RA balance after withdrawal and P+I is less than the Full Retirement Sum		
A.	Initial RA balance	: \$176,000
B.	Amount that member would like to withdraw from RA	: \$ 88,000
C.	Remaining RA balance after withdrawal [i.e. A – B]	: \$ 88,000
D.	Total CPF savings used for property plus accrued interest at point of RA withdrawal [i.e. P+I]	: \$ 70,000
E.	Remaining RA balance after withdrawal + (P+I) [i.e. C+D]	: \$158,000, which is less than his Full Retirement Sum

Member will have \$88,000 remaining in his RA if he were to withdraw \$88,000. The remaining RA balance and his P+I of \$70,000 is not enough to make up his Full Retirement Sum of \$176,000. Hence, for him to withdraw \$88,000, he will need to pledge to refund an additional \$18,000 to his RA, on top of his P+I, should he sell/transfer his property in future. This withdrawal is subject to a few conditions including current value of the property, outstanding loan(s) on the property and owner(s)' share in the property. Alternatively, he can choose to withdraw \$70,000 without a property pledge.

EXAMPLE 4:

Where RA balance after withdrawal and P+I is less than the Full Retirement Sum		
A.	Initial RA balance	: \$128,000
B.	Amount that member would like to withdraw from RA	: \$ 40,000
C.	Remaining RA balance after withdrawal [i.e. A – B]	: \$ 88,000
D.	Total CPF savings used for property plus accrued interest at point of RA withdrawal [i.e. P+I]	: \$ 10,000
E.	Remaining RA balance after withdrawal + (P+I) [i.e. C+D]	: \$ 98,000, which is less than his Full Retirement Sum

Member will have \$88,000 remaining in his RA if he were to withdraw \$40,000. The remaining RA balance and his P+I of \$10,000 is not enough to make up his Full Retirement Sum of \$176,000. Hence, for him to withdraw \$40,000, he will need to pledge to refund the withdrawal amount of \$40,000 to his RA, on top of his P+I, should he sell/transfer his property in future. This withdrawal is subject to a few conditions including current value of the property, outstanding loan(s) on the property and owner(s)' share in the property.