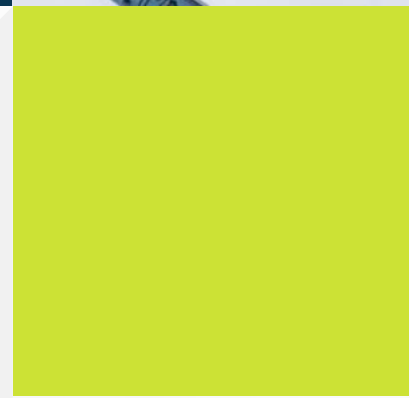
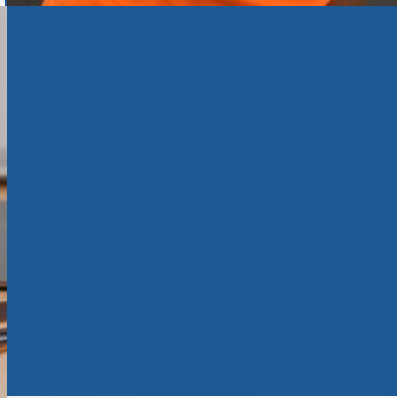
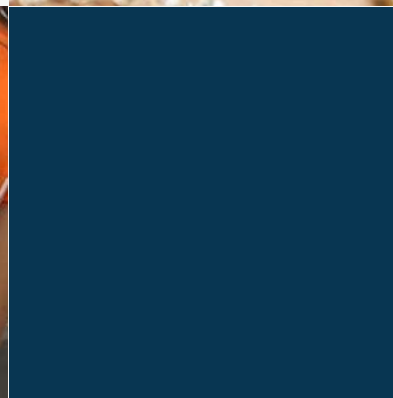


# Navigating the Journey to Retirement

A Comprehensive Guide





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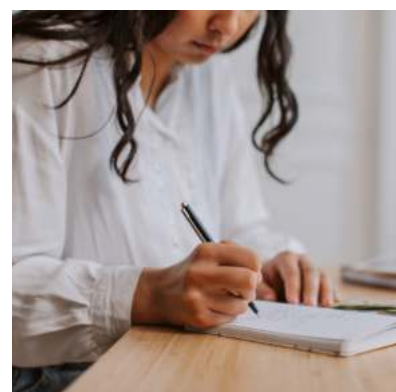
In creating a financial foundation into retirement, it's important to take the following five financial steps.


## 04 Questions to Ask

Before meeting with a financial advisor to discuss your options for early retirement, it's helpful to have a list of questions to ask to ensure you get the most out of the consultation.

## 05 Get Help

If you're considering retiring, there are a number of resources available to help you plan for and pursue this goal.





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LET'S GET STARTED

# Welcome

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If you're considering retiring from your current company or have an offer to take a retirement package, you may be feeling a mix of emotions – from excitement at the prospect of a new chapter in your life to fear about the unknown. But with careful planning and preparation, you can successfully transition into retirement and enjoy your golden years.

As a valued investment fiduciary with over 30 years of experience, we at Total Clarity Wealth Management have created this guide to help you navigate the process of retiring. Our team is here to work with you to create a customized retirement plan that manages your individual needs and goals.



# Basic Steps

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Transitioning into retirement from your job can be a challenging journey, but by taking the right steps, you can set yourself up for a successful and fulfilling early retirement.

Basic Steps to Consider are:

**Understand the terms of your departure from the company.**



**Assess your financial situation and create a plan for retirement.**





**Explore your options for what you want to do during retirement.**

**Consider other options such as consulting, starting a business, or part-time work.**



**Update your resume and LinkedIn profile, and stay connected with your professional network.**



**Prioritize self-care and stay connected with friends, family, and your community.**

**Stay positive and focus on the opportunities that retirement can provide.**



The background features a blurred image of a desk with financial tools. On the left, a silver calculator is visible. In the center, a dark red pen with a gold band lies diagonally. On the right, there are several documents, including one with a line graph showing a green line with black dots. The text 'U.S. Average' is visible on one of the documents. The overall scene is related to finance and data analysis.

# 5 Crucial Financial Steps to Take



# 5 Financial Steps

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Of all the steps, there are several crucial financial aspects to consider. Retiring requires careful planning and preparation. For a smooth transition into retirement, bear these things in mind:

1

## **UNDERSTAND THE TERMS OF YOUR DEPARTURE FROM THE COMPANY**

This includes any financial compensation, benefits, and other considerations. Make sure to review any documents or agreements provided by your employer and seek the advice of a financial planner or attorney if necessary.

2

## **EVALUATE YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION**

This includes evaluating your savings, debts, and expenses, and creating a plan for managing your finances during retirement. Consider setting up a budget, paying off any outstanding debts, and determining how you will generate income during retirement.

3

## **EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS FOR GENERATING INCOME DURING RETIREMENT**

Consider sources such as Social Security, a pension, or investment income. It's important to carefully consider your financial situation and to ensure that you have a solid plan in place before transitioning into retirement.

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## **CONSIDER DOWNSIZING YOUR LIVING SITUATION**

Reducing expenses by downsizing your home or relocating to a lower cost-of-living area can help you manage your finances more effectively during retirement.

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## **SEEK THE ADVICE OF A FINANCIAL PLANNER OR ATTORNEY**

These professionals can help you navigate the process of retiring from your current company and ensure that you are receiving a fair deal. They can also provide guidance on managing your finances during retirement.

# Now what?

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- Once you have a clear understanding of your financial situation, start thinking about what you want to do during retirement. This could **include traveling, pursuing hobbies and interests**, volunteering, or simply relaxing and enjoying time with family and friends. **Consider what is most important to you** and how you want to spend your time in retirement.
- If you're not ready to fully retire, consider other options such as consulting, starting a business, or seeking part-time or contract work. This can help you **stay engaged and provide additional income**. Carefully consider your options and find something that will give you a sense of purpose and fulfillment during retirement.



- Before you retire, **update your resume** and LinkedIn profile to reflect your skills and experience. This can be useful if you decide to look for new employment or pursue consulting work in the future. Inform your professional network that you are retiring and consider reaching out to them for potential opportunities. **Staying connected with your professional network**, even after you retire, can be beneficial as new opportunities may arise.



- As you transition into retirement, **prioritize self-care activities** such as exercise, meditation, or hobbies that you enjoy. Retirement can be stressful and isolating, so be sure to stay connected with friends, family, and your professional network. Join a group or club, volunteer, or take classes to stay engaged and connected. Find activities that bring you joy and **help you stay connected** with others to feel fulfilled and happy during retirement.



- Staying positive and focusing on the opportunities that retirement can offer is crucial. This can be a time to **pursue new interests and passions** and begin a new phase of your life. Embrace the chance to start a fresh chapter instead of dwelling on any fears or uncertainties.

# Questions to Ask

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If you are not sure where to start, it may be helpful to speak with a financial advisor. They can help you understand your options and create a plan that meets your financial needs and goals. Some questions you may want to ask a financial advisor include:

- How will this transition affect my income and my future plans?
- How can I ensure that my retirement income will last throughout my life?
- What should I do to prepare for the transition?
- How can I minimize my taxes?
- How can I protect my assets for my family?



# Get Help

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**Our advisors will thoroughly review your documents and financial information**

**Help you make a decision on your terms**



**Coordinate your investment, tax and estate plans so they are all working together... because it matters**



# Get In Touch



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