



Financial Circular Letter

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To: Public Agency Employers – Pooled Plans

**Subject: Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 68
Employer Tool**

Purpose The purpose of this Circular Letter is to inform public agency employers with pooled (cost-sharing) plans of a tool CalPERS has published to assist with GASB Statement No. 68 (GASB 68) year-end financial reporting.

Detail GASB 68 became effective in 2015 and subjected the vast majority of CalPERS employers to new, highly complex financial reporting requirements. To assist employers with their implementation of GASB 68, CalPERS' Financial Office published a Public Agency Cost-Sharing Guide in 2016. Our GASB 68 team received both constructive and positive feedback regarding this guide, and evaluated ways to expand its use by employers going forward.

Our team spent time working with several public agencies, auditors, and actuary firms to better understand the successes and limitations resulting from the first two years of implementation. From the information gathered in conjunction with our own ongoing research of the GASB literature, the team was able to create a tool for employers that:

- Calculates proportionate share of net pension expense for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017
- Prepares all GASB 68 journal entries for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017
- Provides additional detail and various tables required for financial statement note disclosures

Our GASB 68 team is also recording a video presentation to walk employers through each step of how to utilize the tool in conjunction with CalPERS issued reports.

To access the employer tool, visit the [GASB](#) page of the CalPERS website and select the **Public Agency – Cost-Sharing** tab in the **GASB 68 Report Information** section. This is also where employers can find the accompanying video presentation, which will be completed in the coming weeks. Be sure to periodically check for its availability.

Questions

For specific questions related to GASB 68 that are not addressed on the CalPERS website, email us at CalPERS_GASB_68@calpers.ca.gov.

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