Why Choose a RRIF vs an Annuity?

	RRIF	Annuity
Flexibility	There is a minimum amount you have to withdraw each year, but you can take out as much as you like over and above that amount.	An annuity is set up to give you a regular income – you can't draw out extra money from time to time.
Estate Protection	If you have a surviving spouse when you pass away, the value of your RRIF can be transferred to the survivor's RRIF on a tax-deferred basis. If there is no surviving spouse, the value of the RRIF is taxed on your final tax return, leaving an after-tax value to pass along to your beneficiaries.	Payments from an annuity continue after your death only if you have chosen a joint and last survivor annuity, or a guarantee period. Both options will reduce your initial income from the annuity.
Investment Risk	You're responsible for investing the funds in your RRIF to ensure that they provide you with the return you projected and that the funds are available rather than locked in to a long-term investment when you need them.	With an annuity, the insurance company bears the investment risk.
Possibility of Outliving Your Money	If investment returns don't meet your expectations, there is a chance that your RRIF will not last for your lifetime.	Payments from a life annuity are guaranteed for your lifetime, no matter how long you live.

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