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What You Need to Know About Your CalPERS

Local Safety Benefits

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INTRODUCTION

Retirement can be one of the best stages in your life. It can also be complicated and at times stressful if you are not educated about your benefits and have not done the proper planning. Understanding the fundamentals of your CalPERS retirement benefits is a good first step toward a happy and fruitful retirement.

This publication describes retirement benefits and retirement benefit formulas for local safety members. "Local safety" members are individuals employed by a public agency or special district that has contracted with CalPERS who are involved in law enforcement, fire suppression, the protection of public safety, or who are employed in a position designated by law as "local safety."

Featured throughout this publication are CalPERS members from the Amador County Sheriffs Office, Jackson Police Department, Sacramento Metro Fire, and the Sacramento Police Department Mounted Unit. Like them, you deserve to understand the full spectrum of retirement and death benefits available for you and your beneficiary(ies). This publication will help educate you about your retirement formulas and benefits. It will also provide you information on contributions, health benefits, and other programs you should consider before and after retirement.

You may obtain a copy of any publication or form referenced in this publication by calling CalPERS at **888 CalPERS** (or **888**-225-7377) or by visiting our website at **www.calpers.ca.gov**.

YOUR RETIREMENT BENEFITS

There are three types of retirement benefits:

- Service retirement or "normal" retirement
- Disability retirement
- Industrial disability retirement

Emergency Retirement

CalPERS will expedite retirement processing for you if you are terminally ill or facing imminent death. Contact CalPERS or your employer immediately if there is a need for emergency retirement.

Service Retirement or "Normal" Retirement

To be eligible for service retirement, you must be at least age 50 and have a minimum of five years of CalPERS-credited service. If you are employed on a part-time basis, and you have worked at least five years, contact CalPERS to find out if an exception will apply to you. There is no mandatory retirement age for local safety members.

If you are considering applying for a service retirement, review the CalPERS publications ***Planning Your Service Retirement*** and ***A Guide to Completing Your CalPERS Service Retirement Election Application.***

Disability Retirement

This type of retirement applies to you if you become disabled and can no longer perform the duties of your job. Disability retirement has no minimum age requirement and does not have to be job-related. However, you must have a minimum of five years of CalPERS service credit. If you are employed on a part-time basis and you have worked at least five years, contact CalPERS to find out if an exception may apply to you.

Industrial Disability Retirement

This type of retirement applies to you if you become disabled from a job-related injury or illness and can no longer perform the duties of your job. Industrial disability retirement has no minimum age or service credit requirement.

You may apply for a disability or industrial disability retirement if:

- You are working for a CalPERS-covered employer; or
- You are within four months of separation from a CalPERS-covered employer; or
- You separated at any time from your CalPERS-covered employer because of a disability and you have remained disabled since then; or
- You are on military or approved leave.

As a local safety member, your employer will make the determination as to whether you are incapacitated. Once the determination is made, your employer will notify CalPERS of their finding and we will administer the benefit accordingly.

If you are considering applying for disability or industrial disability retirement, review the CalPERS publication ***A Guide to Completing Your CalPERS Disability Retirement Election Application.***

How Your Retirement Is Funded

Three sources fund a defined benefit retirement plan like CalPERS. First, employees generally make contributions into the System. The percentage of your contribution is fixed by statute and is generally intended to be an amount that will cover half of the normal cost of the benefit earned per year. Normal cost will vary by benefit type as higher benefit formulas have higher normal costs. The second source of funding is earnings from the investment of System assets in stocks, bonds, real estate, and other investment vehicles. The amount contributed from this source fluctuates from year to year. The balance of the funding is provided by employer contributions. Employer contributions decline when investment returns rise and increase when investment returns decline.

In a defined benefit retirement plan, a retiree will receive a benefit determined by a set formula. CalPERS uses the member's years of service, age at retirement, and highest one-year or three-year compensation while employed. This contrasts with a defined contribution plan, in which the benefits are determined not by a formula, but solely by the amount of contributions in an account, plus earnings.

How Your Retirement Benefit Is Calculated

Now that you understand the basic building blocks of a defined benefit retirement plan, it's time to learn how to calculate your retirement benefit. Three factors are multiplied together to calculate your service retirement:

- Service credit
- Benefit factor
- Final compensation

Health Benefit Vesting

Consult your agency personnel office or call CalPERS to determine which types of service credit apply to health benefit vesting requirements.

Service Credit

You earn service credit for each year or partial year you work for a CalPERS-covered employer. Service credit accumulates on a fiscal-year basis, July 1 through June 30. You may view your current service credit at any time by logging in to my|CalPERS at **my.calpers.ca.gov** or by referring to your CalPERS Annual Member Statement to verify your current service credit total as of June 30.

In some cases, you may be eligible for other types of service credit that can help you maximize your retirement benefit. Other types of service credit include:

- Unused sick leave at retirement
- Redeposit of contributions you previously withdrew from CalPERS
- Service with a CalPERS-covered employer prior to your date of membership
- Service with a public agency prior to the date of that agency's agreement with CalPERS
- Certain types of leaves of absence, military service, Peace Corps, AmeriCorps*Vista, AmeriCorps

For more information about service credit, obtain the CalPERS publication ***A Guide to Your CalPERS Service Credit Purchase Options.***

Benefit Factor

Your benefit factor is the percentage of pay to which you are entitled for each year of service. It is determined by your age at retirement and the retirement formula based on your membership date with each employer. This guide explains the following local safety retirement formulas:

2 percent @ 50 | 2 percent @ 55 | 2 percent @ 57 * | 2.5 percent @ 55 | 2.5 percent @ 57 *

2.7 percent @ 57 * | 3 percent @ 50 | 3 percent @ 55

* Membership date on or after January 1, 2013.

Limitations
The percentage of pay to which you are entitled is limited for the following retirement formulas:

2 percent @ 50 — Percentage of pay to which you are entitled cannot exceed 90 percent of your final compensation.

2 percent @ 55 — Percentage of pay to which you are entitled cannot exceed 90 percent of your final compensation.**

2.5 percent @ 55 — Percentage of pay to which you are entitled cannot exceed 90 percent of your final compensation.**

3 percent @ 50 — Percentage of pay to which you are entitled cannot exceed 90 percent of your final compensation.

3 percent @ 55 — Percentage of pay to which you are entitled cannot exceed 90 percent of your final compensation.

Refer to your CalPERS Annual Member Statement to verify your retirement formula. If you have safety service with multiple employers and under different safety formulas, there could be more than one maximum benefit cap applied to your retirement allowance. Contact CalPERS for more information.

Understanding Your Retirement Formula
Starting on page 28 we have provided two charts for each of the local safety retirement formulas. The first chart shows how the benefit factor increases for each quarter year of age and the number of years of service to reach your maximum percentage allowed by law. The second chart shows the percentage of final compensation you will receive.

If you became a member prior to January 1, 2013, but you permanently separate from employment and return to membership after a break in service of more than six months, you are subject to the retirement formula in place on January 1, 2013 for any service credit earned after that date. This does not apply if you return to the same employer.

Note: All state departments are considered the same state employer. All school county offices and districts are considered the same school employer.

Final Compensation Limits
The Public Employees' Retirement Law limits the percentage of final compensation a safety member may receive. If you have service under different safety formulas, the service under the different formulas might not combine toward the limit. Additionally, service in a miscellaneous retirement formula is not applied against the limit.

** If you have service under both the 2% @ 55 (local safety) and the 2.5% @ 55 formula (local safety), the percentage under the two formulas combined cannot exceed 90 percent of final compensation.

Pay Rate
Pay rate is your base pay, paid on a full-time basis during normal working hours.

Final Compensation
Your final compensation is the highest average pay rate and special compensation during any consecutive one-year or three-year period. Which compensation period we use depends on your retirement formula(s). If you are not sure, ask your personnel office. We use your full-time pay rate, not your earnings. If you work part time, we will use your full-time equivalent pay rate to determine your final compensation. my|CalPERS automatically finds and uses the highest compensation period during your employment with CalPERS.

If your membership date is on or after January 1, 2013, there is a cap on the compensation used to calculate your benefit. If your service is coordinated with Social Security, the compensation cap used to calculate your benefit is equal to the 2013 Social Security wage base, adjusted by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: City Average. For 2015, the cap was $117,020. If your service credit is not coordinated with Social Security, the compensation cap used to calculate your benefit is equal to 120 percent of the 2013 Social Security wage base, adjusted by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: City Average, which was $140,424 in 2015. The compensation limit is calculated based on the limit in effect for each calendar year included in the final compensation period.

Special Compensation
Certain items such as special compensation earned during your final compensation period may be included in your final compensation. Contact your employer or CalPERS if you are unsure which items of special compensation can be included.

Estimating Your Retirement Allowance

More Than One Year From Retirement
You have two options for generating retirement estimates when you are more than one year from your expected retirement date.

The first option is to use the CalPERS Retirement Estimate Calculator on our website at **www.calpers.ca.gov**. This online calculator allows you to generate multiple estimates, customizing them to include projections based on:

- Career plans
- Expected promotions or pay increases
- Special compensation
- Possible changes to your time base
- Any expected formula changes
- Alternative retirement dates
- Additional service credit

You can print but not save estimates produced using this calculator.

The second option is to log in to my|CalPERS at **my.calpers.ca.gov**, which requires a username and password, to obtain an estimate that incorporates data your employer already reported to CalPERS. You can generate a variety of scenarios and save them in my|CalPERS for future reference.

Within One Year of Retirement
If you are within one year of your expected retirement date, you may request a CalPERS-generated retirement estimate by completing a ***Retirement Allowance Estimate Request*** form and mailing it to the address on the form. You can find this form on our website at **www.calpers.ca.gov**.

A CalPERS-generated retirement estimate uses your most current CalPERS account information, but does not include projections of salary increases, special compensation, or other job-related changes. It allows you to make informed retirement decisions and verify that our records properly reflect or match yours.

When you eventually submit your retirement election application, you must specify a retirement option and designate a beneficiary. The CalPERS-generated estimate may display options that are not available with the online Retirement Estimate Calculator.

You are limited to **two** CalPERS-generated estimate requests in a 12-month period and must be within one year of retirement.

Your Retirement Payment Options

At retirement, you can choose to receive the highest benefit payable, which is referred to as the "Unmodified Allowance." The Unmodified Allowance provides a monthly benefit to you that ends upon your death.

You also have the choice of requesting a reduction in the Unmodified Allowance to provide a lump-sum or lifetime monthly benefit for a beneficiary upon your death. For more information about the retirement payment options available, review the CalPERS publication ***Planning Your Service Retirement.***

Survivor Continuance

In making a decision about whether to reduce your Unmodified Allowance to provide for a beneficiary, you will want to consider if your employer offers Survivor Continuance. This is a contracted employer-paid benefit that public agency employers can offer you. This benefit consists of a monthly allowance that automatically continues to an eligible survivor following your death after retirement regardless of the retirement option you select.

Who Is Eligible?

- Your spouse, if you were married for at least one year before your retirement and remained married until the date of your death, will receive the Survivor Continuance benefit for life. (For disability retirement, you need only to have been married at retirement and remained married until the date of your death.)
- Your domestic partner, if you were legally registered at least one year prior to your retirement and continuously until your death, will receive the Survivor Continuance benefit for life. (For disability retirement, you need only to have been registered as domestic partners at retirement and remained registered until the date of your death.)
- If you do not have an eligible spouse or registered domestic partner, your natural or adopted unmarried children under age 18 will receive this monthly benefit until marriage or age 18. An unmarried child who was disabled prior to age 18 and whose disability has continued without interruption will receive this benefit until the disability ends or until marriage.
- Qualifying financially dependent parents, if none of the above.

Survivor Continuance
Survivor Continuance will apply only if you have an eligible family member as of the date of your death.

Impact of Social Security
If your service is not coordinated with Social Security, the Survivor Continuance will be one-half of your Unmodified Allowance. If your service is coordinated with Social Security, the Survivor Continuance will be one-quarter of your Unmodified Allowance. If you have some time covered and some time not covered under Social Security, or if you have a combination of service under CalPERS with the state or a local public agency, special consideration must be given to figure the amount of your Survivor Continuance benefit.

PRE-RETIREMENT DEATH BENEFITS

As a CalPERS member, you are eligible for various pre-retirement death benefits depending on your membership category, employer, retirement eligibility status, and other factors. The benefits range from a simple return of your contributions plus interest to a monthly allowance payable to a spouse or domestic partner equal to what you would have received upon retirement. To be eligible for any type of monthly pre-retirement death benefit, your spouse or domestic partner must have been either married to you or legally registered before the occurrence of the injury or the onset of the illness that resulted in your death or for at least one year prior to your death.

Each member's death benefits can vary significantly depending on circumstances and data. Questions relating to specific situations should be addressed to CalPERS staff for a more accurate description of individual benefits.

Upon a member's pre-retirement death, the respective employer and surviving family member are encouraged to immediately contact CalPERS for assistance.

For your convenience, we have divided the pre-retirement section into two parts:

- Not Job-Related Death
- Job-Related Death

Not Job-Related Death, Not Eligible to Retire

You must be at least age 50 and have a minimum of five years of CalPERS-credited service or have worked part time for at least five years to be eligible to retire. If you pass away before you are eligible to retire, your beneficiary(ies) is entitled to the following benefits:

Alternate Death Benefit for Qualified Firefighters
Talk to your employer to find out if they have contracted for this benefit.
This benefit applies to members who have 20 or more years of CalPERS service credit at the time of death. Instead of the Basic Death Benefit, your eligible spouse or registered domestic partner may receive a monthly allowance equal to the amount you would have received if you had retired under a "service retirement" at age 50 and elected Option 2W or if you are older than 50 the Option 2W will be based on your age at death. Upon the death of your spouse or registered domestic partner, the benefit will continue to your natural or adopted unmarried children under age 18.

Eligibility for Monthly Death Benefits
To be eligible for any type of monthly pre-retirement death benefit, your spouse or domestic partner must have been either married to you or legally registered before the occurrence of the injury or the onset of the illness that resulted in your death or for at least one year prior to your death.

Pre-Retirement Death Benefits Designations
If you name a beneficiary other than your spouse or registered domestic partner, your spouse or registered domestic partner will still receive their community property share. The remainder will be paid to your designated beneficiary(ies). To designate a beneficiary, please obtain a CalPERS ***Beneficiary Designation*** form from your personnel office or from our website. (Note: This designation will be valid only if your death is not job-related. Different rules apply to job-related death benefit eligibility.)

Inactive CalPERS Members

Beneficiaries of members who were separated from employment more than 120 days for non-health reasons are only eligible for the Limited Death Benefit, which consists of a return of contributions and interest from the member's account.

If you are not survived by either an eligible spouse or registered domestic partner, but you are survived by unmarried children under age 18, the unmarried children will receive an allowance until age 18 equal to one-half of what your highest service retirement allowance would have been had you retired at age 50, or if older than 50, it's equal to half of what your highest service retirement allowance would have been based on your age at death.

or

Basic Death Benefit

The Basic Death Benefit will be paid if:

- No one is eligible for the Alternate Death Benefit; or
- The person who is eligible for the Alternate Death Benefit chooses instead to receive the Basic Death Benefit; or
- A person other than a spouse or registered domestic partner is designated as beneficiary for all or a portion of your contributions and interest.

Benefit Payments

If no one is eligible for the Alternate Death Benefit, your beneficiary will receive a lump-sum payment of:

- A refund of your contributions, plus interest; and
- Up to six months' pay (one month's salary rate for each year of current service to a maximum of six months).

Your beneficiary for the Basic Death Benefit will be determined as follows:

- Named beneficiary, or if none;
- Spouse or registered domestic partner, or if none;
- Your children, or if none;
- Parents, or if none;
- Brothers and sisters, or if none;
- Estate if probated, or if not;
- Trust, or if none;
- Next of kin, as provided by law.

and

1959 Survivor Benefit

Talk to your employer to find out if they have contracted for this benefit.
Applicable only for members not covered under Social Security while employed under a CalPERS-covered agency. The 1959 Survivor Death Benefit may not be payable if the Special Death Benefit is elected.

Not Job-Related Death, Eligible to Retire

If you pass away at age 50 or over with a minimum of five years of CalPERS-credited service, your beneficiary(ies) is eligible for the following benefits:

Pre-retirement Option 2W Death Benefit
Talk to your employer to find out if they have contracted for this benefit.
Your eligible spouse or registered domestic partner will receive a monthly allowance equal to the amount you would have received if you had retired under a "service retirement" on the date of your death and elected Option 2W. The benefit is payable to your spouse or domestic partner until death. Upon the death of your spouse or domestic partner, the benefit will continue to your natural or adopted unmarried children under age 18.

or

1957 Survivor Benefit
This benefit provides a monthly allowance equal to one-half of what your highest "service retirement" allowance would have been had you retired on the date of your death. Those eligible to receive this allowance are:

- Your spouse or registered domestic partner, or if none;
- Your natural or adopted unmarried children under age 18.

or

Basic Death Benefit

The Basic Death Benefit will be paid if:

- No one is eligible for either of the monthly allowances above; or
- The person who is eligible for one of the monthly allowances above chooses instead to receive the Basic Death Benefit; or
- A person other than a spouse or registered domestic partner is designated as a beneficiary for all or a portion of your contributions and interest.

Benefit Payments

Your beneficiary will receive a lump-sum payment of:

- A refund of your contributions plus interest; and
- Up to six months' pay (one month's salary rate for each year of current service to a maximum of six months).

If no one is eligible for the Pre-retirement Option 2W Death Benefit or the 1957 Survivor Benefit, your beneficiary will be determined as follows:

- Named beneficiary, or if none;
- Spouse or registered domestic partner, or if none;
- Children, or if none;
- Parents, or if none;
- Brothers and sisters, or if none;
- Estate if probated, or if not;
- Trust, or if none;
- Next of kin, as provided by law.

and

1959 Survivor Benefit

Talk to your employer to find out if they have contracted for this benefit.
Applicable only for members not covered under Social Security while employed under a CalPERS-covered agency. The 1959 Survivor Death Benefit may not be payable if the Special Death Benefit is elected.

Job-Related Death, Not Eligible to Retire

You must be at least age 50 and have a minimum of five years of CalPERS-credited service to be eligible to retire. If you pass away before you are eligible to retire and your death is determined to be job-related, your beneficiary(ies) is entitled to the following benefits:

Special Death Benefit
Your eligible surviving spouse, registered domestic partner, or unmarried children or eligible unmarried stepchildren may receive a monthly allowance equal to one-half of your final compensation. If the cause of death is some external violence or physical force while on the job, and there are eligible surviving unmarried children in addition to your spouse or registered domestic partner, the allowance may be increased to a maximum of 75 percent. The Special Death Benefit is payable to your surviving spouse or registered domestic partner until death, or to your unmarried children until age 22.

or

Alternate Death Benefit for Qualified Firefighters
Talk to your employer to find out if they have contracted for this benefit.
This benefit applies only if you had 20 or more years of CalPERS service credit at the time of death. Instead of the Basic Death Benefit, your eligible spouse or registered domestic partner may receive a monthly allowance equal to the amount you would have received if you had retired under a "service retirement" at age 50 and elected Option 2W. Upon the death of your spouse or registered domestic partner, the benefit will continue to your natural or adopted unmarried children under age 18.

If you are not survived by either an eligible spouse or registered domestic partner, but you are survived by unmarried minor children, the children will receive an allowance equal to one-half of what your highest service retirement allowance would have been had you retired at age 50.

or

Basic Death Benefit
The Basic Death Benefit will be paid if:
- No one is eligible for either of the monthly allowances above; or
- The person who is eligible for one of the monthly allowances above chooses instead to receive the Basic Death Benefit.

Benefit Payments
Your beneficiary will receive a lump-sum payment of:
- A refund of your contributions, plus interest; and
- Up to six months' pay (one month's salary rate for each year of current service to a maximum of six months).

If no one is eligible for the Special Death Benefit or Alternate Death Benefit, your beneficiary for the Basic Death Benefit will be determined as follows:
- Named beneficiary, or if none;
- Spouse or registered domestic partner, or if none;
- Children, or if none;
- Parents, or if none;
- Brothers and sisters, or if none;
- Estate if probated, or if not;
- Trust, or if none;
- Next of kin, as provided by law.

and

1959 Survivor Benefit
Talk to your employer to find out if they have contracted for this benefit.
Applicable only for members not covered under Social Security while employed under a CalPERS-covered agency. The 1959 Survivor Death Benefit may not be payable if the Special Death Benefit is elected.

Job-Related Death, Eligible to Retire

If you pass away at age 50 or over with a minimum of five years of CalPERS-credited service, and your death is determined to be job-related, your beneficiary(ies) is eligible for the following benefits:

Special Death Benefit
Your eligible surviving spouse, registered domestic partner, or unmarried children or eligible unmarried stepchildren may receive a monthly allowance equal to one-half of your final compensation. If the cause of death is some external violence or physical force while on the job, and there are eligible surviving unmarried children in addition to your spouse or registered domestic partner, the allowance may be increased to a maximum of 75 percent.
The Special Death Benefit is payable to your surviving spouse or registered domestic partner until death, or to your unmarried children until age 22.

or

Pre-retirement Option 2W Death Benefit
Talk to your employer to find out if they have contracted for this benefit.
Instead of the Special Death Benefit, your eligible spouse or registered domestic partner may choose to receive a monthly allowance equal to the amount you would have received if you had retired under a "service retirement" on the date of your death and elected Option 2W. The benefit is payable to your spouse or domestic partner until death. Upon the death of your spouse or domestic partner, the benefit will continue to your natural or adopted unmarried children under age 18.

or

1957 Survivor Benefit
This benefit provides a monthly allowance equal to one-half of what your highest "service retirement" allowance would have been had you retired on the date of your death. Those eligible to receive this allowance are:

- Your spouse, registered domestic partner, or if none;
- Your natural or adopted unmarried children under age 18.

or

Basic Death Benefit
The Basic Death Benefit will be paid if:
- No one is eligible for any of the monthly allowances described above; or
- The person who is eligible for one of the monthly allowances above chooses instead to receive the Basic Death Benefit.

Benefit Payments
Your beneficiary will receive a lump-sum payment of:
- A refund of your contributions plus interest; and
- Up to six months' pay (one month's salary rate for each year of current service to a maximum of six months).

If no one is eligible for the Special Death Benefit, the Pre-Retirement Option 2W Death Benefit, or the 1957 Survivor Benefit, your beneficiary will be determined as follows:
- Named beneficiary, or if none;
- Spouse or registered domestic partner, or if none;
- Children, or if none;
- Parents, or if none;
- Brothers and sisters, or if none;
- Estate if probated, or if not;
- Trust, or if none;
- Next of kin, as provided by law.

and

1959 Survivor Benefit
Talk to your employer to find out if they have contracted for this benefit.
Applicable only for members not covered under Social Security while employed under a CalPERS-covered agency. The 1959 Survivor Death Benefit may not be payable if the Special Death Benefit is elected.

1959 Survivor Benefit Program

The 1959 Survivor Benefit coverage is available by contract amendment for those not covered by federal Social Security with their employer. Covered members are required to pay a minimum $2 monthly fee that is deducted from their salary specifically to fund the 1959 Survivor Benefit Program.

The program provides a monthly allowance to eligible survivors of members who were covered by this benefit program and died before retirement. The 1959 Survivor Benefit allowance is payable in addition to any other pre-retirement death benefit paid by CalPERS, with the possible exception of the Special Death Benefit. If the 1959 Survivor Benefit is greater than the Special Death Benefit, then the difference is paid as the 1959 Survivor Benefit.

Eligible Survivors

Spouse

A surviving spouse is a husband or wife who was legally married to you at least one year before your death or before the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in your death. A surviving spouse is entitled to the 1959 Survivor Benefit as long as they have care of an eligible child, **or** are at least age 62 (age 60 at Level 4 and under the Indexed Level or, if contracted by your employer for Level 1, 2, or 3). A surviving spouse may remarry and continue to receive their allowance.

Domestic Partner

To be eligible, a surviving domestic partner must have been in a legally registered domestic partnership with the member at least one year before the member's death or before the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in the member's death. A surviving registered domestic partner is entitled to the 1959 Survivor Benefit as long as they have care of an eligible child, **or** are at least age 62 (age 60 at Level 4 and under the Indexed Level or, if contracted by your employer for Level 1, 2, or 3). A surviving registered domestic partner may register as a domestic partner to someone else and continue to receive the allowance.

Children

An unmarried child or unmarried stepchild (if the child was living with the member in a parent-child relationship) is eligible for benefits while under age 22. An unmarried child who is incapacitated because of a disability that began before attaining age 22 may be entitled to the benefit until married or the disability ends. If an unmarried child is in the care of a guardian or is living alone, the unmarried child's portion of the benefit is payable to the guardian or to the unmarried child directly, rather than to the surviving spouse.

Parents

A parent who is at least age 62 (age 60 at Level 4 and under the Indexed Level, or if contracted by your employer for Level 1, 2, or 3) may be eligible if there is no surviving spouse, registered domestic partner, or eligible children, and the parent(s) was dependent on the member for at least half of their support at the time of the member's death.

1959 Survivor Monthly Benefit Levels

Currently, there are five different benefit levels for local safety members. Your coverage depends on your employer's contract with CalPERS. Please refer to the following chart to determine the amounts payable under each level depending on the number of eligible survivors:

Benefit Level	One Survivor	Two Survivors	Three or More Survivors ***
Level 1*	$180	$360	$430
Level 2*	$225	$450	$538
Level 3*	$350	$700	$840
Level 4	$950	$1,900	$2,280
Indexed Level**	$634.10	$1,268.20	$1,902.30

* Levels 1, 2, and 3 are closed to new agency contract amendments.

** The amounts quoted are effective January 1, 2012. These amounts will increase by 2 percent on January 1, 2013 and each year thereafter.

*** Amounts can differ if all children are not in the spouse's or domestic partner's care.

HEALTH INSURANCE, COVERED UNDER PEMHCA

If you are nearing retirement, read this section to gain an understanding of how retirement will affect your health benefits. Contact your health benefits officer or personnel office for questions about your health benefits.

Once you are retired, contact CalPERS for questions about your health benefits or to make changes to your plan or dependents.

You can obtain health benefits publications, required forms, and other information about your CalPERS health benefits through our website at **www.calpers.ca.gov** or by calling CalPERS at **888 CalPERS** (or **888**-225-7377).

- ***Health Program Guide*** describes CalPERS Basic health plan eligibility, enrollment, and choices. It provides an overview of CalPERS health plan types and tells you how and when you can make changes to your plan (including what forms and documentation you will need). It also describes how life changes or changes in your employment status can affect your benefits and eligibility.

- ***Health Benefit Summary*** provides valuable information to help you make an informed choice about your health plan and compare benefits, covered services, and co-payment information for all CalPERS health plans.

- ***CalPERS Medicare Enrollment Guide*** provides information about how Medicare works with your CalPERS health benefits.

PEMHCA
Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act

If Your Effective Date of Retirement...
is more than 120 days after separation from employment, you are not eligible to be enrolled in a CalPERS health plan at retirement or at any future date.

Making Direct Payment for Health Premiums to Cover Delays

If you are aware of a delay in receiving your first retirement check, contact your personnel office to discuss making direct payments for your health premiums. The direct payments will ensure continuation of services and claim payments for your current PEMHCA coverage. You will be reimbursed for the direct payment amounts by the plan as soon as CalPERS makes the payments.

Your Separation Date and Your Retirement Date

As retirement approaches, two dates are particularly important: your separation date (last day of employment) and your retirement date. If you are not sure when these dates occur, talk to your employer. The following are your health plan enrollment options when you retire:

- If your separation date and your retirement date are within 30 days of each other, and you are enrolled in a CalPERS health plan at the time of retirement, your coverage will continue into retirement without a break. If you do not want your health benefits to continue into retirement, you have the option to cancel your coverage by:
  - Submitting a ***Health Benefits Plan Enrollment*** form to your employer (if you are still employed)
  - Declining health coverage in Section 7 of the CalPERS Retirement Election Application
  - Writing or calling CalPERS to request to cancel health coverage (if you are retired)

- If your separation date and your retirement date are between 31 and 120 days of each other, and you are enrolled in a CalPERS health plan at separation, your coverage will not automatically continue. You may re-enroll by either writing to CalPERS Member Account Management Division within 60 days of your retirement date and requesting re-enrollment, or waiting for the next Open Enrollment period.

- You can pay monthly premiums directly to your health plan when you are not on a regular pay status. You can avoid having your coverage suspended between your last day of work and your retirement date by paying the full monthly premium. Contact the health benefits officer where you worked and complete a ***Direct Payment Authorization*** form within 30 days of your last day on pay status.

- If you are **not** enrolled in a health plan at retirement and your retirement date is within 120 days of separation, you may enroll within 60 days of retirement or during a future Open Enrollment period. Contact your health benefits officer if you are an active employee, or CalPERS Member Account Management Division if you are retired.

- If your retirement effective date is more than 120 days after separation from employment, you are not eligible for coverage at retirement or at any future date.

There are some exceptions to this rule. Contact CalPERS at **888 CalPERS** (or **888**-225-7377) if you have questions about your eligibility.

If you were covered as a dependent through another health plan when you retired, you may be eligible to enroll in a CalPERS health plan. Contact CalPERS for more information.

If you have questions about your CalPERS health benefits and you are an active member, contact your personnel office or health benefits officer. If you are a retiree, contact CalPERS at **888 CalPERS** (or **888**-225-7377).

Medicare

If you (and your dependents) are enrolled in a CalPERS Basic health plan when you retire and become Medicare eligible, you must enroll in Medicare Parts A and B. You must provide your Medicare information to CalPERS and then transfer to a CalPERS Medicare health plan to continue CalPERS coverage.

If you do not qualify for premium-free Medicare Part A (Hospital) based on your Social Security/Medicare work record or the record of your current, former, or deceased spouse, you may remain in a CalPERS Basic health plan. If you later qualify for Medicare Part A at no cost, you must enroll in Medicare Part B and in a CalPERS Medicare health plan.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) bases Medicare Part B (Medical) on your annual income. If your income exceeds established thresholds, the SSA adjusts the standard Medicare Part B premium by an income-related monthly adjustment amount. Payment of this amount is mandatory to protect your eligibility to remain enrolled in a CalPERS Medicare health plan.

CalPERS participates in a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. If you are a Medicare-eligible subscriber or dependent, you are automatically enrolled into an Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP). If you choose to opt out of coverage, you will be financially responsible for all of your prescription drug costs. In addition, if you enroll in a non-CalPERS Medicare Part D plan, you are no longer eligible to remain enrolled in a CalPERS Medicare health plan. Consequently, you and all of your covered dependents will be terminated from CalPERS health coverage.

Medicare Health Plans
If you are retired and enrolled in a CalPERS health plan when you become eligible for Social Security Medicare benefits, state law prohibits your continued enrollment in a Basic plan. You can continue your CalPERS health care by enrolling in Medicare, providing your Medicare information to CalPERS, and then transferring to a CalPERS Medicare health plan.

Disability
If you become eligible for Medicare due to a disability, special rules apply for you to continue your health benefits. Contact CalPERS for additional information.

Medicare Part D standard premiums vary based on the prescription drug plan and are paid to your health carrier as part of the CalPERS health premium. As with Medicare Part B, if your income exceeds established thresholds, the SSA will assess an additional income-related monthly adjustment amount. Payment of this amount is mandatory to protect your Medicare enrollment and eligibility to remain enrolled in a CalPERS Medicare health plan. If you do not pay the additional amount, you will be disenrolled from EGWP and be financially responsible for all of your prescription drug costs.

CalPERS offers several ways to supplement Medicare. See the CalPERS ***Medicare Enrollment Guide*** for more detailed information. For additional information regarding Medicare, Medicare premiums, enrollment, or eligibility, contact the SSA at (800) 772-1213 or TTY (800) 325-0778 or visit their website at **www.ssa.gov**.

Making Changes to Your Health Plan After Retirement

Once you retire, CalPERS becomes your health benefits officer or personnel office. This means you can make most changes to your health enrollment by calling CalPERS at **888 CalPERS** (or **888**-225-7377). For some changes, we will ask you to send additional information to CalPERS.

If you prefer, you can correspond with us in writing. Please include your (or the member's) name, Social Security number or CalPERS ID, a copy of your Medicare card (if applicable), and daytime phone number with area code.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Reciprocity—Other California Public Retirement Systems

CalPERS has an agreement with many public retirement systems in California that allows movement from one public employer to another, within a specified time limit, without losing valuable retirement rights and related benefits. This is called "reciprocity."

There is no transfer of funds or service credit between retirement systems when you establish reciprocity. You become a member of both systems and are subject to the membership and benefit obligations and rights of each system.

You must retire from each system separately, but it must be on the same date for all the benefits of reciprocity to apply. Once you have retired, you will receive separate retirement checks from each system.

For more information, or to establish reciprocity, read the CalPERS publication ***A Guide to CalPERS When You Change Retirement Systems.***

Reciprocity
This agreement between retirement systems does not apply to health benefit vesting requirements.

Cost-of-Living Adjustment

Cost-of-living adjustments are provided by law and are based on the Consumer Price Index for all United States cities. Cost-of-living adjustments are paid the second calendar year of your retirement and then every year thereafter.

The standard cost-of-living adjustment is a maximum of 2 percent per year. If the Consumer Price Index registers a lower rate of inflation, you could receive a lower percentage.

Public agency members like yourself may receive a 2 percent, 3 percent, 4 percent, or 5 percent cost-of-living adjustment, depending upon your employer's contract.

Inflation Protection

Added protection against inflation is provided by the Purchasing Power Protection Account (PPPA), created to restore your monthly allowance to 80 percent of its original purchasing power.

You will automatically receive PPPA supplemental payments on a monthly basis if your allowance falls below the 80 percent purchasing power level.

Sick Leave Credit

Talk to your employer to find out if they have contracted for this benefit.
At retirement, any unused sick leave you have may be converted to additional service credit. (The additional service will not change your age at retirement.)

You will receive credit for unused sick leave certified by your employer up to the formula cap. It takes 250 days of sick leave to receive one year of service credit. For example: if your employer certified 120 days of sick leave, your additional service credit would be 0.480 (120 × 0.004= 0.480) of a year's service credit. If your employer submits this information prior to CalPERS processing your retirement application, we will include the additional service credit in your initial retirement benefit. Otherwise, we will adjust your account to reflect a change in service credit at the time your employer submits it.

To receive sick leave credit, your retirement date must be within 120 days of the date of separation from employment.

Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 401(a)(17) Contribution and Salary Limit

If you first became a member of CalPERS on or after July 1, 1996, IRC section 401(a)(17) places limits on the amount of member contributions you can pay into CalPERS, a tax-qualified pension plan. This section applies to annual salaries (earnings) that exceed $250,000. The actual dollar limit is set each year by the Internal Revenue Service. This section does not limit or place a cap on the salary an employer can pay an employee. It does specify the highest salary on which member contributions can be paid into an employee's CalPERS account. Your employer is responsible for monitoring when your salary reaches or exceeds this annual limit and for refunding any excess contributions. Each year CalPERS issues a Circular Letter to all employers announcing the IRC section 401(a)(17) limit for the calendar year.

At retirement, your highest average salary (final compensation amount) used to calculate your benefit will be the IRC section 401(a)(17) salary limit for that year. For example, if you became a member of CalPERS in August 1996, your annual salary is $300,000, and the IRC section 401(a)(17) limit in the year you retire is $250,000, you will pay contributions on $250,000 of your salary and your retirement benefit calculation would use $250,000 as your highest final compensation, if your compensation period is 12 months. If your compensation period is 36 months, your final compensation will be subject to the section 401(a)(17) limit in effect for each of those calendar years.

Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 415(b) Retirement Benefit Limit

IRC section 415(b) places a dollar limit on the annual retirement benefit you can receive from CalPERS, a tax-qualified pension plan. This limit generally applies to retirement benefits of approximately $210,000 or more a year for employees retiring at their Social Security normal retirement age of 62 through 65. **Note:** the determination of whether your retirement benefit will be subject to this limit can only be made at retirement.

This dollar limit is set each year by the Internal Revenue Service and is adjusted for several factors including inflation, age at retirement and after-tax contributions. If your retirement benefit must be limited under IRC section 415(b), you will be enrolled in the IRC section 415(b) Replacement Benefit Plan, an employer-funded plan, if eligible.

The CalPERS Replacement Benefit Plan provides a replacement benefit that will, to the extent possible, make up the amount your CalPERS benefit is limited, and is only available if your membership date is prior to January 1, 2013.

For additional information, see the IRC section 415(b) Replacement Benefit Plan Fact Sheet on our website at **www.calpers.ca.gov**.

Benefit Forfeiture for Felony Convictions

Under the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013, if you are convicted of a felony by a state or federal trial court in connection with your official job duties, you will forfeit all of your accrued rights and benefits from the commission of the felony forward and you will no longer be eligible to accrue further benefits with CalPERS, effective on the date of conviction (Government Code sections 7522.72 and 7522.74).

If you are convicted for such a crime, you and the prosecuting agency must notify your employer within 60 days of your conviction, and your employer must notify CalPERS within 90 days of your conviction.

CalPERS will remove the service credit and return any contributions you made during the forfeiture period, without interest. If after the removal of forfeited service and contributions you remain vested for retirement, you may apply for retirement once you reach minimum retirement age. If after the removal of forfeited service you are not vested for retirement, you may elect a refund of your remaining member contributions.

Should your conviction be overturned, your forfeited service will be restored to your account if you elect to redeposit the returned contributions, with interest.

2 percent @ 50

RETIREMENT FORMULAS AND BENEFIT FACTORS

The chart below shows how the benefit factor increases for each quarter year of age from 50 to 55, and the required years of service to reach your maximum percentage allowed by law.

2% @ 50 Benefit Formula Minimum Age for Retirement 50		
Age at Retirement	**Benefit Factor**	**Years Needed to Attain 90%**
50	2.000%	45.000
50 ¼	2.035%	44.226
50 ½	2.070%	43.478
50 ¾	2.105%	42.775
51	2.140%	42.056
51 ¼	2.175%	41.379
51 ½	2.210%	40.724
51 ¾	2.245%	40.090
52	2.280%	39.474
52 ¼	2.315%	38.877
52 ½	2.350%	38.298
52 ¾	2.385%	37.736
53	2.420%	37.191
53 ¼	2.455%	36.660
53 ½	2.490%	36.145
53 ¾	2.525%	35.644
54	2.560%	35.157
54 ¼	2.595%	34.683
54 ½	2.630%	34.221
54 ¾	2.665%	33.772
55 or older	2.700%	33.334

PERCENTAGE OF FINAL COMPENSATION

2 percent @ 50

Age	50	51	52	53	54	55+
Benefit Factor	2.000	2.140	2.280	2.420	2.560	2.700
Years of Service	Percentage of Final Compensation					
5	10.00	10.70	11.40	12.10	12.80	13.50
6	12.00	12.84	13.68	14.52	15.36	16.20
7	14.00	14.98	15.96	16.94	17.92	18.90
8	16.00	17.12	18.24	19.36	20.48	21.60
9	18.00	19.26	20.52	21.78	23.04	24.30
10	20.00	21.40	22.80	24.20	25.60	27.00
11	22.00	23.54	25.08	26.62	28.16	29.70
12	24.00	25.68	27.36	29.04	30.72	32.40
13	26.00	27.82	29.64	31.46	33.28	35.10
14	28.00	29.96	31.92	33.88	35.84	37.80
15	30.00	32.10	34.20	36.30	38.40	40.50
16	32.00	34.24	36.48	38.72	40.96	43.20
17	34.00	36.38	38.76	41.14	43.52	45.90
18	36.00	38.52	41.04	43.56	46.08	48.60
19	38.00	40.66	43.32	45.98	48.64	51.30
20	40.00	42.80	45.60	48.40	51.20	54.00
21	42.00	44.94	47.88	50.82	53.76	56.70
22	44.00	47.08	50.16	53.24	56.32	59.40
23	46.00	49.22	52.44	55.66	58.88	62.10
24	48.00	51.36	54.72	58.08	61.44	64.80
25	50.00	53.50	57.00	60.50	64.00	67.50
26	52.00	55.64	59.28	62.92	66.56	70.20
27	54.00	57.78	61.56	65.34	69.12	72.90
28	56.00	59.92	63.84	67.76	71.68	75.60
29	58.00	62.06	66.12	70.18	74.24	78.30
30	60.00	64.20	68.40	72.60	76.80	81.00
31	62.00	66.34	70.68	75.02	79.36	83.70
32	64.00	68.48	72.96	77.44	81.92	86.40
33	—	70.62	75.24	79.86	84.48	89.10
34	—	—	77.52	82.28	87.04	90.00 max
35	—	—	—	84.70	89.60	90.00 max
36	—	—	—	—	90.00 max	90.00 max
37	—	—	—	—	—	90.00 max

2 percent @ 55

RETIREMENT FORMULAS AND BENEFIT FACTORS

The chart below shows how the benefit factor increases for each quarter year of age from 50 to 55, and the required years of service to reach your maximum percentage allowed by law.

2% @ 55 Benefit Formula Minimum Age for Retirement 50		
Age at Retirement	**Benefit Factor**	**Years Needed to Attain 90%**
50	1.426%	63.114
50 ¼	1.450%	62.069
50 ½	1.474%	61.059
50 ¾	1.498%	60.080
51	1.522%	59.133
51 ¼	1.550%	58.065
51 ½	1.576%	57.107
51 ¾	1.602%	56.180
52	1.628%	55.283
52 ¼	1.656%	54.348
52 ½	1.686%	53.381
52 ¾	1.714%	52.509
53	1.742%	51.665
53 ¼	1.772%	50.790
53 ½	1.804%	49.890
53 ¾	1.834%	49.074
54	1.866%	48.232
54 ¼	1.900%	47.369
54 ½	1.932%	46.584
54 ¾	1.966%	45.779
55 or older	2.000%	45.000

Age	50	51	52	53	54	55
Benefit Factor	1.426	1.522	1.628	1.742	1.866	2.000
Years of Service	Percentage of Final Compensation					
5	7.13	7.61	8.14	8.71	9.33	10.00
6	8.56	9.13	9.77	10.45	11.20	12.00
7	9.98	10.65	11.40	12.19	13.06	14.00
8	11.41	12.18	13.02	13.94	14.93	16.00
9	12.83	13.70	14.65	15.68	16.79	18.00
10	14.26	15.22	16.28	17.42	18.66	20.00
11	15.69	16.74	17.91	19.16	20.53	22.00
12	17.11	18.26	19.54	20.90	22.39	24.00
13	18.54	19.79	21.16	22.65	24.26	26.00
14	19.96	21.31	22.79	24.39	26.12	28.00
15	21.39	22.83	24.42	26.13	27.99	30.00
16	22.82	24.35	26.05	27.87	29.86	32.00
17	24.24	25.87	27.68	29.61	31.72	34.00
18	25.67	27.40	29.30	31.36	33.59	36.00
19	27.09	28.92	30.93	33.10	35.45	38.00
20	28.52	30.44	32.56	34.84	37.32	40.00
21	29.95	31.96	34.19	36.58	39.19	42.00
22	31.37	33.48	35.82	38.32	41.05	44.00
23	32.80	35.01	37.44	40.07	42.92	46.00
24	34.22	36.53	39.07	41.81	44.78	48.00
25	35.65	38.05	40.70	43.55	46.65	50.00
26	37.08	39.57	42.33	45.29	48.52	52.00
27	38.50	41.09	43.96	47.03	50.38	54.00
28	39.93	42.62	45.58	48.78	52.25	56.00
29	41.35	44.14	47.21	50.52	54.11	58.00
30	42.78	45.66	48.84	52.26	55.98	60.00
31	44.21	47.18	50.47	54.00	57.85	62.00
32	45.63	48.70	52.10	55.74	59.71	64.00
33	—	50.23	53.72	57.49	61.58	66.00
34	—	—	55.35	59.23	63.44	68.00
35	—	—	—	60.97	65.31	70.00
36	—	—	—	—	67.18	72.00
37	—	—	—	—	—	74.00
38	—	—	—	—	—	76.00
39	—	—	—	—	—	78.00
40	—	—	—	—	—	80.00
41	—	—	—	—	—	82.00
42	—	—	—	—	—	84.00
43	—	—	—	—	—	86.00
44	—	—	—	—	—	88.00
45	—	—	—	—	—	90.00

2 percent @ 57

RETIREMENT FORMULAS AND BENEFIT FACTORS

The chart below shows how the benefit factor increases for each quarter year of age from 50 to 57, and the required years of service to reach your maximum percentage allowed by law.

2% @ 57 **Benefit Formula** Minimum Age for Retirement 50 Membership Date on or After January 1, 2013				
Age	**Exact Year**	**¼ Year**	**½ Year**	**¾ Year**
50	1.426	1.447	1.467	1.488
51	1.508	1.529	1.549	1.570
52	1.590	1.611	1.631	1.652
53	1.672	1.693	1.713	1.734
54	1.754	1.775	1.795	1.816
55	1.836	1.857	1.877	1.898
56	1.918	1.939	1.959	1.980
57 or older	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000

Age	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57+
Benefit Factor	1.426	1.508	1.590	1.672	1.754	1.836	1.918	2.000
Years of Service	Percentage of Final Compensation							
5	7.13	7.54	7.95	8.36	8.77	9.18	9.59	10.00
6	8.56	9.05	9.54	10.03	10.52	11.02	11.51	12.00
7	9.98	10.56	11.13	11.70	12.28	12.85	13.43	14.00
8	11.41	12.06	12.72	13.38	14.03	14.69	15.34	16.00
9	12.83	13.57	14.31	15.05	15.79	16.52	17.26	18.00
10	14.26	15.08	15.90	16.72	17.54	18.36	19.18	20.00
11	15.69	16.59	17.49	18.39	19.29	20.20	21.10	22.00
12	17.11	18.10	19.08	20.06	21.05	22.03	23.02	24.00
13	18.54	19.60	20.67	21.74	22.80	23.87	24.93	26.00
14	19.96	21.11	22.26	23.41	24.56	25.70	26.85	28.00
15	21.39	22.62	23.85	25.08	26.31	27.54	28.77	30.00
16	22.82	24.13	25.44	26.75	28.06	29.38	30.69	32.00
17	24.24	25.64	27.03	28.42	29.82	31.21	32.61	34.00
18	25.67	27.14	28.62	30.10	31.57	33.05	34.52	36.00
19	27.09	28.65	30.21	31.77	33.33	34.88	36.44	38.00
20	28.52	30.16	31.80	33.44	35.08	36.72	38.36	40.00
21	29.95	31.67	33.39	35.11	36.83	38.56	40.28	42.00
22	31.37	33.18	34.98	36.78	38.59	40.39	42.20	44.00
23	32.80	34.68	36.57	38.46	40.34	42.23	44.11	46.00
24	34.22	36.19	38.16	40.13	42.10	44.06	46.03	48.00
25	35.65	37.70	39.75	41.80	43.85	45.90	47.95	50.00
26	37.08	39.21	41.34	43.47	45.60	47.74	49.87	52.00
27	38.50	40.72	42.93	45.14	47.36	49.57	51.79	54.00
28	39.93	42.22	44.52	46.82	49.11	51.41	53.70	56.00
29	41.35	43.73	46.11	48.49	50.87	53.24	55.62	58.00
30	42.78	45.24	47.70	50.16	52.62	55.08	57.54	60.00
31	44.21	46.75	49.29	51.83	54.37	56.92	59.46	62.00
32	45.63	48.26	50.88	53.50	56.13	58.75	61.38	64.00
33	47.06	49.76	52.47	55.18	57.88	60.59	63.29	66.00
34	48.48	51.27	54.06	56.85	59.64	62.42	65.21	68.00
35	49.91	52.78	55.65	58.52	61.39	64.26	67.13	70.00
36	51.34	54.29	57.24	60.19	63.14	66.10	69.05	72.00
37	52.76	55.80	58.83	61.86	64.90	67.93	70.97	74.00
38	54.19	57.30	60.42	63.54	66.65	69.77	72.88	76.00
39	55.61	58.81	62.01	65.21	68.41	71.60	74.80	78.00
40	57.04	60.32	63.60	66.88	70.16	73.44	76.72	80.00

2.5 percent @ 55

RETIREMENT FORMULAS AND BENEFIT FACTORS

The chart below shows how the benefit factor increases for each quarter year of age from 50 to 55, and the required years of service to reach your maximum percentage allowed by law.

2.5% @ 55 Benefit Formula Minimum Age for Retirement 50		
Age at Retirement	**Benefit Factor**	**Years Needed to Attain 90%**
50	2.000%	45.000
50 ¼	2.025%	44.445
50 ½	2.050%	43.903
50 ¾	2.075%	43.375
51	2.100%	42.858
51 ¼	2.125%	42.353
51 ½	2.150%	41.861
51 ¾	2.175%	41.380
52	2.200%	40.910
52 ¼	2.225%	40.450
52 ½	2.250%	40.000
52 ¾	2.275%	39.561
53	2.300%	39.131
53 ¼	2.325%	38.710
53 ½	2.350%	38.298
53 ¾	2.375%	37.895
54	2.400%	37.500
54 ¼	2.425%	37.114
54 ½	2.450%	36.735
54 ¾	2.475%	36.364
55 or older	2.500%	36.000

PERCENTAGE OF FINAL COMPENSATION

2.5 percent @ 55

Age	50	51	52	53	54	55+
Benefit Factor	2.000	2.100	2.200	2.300	2.400	2.500
Years of Service	Percentage of Final Compensation					
5	10.00	10.50	11.00	11.50	12.00	12.50
6	12.00	12.60	13.20	13.80	14.40	15.00
7	14.00	14.70	15.40	16.10	16.80	17.50
8	16.00	16.80	17.60	18.40	19.20	20.00
9	18.00	18.90	19.80	20.70	21.60	22.50
10	20.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00	25.00
11	22.00	23.10	24.20	25.30	26.40	27.50
12	24.00	25.20	26.40	27.60	28.80	30.00
13	26.00	27.30	28.60	29.90	31.20	32.50
14	28.00	29.40	30.80	32.20	33.60	35.00
15	30.00	31.50	33.00	34.50	36.00	37.50
16	32.00	33.60	35.20	36.80	38.40	40.00
17	34.00	35.70	37.40	39.10	40.80	42.50
18	36.00	37.80	39.60	41.40	43.20	45.00
19	38.00	39.90	41.80	43.70	45.60	47.50
20	40.00	42.00	44.00	46.00	48.00	50.00
21	42.00	44.10	46.20	48.30	50.40	52.50
22	44.00	46.20	48.40	50.60	52.80	55.00
23	46.00	48.30	50.60	52.90	55.20	57.50
24	48.00	50.40	52.80	55.20	57.60	60.00
25	50.00	52.50	55.00	57.50	60.00	62.50
26	52.00	54.60	57.20	59.80	62.40	65.00
27	54.00	56.70	59.40	62.10	64.80	67.50
28	56.00	58.80	61.60	64.40	67.20	70.00
29	58.00	60.90	63.80	66.70	69.60	72.50
30	60.00	63.00	66.00	69.00	72.00	75.00
31	62.00	65.10	68.20	71.30	74.40	77.50
32	64.00	67.20	70.40	73.60	76.80	80.00
33	—	69.30	72.60	75.90	79.20	82.50
34	—	—	74.80	78.20	81.60	85.00
35	—	—	—	80.50	84.00	87.50
36	—	—	—	—	86.40	90.00 max
37	—	—	—	—	—	90.00 max

2.5 percent @ 57

RETIREMENT FORMULAS AND BENEFIT FACTORS

The chart below shows how the benefit factor increases for each quarter year of age from 50 to 57, and the required years of service to reach your maximum percentage allowed by law.

2.5% @ 57 Benefit Formula Minimum Age for Retirement 50 Membership Date on or After January 1, 2013				
Age	**Exact Year**	**¼ Year**	**½ Year**	**¾ Year**
50	2.000	2.018	2.036	2.054
51	2.071	2.089	2.107	2.125
52	2.143	2.161	2.179	2.196
53	2.214	2.232	2.250	2.268
54	2.286	2.304	2.321	2.339
55	2.357	2.375	2.393	2.411
56	2.429	2.446	2.464	2.482
57 or older	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500

Age	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57+
Benefit Factor	2.000	2.071	2.143	2.214	2.286	2.357	2.429	2.500
Years of Service	Percentage of Final Compensation							
5	10.00	10.36	10.72	11.07	11.43	11.79	12.15	12.50
6	12.00	12.43	12.86	13.28	13.72	14.14	14.57	15.00
7	14.00	14.50	15.00	15.50	16.00	16.50	17.00	17.50
8	16.00	16.57	17.14	17.71	18.29	18.86	19.43	20.00
9	18.00	18.64	19.29	19.93	20.57	21.21	21.86	22.50
10	20.00	20.71	21.43	22.14	22.86	23.57	24.29	25.00
11	22.00	22.78	23.57	24.35	25.15	25.93	26.72	27.50
12	24.00	24.85	25.72	26.57	27.43	28.28	29.15	30.00
13	26.00	26.92	27.86	28.78	29.72	30.64	31.58	32.50
14	28.00	28.99	30.00	31.00	32.00	33.00	34.01	35.00
15	30.00	31.07	32.15	33.21	34.29	35.36	36.44	37.50
16	32.00	33.14	34.29	35.42	36.58	37.71	38.86	40.00
17	34.00	35.21	36.43	37.64	38.86	40.07	41.29	42.50
18	36.00	37.28	38.57	39.85	41.15	42.43	43.72	45.00
19	38.00	39.35	40.72	42.07	43.43	44.78	46.15	47.50
20	40.00	41.42	42.86	44.28	45.72	47.14	48.58	50.00
21	42.00	43.49	45.00	46.49	48.01	49.50	51.01	52.50
22	44.00	45.56	47.15	48.71	50.29	51.85	53.44	55.00
23	46.00	47.63	49.29	50.92	52.58	54.21	55.87	57.50
24	48.00	49.70	51.43	53.14	54.86	56.57	58.30	60.00
25	50.00	51.78	53.58	55.35	57.15	58.93	60.73	62.50
26	52.00	53.85	55.72	57.56	59.44	61.28	63.15	65.00
27	54.00	55.92	57.86	59.78	61.72	63.64	65.58	67.50
28	56.00	57.99	60.00	61.99	64.01	66.00	68.01	70.00
29	58.00	60.06	62.15	64.21	66.29	68.35	70.44	72.50
30	60.00	62.13	64.29	66.42	68.58	70.71	72.87	75.00
31	62.00	64.20	66.43	68.63	70.87	73.07	75.30	77.50
32	64.00	66.27	68.58	70.85	73.15	75.42	77.73	80.00
33	66.00	68.34	70.72	73.06	75.44	77.78	80.16	82.50
34	68.00	70.41	72.86	75.28	77.72	80.14	82.59	85.00
35	70.00	72.49	75.01	77.49	80.01	82.50	85.02	87.50
36	72.00	74.56	77.15	79.70	82.30	84.85	87.44	90.00
37	74.00	76.63	79.29	81.92	84.58	87.21	89.87	92.50
38	76.00	78.70	81.43	84.13	86.87	89.57	92.30	95.00
39	78.00	80.77	83.58	86.35	89.15	91.92	94.73	97.50
40	80.00	82.84	85.72	88.56	91.44	94.28	97.16	100.00

2.7 percent @ 57

RETIREMENT FORMULAS AND BENEFIT FACTORS

The chart below shows how the benefit factor increases for each quarter year of age from 50 to 57, and the required years of service to reach your maximum percentage allowed by law.

2.7% @ 57 Benefit Formula Minimum Age for Retirement 50 Membership Date on or After January 1, 2013				
Age	**Exact Year**	**¼ Year**	**½ Year**	**¾ Year**
50	2.000	2.025	2.050	2.075
51	2.100	2.125	2.150	2.175
52	2.200	2.225	2.250	2.275
53	2.300	2.325	2.350	2.375
54	2.400	2.425	2.450	2.475
55	2.500	2.525	2.550	2.575
56	2.600	2.625	2.650	2.675
57 or older	2.700	2.700	2.700	2.700

Age	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57+
Benefit Factor	2.00	2.10	2.20	2.30	2.40	2.50	2.60	2.70
Years of Service	Percentage of Final Compensation							
5	10.00	10.50	11.00	11.50	12.00	12.50	13.00	13.50
6	12.00	12.60	13.20	13.80	14.40	15.00	15.60	16.20
7	14.00	14.70	15.40	16.10	16.80	17.50	18.20	18.90
8	16.00	16.80	17.60	18.40	19.20	20.00	20.80	21.60
9	18.00	18.90	19.80	20.70	21.60	22.50	23.40	24.30
10	20.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00	25.00	26.00	27.00
11	22.00	23.10	24.20	25.30	26.40	27.50	28.60	29.70
12	24.00	25.20	26.40	27.60	28.80	30.00	31.20	32.40
13	26.00	27.30	28.60	29.90	31.20	32.50	33.80	35.10
14	28.00	29.40	30.80	32.20	33.60	35.00	36.40	37.80
15	30.00	31.50	33.00	34.50	36.00	37.50	39.00	40.50
16	32.00	33.60	35.20	36.80	38.40	40.00	41.60	43.20
17	34.00	35.70	37.40	39.10	40.80	42.50	44.20	45.90
18	36.00	37.80	39.60	41.40	43.20	45.00	46.80	48.60
19	38.00	39.90	41.80	43.70	45.60	47.50	49.40	51.30
20	40.00	42.00	44.00	46.00	48.00	50.00	52.00	54.00
21	42.00	44.10	46.20	48.30	50.40	52.50	54.60	56.70
22	44.00	46.20	48.40	50.60	52.80	55.00	57.20	59.40
23	46.00	48.30	50.60	52.90	55.20	57.50	59.80	62.10
24	48.00	50.40	52.80	55.20	57.60	60.00	62.40	64.80
25	50.00	52.50	55.00	57.50	60.00	62.50	65.00	67.50
26	52.00	54.60	57.20	59.80	62.40	65.00	67.60	70.20
27	54.00	56.70	59.40	62.10	64.80	67.50	70.20	72.90
28	56.00	58.80	61.60	64.40	67.20	70.00	72.80	75.60
29	58.00	60.90	63.80	66.70	69.60	72.50	75.40	78.30
30	60.00	63.00	66.00	69.00	72.00	75.00	78.00	81.00
31	62.00	65.10	68.20	71.30	74.40	77.50	80.60	83.70
32	64.00	67.20	70.40	73.60	76.80	80.00	83.20	86.40
33	66.00	69.30	72.60	75.90	79.20	82.50	85.80	89.10
34	68.00	71.40	74.80	78.20	81.60	85.00	88.40	91.80
35	70.00	73.50	77.00	80.50	84.00	87.50	91.00	94.50
36	72.00	75.60	79.20	82.80	86.40	90.00	93.60	97.20
37	74.00	77.70	81.40	85.10	88.80	92.50	96.20	99.90
38	76.00	79.80	83.60	87.40	91.20	95.00	98.80	102.60
39	78.00	81.90	85.80	89.70	93.60	97.50	101.40	105.30
40	80.00	84.00	88.00	92.00	96.00	100.00	104.00	108.00

3 percent @ 50

RETIREMENT FORMULAS AND BENEFIT FACTORS

The chart below shows how the benefit factor increases for each quarter year of age from 50 to 55, and the required years of service to reach your maximum percentage allowed by law.

3% @ 50 Benefit Formula Minimum Age for Retirement 50		
Age at Retirement	**Benefit Factor**	**Years Needed to Attain 90%**
50	3.000%	30.000
50 ¼	3.000%	30.000
50 ½	3.000%	30.000
50 ¾	3.000%	30.000
51	3.000%	30.000
51 ¼	3.000%	30.000
51 ½	3.000%	30.000
51 ¾	3.000%	30.000
52	3.000%	30.000
52 ¼	3.000%	30.000
52 ½	3.000%	30.000
52 ¾	3.000%	30.000
53	3.000%	30.000
53 ¼	3.000%	30.000
53 ½	3.000%	30.000
53 ¾	3.000%	30.000
54	3.000%	30.000
54 ¼	3.000%	30.000
54 ½	3.000%	30.000
54 ¾	3.000%	30.000
55 or older	3.000%	30.000

PERCENTAGE OF FINAL COMPENSATION

3 percent @ 50

Age	50	51	52	53	54	55+
Benefit Factor	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
Years of Service	Percentage of Final Compensation					
5	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
6	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
7	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
8	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
9	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00
10	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
11	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00
12	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00
13	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00
14	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00
15	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00
16	48.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	48.00
17	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00
18	54.00	54.00	54.00	54.00	54.00	54.00
19	57.00	57.00	57.00	57.00	57.00	57.00
20	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
21	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00
22	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00
23	69.00	69.00	69.00	69.00	69.00	69.00
24	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00
25	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
26	78.00	78.00	78.00	78.00	78.00	78.00
27	81.00	81.00	81.00	81.00	81.00	81.00
28	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00
29	87.00	87.00	87.00	87.00	87.00	87.00
30	90.00 max	90.00 max	90.00 max	90.00 max	90.00 max	90.00 max

3 percent @ 55

RETIREMENT FORMULAS AND BENEFIT FACTORS

The chart below shows how the benefit factor increases for each quarter year of age from 50 to 55, and the required years of service to reach your maximum percentage allowed by law.

3% @ 55 Benefit Formula Minimum Age for Retirement 50		
Age at Retirement	**Benefit Factor**	**Years Needed to Attain 90%**
50	2.400%	37.500
50 ¼	2.430%	37.037
50 ½	2.460%	36.586
50 ¾	2.490%	36.145
51	2.520%	35.715
51 ¼	2.550%	35.295
51 ½	2.580%	34.884
51 ¾	2.610%	34.483
52	2.640%	34.091
52 ¼	2.670%	33.708
52 ½	2.700%	33.334
52 ¾	2.730%	32.967
53	2.760%	32.609
53 ¼	2.790%	32.258
53 ½	2.820%	31.915
53 ¾	2.850%	31.579
54	2.880%	31.250
54 ¼	2.910%	30.928
54 ½	2.940%	30.613
54 ¾	2.970%	30.303
55 or older	3.000%	30.000

PERCENTAGE OF FINAL COMPENSATION

3 percent @ 55

Age	50	51	52	53	54	55+
Benefit Factor	2.400	2.520	2.640	2.760	2.880	3.000
Years of Service	Percentage of Final Compensation					
5	12.00	12.60	13.20	13.80	14.40	15.00
6	14.40	15.12	15.84	16.56	17.28	18.00
7	16.80	17.64	18.48	19.32	20.16	21.00
8	19.20	20.16	21.12	22.08	23.04	24.00
9	21.60	22.68	23.76	24.84	25.92	27.00
10	24.00	25.20	26.40	27.60	28.80	30.00
11	26.40	27.72	29.04	30.36	31.68	33.00
12	28.80	30.24	31.68	33.12	34.56	36.00
13	31.20	32.76	34.32	35.88	37.44	39.00
14	33.60	35.28	36.96	38.64	40.32	42.00
15	36.00	37.80	39.60	41.40	43.20	45.00
16	38.40	40.32	42.24	44.16	46.08	48.00
17	40.80	42.84	44.88	46.92	48.96	51.00
18	43.20	45.36	47.52	49.68	51.84	54.00
19	45.60	47.88	50.16	52.44	54.72	57.00
20	48.00	50.40	52.80	55.20	57.60	60.00
21	50.40	52.92	55.44	57.96	60.48	63.00
22	52.80	55.44	58.08	60.72	63.36	66.00
23	55.20	57.96	60.72	63.48	66.24	69.00
24	57.60	60.48	63.36	66.24	69.12	72.00
25	60.00	63.00	66.00	69.00	72.00	75.00
26	62.40	65.52	68.64	71.76	74.88	78.00
27	64.80	68.04	71.28	74.52	77.76	81.00
28	67.20	70.56	73.92	77.28	80.64	84.00
29	69.60	73.08	76.56	80.04	83.52	87.00
30	72.00	75.60	79.20	82.80	86.40	90.00 max
31	74.40	78.12	81.84	85.56	89.28	90.00 max
32	76.80	80.64	84.48	88.32	90.00 max	90.00 max
33	—	83.16	87.12	90.00 max	90.00 max	90.00 max
34	—	—	89.76	90.00 max	90.00 max	90.00 max
35	—	—	—	90.00 max	90.00 max	90.00 max

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GLOSSARY

This glossary can assist you in understanding some of the words and phrases you may encounter when dealing with CalPERS.

Beneficiary
A person designated by the member to receive a benefit after the death of a member or other benefit recipient. (Also, see survivor, which has a different definition. Your beneficiary and survivor may or may not be the same person.)

Benefit Factor
The percentage of pay you are entitled to for each year of CalPERS-covered service, and is determined by your age at retirement and your retirement formula.

Break in Service
A break in service begins when you permanently separate from CalPERS-covered employment. A leave of absence, such as maternity leave, military leave, etc., is not considered a break in service.

CalPERS Medicare Plan
For CalPERS members in Social Security due to age (over 65) or Social Security-approved disability, Medicare becomes the primary payer of claims. If you have CalPERS health benefits coverage in retirement, the CalPERS Medicare health plan helps pay costs not covered by Medicare.

COBRA
The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) is federal legislation that allows you or a family member to continue health plan enrollment when there is an involuntary loss of coverage. A loss of coverage could include separation from employment, a dependent reaching age 26, or divorce.

Dependent
Those family members who meet the specific eligibility criteria for coverage in the CalPERS Health Program. This includes your children up to age 26 who may or may not be dependent upon you for support.

Disability
An inability to substantially perform the duties of your job due to illness or injury, which is determined to be permanent or of an extended and uncertain duration.

Domestic Partner
Registered domestic partners legally recognized by California law will be qualified for benefits and rights that apply to a spouse.

Final Compensation
Your final compensation is the highest average pay rate and special compensation during any consecutive one-year or three-year period. Which compensation period we use depends on your retirement formula(s). If you

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Fiscal Year
CalPERS operates on a fiscal year calendar, which is July 1 to June 30 each year.

Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA)
This federal law protects health insurance coverage for workers and their families when they change or lose their jobs. It also includes provisions providing national standards to protect the privacy of personal health information.

Member
An employee who qualifies for membership in CalPERS and whose employer has become obligated to pay contributions into the Retirement Fund.

Open Enrollment Period
A period of time determined by the CalPERS Board when you can enroll or change health plans, or add eligible family members who are not currently enrolled in the CalPERS Health Program.

PEMHCA
Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act. Government Code §§22751 et seq. is the body of state law that governs the CalPERS Health Program.

Reciprocal Agreement
An agreement between CalPERS and many public retirement systems within California that allows movement from one public employer to another, within a specified time limit, without losing valuable retirement rights and benefits.

Service Credit
Your credited years of employment with a CalPERS employer. This amount of service is credited to your CalPERS account and used in the formula to determine your retirement benefits. In some cases, other types of service credit (e.g., sick leave and service credit purchases) can be credited to your retirement account and used to enhance your retirement benefits.

Special Compensation
Additional income you might receive for uniform allowance, holiday pay, longevity pay, etc., and is reported separately from your base pay.

Survivor
A family member defined by law as eligible to receive specific benefits upon a member's death.

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5. Coordination of benefits among carriers
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