



# DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN CASH BALANCE PLAN TIMELINE

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**Creating a New Defined Benefit/Cash Balance Plan  
Flow Chart of Procedures**

| Task                         | Things To Do                                                                                                                                                                                   | Complete |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Gather <i>Basic</i> Data     |                                                                                                                                                                                                |          |
|                              | Prepare illustration                                                                                                                                                                           | √        |
|                              | Preview Illustration with Client and CPA                                                                                                                                                       | √        |
|                              | Make any Requested Changes/Adjustments                                                                                                                                                         | √        |
| Decision to Proceed          |                                                                                                                                                                                                |          |
|                              | Gather <i>Detailed</i> Information                                                                                                                                                             |          |
|                              | Client Signs Detailed Information Form                                                                                                                                                         |          |
|                              | Client Pays Installation Fee                                                                                                                                                                   |          |
| Plan Legal Documents Created |                                                                                                                                                                                                |          |
|                              | Legal Documents Sent to Client For Signature                                                                                                                                                   |          |
|                              | Plan Established, Tax ID Number Obtained                                                                                                                                                       |          |
| Plan Established             |                                                                                                                                                                                                |          |
|                              | Open Plan's Investment Account                                                                                                                                                                 |          |
|                              | Client Signs New Account Paperwork                                                                                                                                                             |          |
| Client Orientation           |                                                                                                                                                                                                |          |
|                              | Explain Where and How to Send Contributions                                                                                                                                                    |          |
|                              | Explain Funding Deadlines                                                                                                                                                                      |          |
| Miscellaneous                |                                                                                                                                                                                                |          |
|                              | Obtain ERISA Fidelity Bond: <i>These fidelity bonds are required by the U.S. Department of Labor to protect an employee benefit plan against losses caused by acts of fraud or dishonesty.</i> |          |
| Annual Administration        |                                                                                                                                                                                                |          |
|                              | At the End of Each Plan Year Data is Requested by the Plan Administrator                                                                                                                       |          |
|                              | Complete Updated Census of all Employees                                                                                                                                                       |          |
|                              | Census Includes Hours Worked, W-2s, W-3, any Dates of Termination, Dates of Birth and Hire for all new Employees                                                                               |          |