



# Actuarial Circular Letter

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**To: School Employers**

**Subject: 2017-18 School Employer and Employee Contribution Rates**

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to inform you of the following employer and employee pension contribution rates approved by the CalPERS Board of Administration on April 19, 2017. These rates become effective with the first payroll period that ends in July 2017 and are in effect for Fiscal Year 2017-18:

Employer Contribution as a Percentage of Compensation	15.531%
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The employer contribution rate will continue to vary annually and is expected to increase over the next few years as the impact of a recent decision by the CalPERS Board to lower the investment return assumption is phased in.

As shown below, the employee contribution rate for some members will also change for Fiscal Year 2017-18. School employees that meet the definition of a new member under the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) will contribute 6.5 percent of reportable compensation instead of 6 percent. Classic members will continue to contribute 7 percent of reportable compensation.

PEPRA Member Contribution	6.50%
Classic Member Contribution	7.00%

Additional information can be found on the CalPERS website in the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting [Agenda Item 8b](#) on April 18, 2017. The complete actuarial valuation report is expected to be available on the CalPERS website this summer.

If you have any questions, please call our CalPERS Customer Contact Center at **888 CalPERS** (or **888-225-7377**).

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