

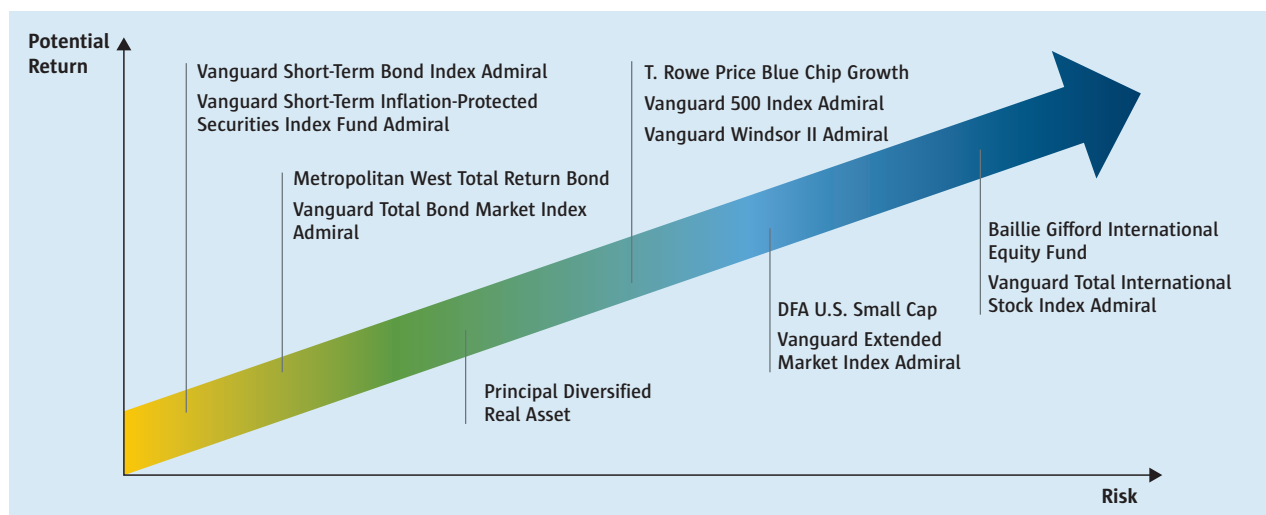
# Choosing Your NC 403(b) Program Investments

Taking a thoughtful approach to selecting a mix of investments designed to suit your needs can help you manage unforeseen risk in the markets as you work to save for a secure retirement.

## TWO APPROACHES AVAILABLE—CHOOSE YOUR OWN OR USE GOALMAKER

You can select your own investments from those offered in the NC 403(b) Program's investment lineup, or you can elect GoalMaker®, an optional, easy-to-use asset allocation program available at no additional cost. The Supplemental Retirement Board of Trustees works to leverage the size of our Program to make available these diverse, high-quality investment options, at very competitive costs.

### Option 1: Choose your own investment options<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Registered Mutual Funds

Keep in mind that every investment has some degree of risk—and potential reward. If an investment offers little risk of losing money, it may also offer less chance for high returns. An investment with greater risk may offer a higher chance for returns. There is no guarantee that a higher-risk investment will provide greater returns.

### Option 2: Use GoalMaker\*

With GoalMaker, simply answer a few questions and you're on your way toward choosing the model portfolio you feel works best for you. (The GoalMaker model portfolios are shown on the reverse.)

#### When you enroll in GoalMaker, your model portfolio will:

- Rebalance each quarter
- Automatically adjust as you approach retirement

\*Investment of your account balance according to a GoalMaker portfolio can and will be canceled at any time if you direct Prudential to invest your account according to an investment allocation of your own design. The GoalMaker model portfolios are subject to change as directed by your plan administrator, including, for example, the replacement of investment options and the change of investment options as a percentage of the portfolio. You will be notified in writing in advance of any such changes.

## GoalMaker features

### Rebalancing

Each quarter, your investments automatically reset to align with your model portfolio's original asset allocation.

### Age Adjustment

Your investment mix will automatically adjust to a more conservative mix of funds as you approach retirement.

### What kind of investor are you?

- **Aggressive investors** generally seek to maximize investment returns and can tolerate substantial market fluctuations.
- **Moderate investors** generally are willing to sacrifice safety of principal for potentially greater returns, and can tolerate modest market fluctuations.
- **Conservative investors** generally are concerned about short-term ups and downs in the market, and want to minimize risk and maintain principal.

For more information about your investments, or to change your investment elections, visit [NCPlans.prudential.com](https://www.ncplans.prudential.com).

## GoalMaker portfolios\*

### Aggressive

	YEARS UNTIL RETIREMENT						YEARS AFTER RETIREMENT			
	26+	21-25	16-20	11-15	6-10	0-5	0-5	6-10	11+	
Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund Admiral (VBIRX)	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	8%	14%	17%	
Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund Admiral (VTAPX)	0	0	0	0	1	3	8	14	17	
Principal Diversified Real Asset Fund (PDARX)	10	10	9	9	7	6	4	3	3	
Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fund (MWTSX)	2	2	7	13	21	27	26	19	19	
Vanguard 500 Index Fund Admiral (VFIAX)	34	34	32	30	28	27	25	24	21	
DFA US Small Cap Fund Institutional (DFSTX)	14	14	14	12	10	10	8	6	6	
Baile Gifford International Equity Fund (BGIKX)	40	40	38	36	32	24	21	20	17	
Total percent	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

### Moderate

	YEARS UNTIL RETIREMENT						YEARS AFTER RETIREMENT			
	26+	21-25	16-20	11-15	6-10	0-5	0-5	6-10	11+	
Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund Admiral (VBIRX)	0%	0%	0%	3%	6%	10%	14%	19%	22%	
Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund Admiral (VTAPX)	0	0	0	0	2	5	9	16	22	
Principal Diversified Real Asset Fund (PDARX)	9	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3	
Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fund (MWTSX)	6	13	21	28	33	36	34	27	23	
Vanguard 500 Index Fund Admiral (VFIAX)	33	30	27	24	21	19	18	16	14	
DFA US Small Cap Fund Institutional (DFSTX)	14	12	12	10	8	6	6	4	4	
Baile Gifford International Equity Fund (BGIKX)	38	36	32	28	24	19	15	14	12	
Total percent	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

### Conservative

	YEARS UNTIL RETIREMENT						YEARS AFTER RETIREMENT			
	26+	21-25	16-20	11-15	6-10	0-5	0-5	6-10	11+	
Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund Admiral (VBIRX)	0%	0%	4%	8%	12%	17%	22%	25%	26%	
Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund Admiral (VTAPX)	0	0	0	3	6	10	15	19	24	
Principal Diversified Real Asset Fund (PDARX)	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	
Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fund (MWTSX)	21	31	37	41	42	41	36	33	29	
Vanguard 500 Index Fund Admiral (VFIAX)	27	24	20	17	14	13	11	10	9	
DFA US Small Cap Fund Institutional (DFSTX)	12	10	8	8	6	4	4	2	2	
Baile Gifford International Equity Fund (BGIKX)	32	28	25	18	16	12	9	9	8	
Total percent	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

\*Registered Mutual Funds

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