myCalPERS Out-of-Class Reporting

Student Guide

July 3, 2025



Introduction

Using myCalPERS, employers are responsible for reporting out-of-class hours worked in vacant positions.

myCalPERS allows you to:

- Verify out-of-class hours to report
- Submit out-of-class records for employees who meet out-of-class hours worked criteria
- Review penalties that have been assessed in accordance with Gov. Code section 20480
- Associate labor agreements and salary schedules to out-of-class records
- Review and pay out-of-class receivables and administrative penalties

Disclaimer

Business partner and participant information has been masked in this procedure guide.

System Access

If you are unable to process these scenarios, contact your agency's system access administrator to update your myCalPERS access.

Training Opportunities

Prior to taking a myCalPERS training, new users should review the <u>Introduction to myCalPERS for</u> <u>Business Partners (PDF)</u> student guide and take a <u>Business Rules class</u>. Business rules summarize the laws defined by the California Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL).

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Unit 1: Out-of-Class Reporting

An out-of-class appointment is an appointment to an upgraded position or higher classification by an employer or governing board or body that is vacant position for a limited duration.

A vacant position is a position that is **vacant during recruitment** for a permanent appointment. A vacant position does not refer to a position that is temporarily available due to another employee's leave of absence.

Employer Notifications

CalPERS will mail up to two notification letters to all contracting public agency and school employers to their preferred address in myCalPERS.

Annual Notice – (June)

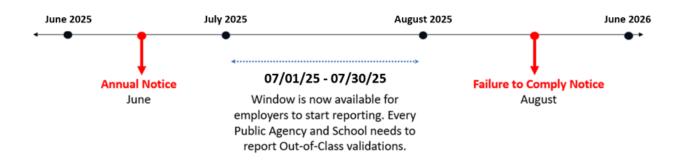
The notice informs employers to report all out-of-class appointments in myCalPERS by July 30 for the prior fiscal year.

Failure to Comply Notice – (August)

This notice informs non-compliant employers that report payroll directly to CalPERS that we have not received the required information. Penalties and/or administrative fees may be assessed.

Out-of-Class Reporting Timeline

- June 2025: Annual Notice sent.
- **July 1-30, 2025**: Window is now available for employers to start reporting. Every Public Agency and School needs to report out-of-class validations.
- August 2025: Failure to Comply Notification sent.



Penalties

Penalties incurred with reporting out-of-class appointments that exceed 960 hours are anticipated to be generated the following June after the out-of-class review period. For example, reporting out-of-class appointments for fiscal year 2024/2025 completed by July 30, 2025 will be invoiced June 2026.

Employers who violate this provision must make payments to CalPERS equal to three times the amount of the difference between member and employer contributions for the out-of-class appointment and the member and employer contributions reported to the system for the member's permanent position. The penalty shall be applied for the entire period(s) the member served in an out-of-class appointment. In addition, the employer will be responsible for a \$200 fee to cover administrative expenses.

Penalties paid are not normal contributions or additional contributions that are credited to an employee's individual PERS account. The employee shall bear no liability, obligation, or expense because of the unlawful actions of the employer.

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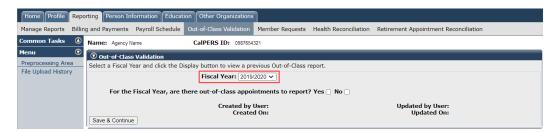
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Scenario 1: Report No Out-of-Class Appointments

Using the out-of-class validation process, you will report that there are no out-of-class appointments for the fiscal year by July 30.

Step Actions (6 steps)

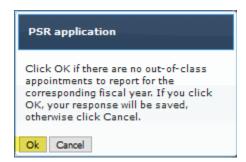
- Step 1 Select the **Reporting** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Out-of-Class Validation** local navigation link.
- Step 3 Within the Out-of-Class Validation section, select from the Fiscal Year drop-down list.



Step 4 Within the Out-of-Class Validation section, select the **No** check box.



- Step 5 Select the **Save & Continue** button.
- Step 6 Select the **Ok** button.



Scenario 2: Report Out-of-Class Appointments

CalPERS requires employers to verify the amount of out-of-class hours worked for each qualified out-of-class appointment by July 30.

Scenario

Using the out-of-class validation process, you will:

- Verify there are out-of-class hours to report
- Submit records for employees who meet the out-of-class hours worked criteria
- Review penalties that were assessed in accordance with Gov. Code section 20480
- Associate labor agreements and salary schedules to out-of-class records

System Logic

Begin and end dates must be within the selected fiscal year.

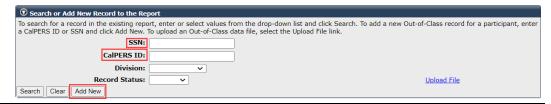
Step Actions (36 steps)

Out-of-Class Validation

- Step 1 Select the **Reporting** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Out-of-Class Validation** local navigation link.
- Step 3 Within the Out-of-Class Validation section, select from the Fiscal Year drop-down list.



- Step 4 Within the Out-of-Class Validation section, keep the **Yes** check box checked.
- Step 5 Select the **Save & Continue** button.
- Step 6 Within the Search or Add New Record to the Report section, enter the employee's **SSN** or **CalPERS ID** in the appropriate field.
- Step 7 Select the **Add New** button.



Step 8 Within the Out-of-Class Appointment Validation section, is the Out-of-Class Appointment a vacant position?

Yes: Select the **Yes** check box, then skip to step 10

No: Select the **No** check box. An error message will display: Due to the position not being vacant and recruited for, the record does not meet the criteria for an Out-of-Class appointment and does not require further validation information.

Step 9 Select the **Return to View Records** link to either add a new person or update the report status to **No** if no additional record is required.

You have completed this scenario.

Step 10 Within the Out-of-Class Appointment Validation section, is the Out-of-Class Appointment in a recruitment?

Yes: Select the **Yes** check box, then skip to step 12

No: Select the **No** check box. An error message will display: Due to the position not being vacant and recruited for, the record does not meet the criteria for an Out-of-Class appointment and does not require further validation information

Step 11 Select the **Return to View Records** link to either add a new person or update the report status to **No** if no additional record is required.

You have completed this scenario.

- Step 12 Within the Maintain Record Details section, complete the **Begin** and **End Date** fields.
- Step 13 Select the appropriate **Appointment** radio button.



Active Appointment

Step 14 Within the Active Appointment subsection, complete all appropriate fields for the member's original appointment before working in an out-of-class appointment.

Note: Within the **Total Earnings** field, enter what the employee would have earned if they worked in the original position during the out-of-class-period.



Out-of-Class Appointment

- Step 15 The Out-of-Class Assignment subsection's **Pay Rate** field refers to the pay rate assigned to the employee's temporary out-of-class (OOC) position while working in the acting/out-of-class appointment. This pay rate must align with the employer's publicly available salary schedule. Depending on how the employee was compensated for the out-of-class assignment, this section should be completed in one of two ways:
 - If the Employee Was Paid an Increased Pay Rate: Continue to step 16.
 - If the Employee Was Paid Temporary Upgrade Pay (TUP): Skip to step

Employee Was Paid an Increased Pay Rate

- Step 16 Within the Out-of-Class Assignment subsection:
 - Enter the increased pay rate in the Pay Rate field.
 - Total all earnings from the increased pay rate and enter them in the Total Earnings field.
 - Do not enter anything in the Total Paid Additional Compensation for the Out-of-Class Appointment field, as all compensation is already included in the increased pay rate and reflected in the Out-of-Class Total Earnings.

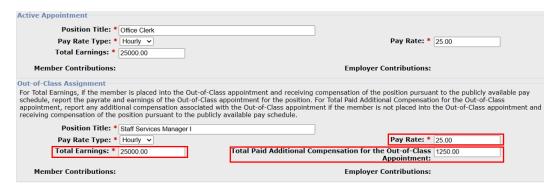


Step 17 Skip to step 19.

Employee Was Paid Temporary Upgrade Pay (TUP)

Step 18 Within the Out-of-Class Assignment subsection:

- Enter the Pay Rate as the same amount that was entered in the Active Appointment subsection's Pay Rate field.
- Enter the Total Earnings as the same amount that was entered in the Active Appointment subsection's Total Earnings field.
- Calculate the total TUP amount and enter it in the Total Paid Additional
 Compensation for the Out-of-Class Appointment field.



Note: For PEPRA members, TUP is not pensionable and should not be reported in payroll for pensionable purposes; however, it must still be recorded in the annual out-of-class report to accurately assess any penalties pursuant to Gov. Code 20480.

Out-of-Class Hours Reported

Step 19 Within the Out-of-Class Hours Reported subsection, complete the **Total Out-of- Class Hours Worked for this Period** field. Include vacation, sick leave, or overtime hours the employee received paid compensation.

Out-of-Class Hours Reported
Report all Out-of-Class hours worked and any additional hours reported for which the participant received compensation (i.e. Vacation or Sick Leave).
Total Out-of-Class Hours Worked for this Period: * 80

Review Penalties

Step 20 Within the Penalty subsection, select the **Calculate** button.

Penalty
Select the Calculate button to verify hours reported and to calculate any Out-of-Class penalties that may apply. Once calculated, you can select Save & Exit to return to the Out-of-Class summary page.
Penalty:
Calculate Clear

Associate Labor Agreements/Salary Schedules

Step 21 Do you need to provide a salary schedule or written labor policy/agreement?

Yes: Continue to step 22.

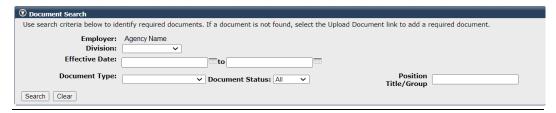
No: Skip to step 36.

Note: The salary schedule/written labor agreement must be submitted for all employees who have worked more than 960 hours in a fiscal year.

Step 22 Within the Associated Documents section, select the **Add New** button.



Step 23 Within the Document Search section, populate the fields as necessary.



- Step 24 Select the **Search** button.
- Step 25 Do you need to upload a new document?

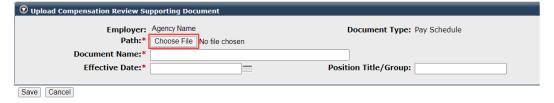
Yes: Continue to step 26.

No: Skip to step 34.

Step 26 In the Search Results section, select the **Upload Document** link.

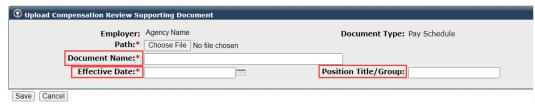


Step 27 Within the Upload Compensation Review Supporting Document section, select the **Browse** button.



- Step 28 Select the supporting PDF document.
- Step 29 Select the **Open** button.

Step 30 Within the Upload Compensation Review Supporting Document section, complete the Position Tile/Group field.



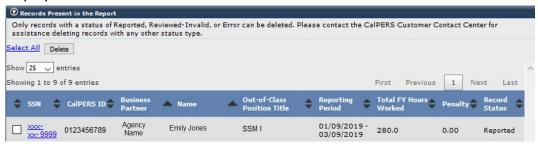
- Step 31 Select the Save button.
- Step 32 Within the Search Results section, select appropriate document check boxes.



Step 33 Select the **Associate to Appointment** button.



- Step 34
- Step 35 Select the Save & Exit button.
- Step 36 Within the Records Present in the Report section, your out-of-class record displays.



Scenario 3: Out-of-Class File Upload

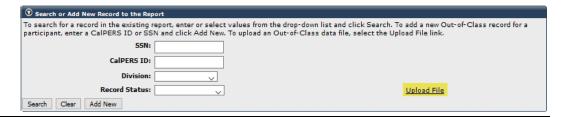
You will report your out-of-class validations through file upload.

Step Actions (14 steps)

- Step 1 Select the **Reporting** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Out-of-Class Validation** local navigation link.
- Step 3 Within the Out-of-Class Validation section, select from the **Fiscal Year** drop-down list.



- Step 4 Within the Out-of-Class Validation section, keep the **Yes** check box checked.
- Step 5 Select the **Save & Continue** button.
- Step 6 Within the Search or Add New Record to the Report section, select the **Upload File** link.



Step 7 Within the Upload File section, select the **Browse** button.



- Step 8 Select the CSV document.
- Step 9 Select the **Upload File** button.
- Step 10 After your out-of-class appointment has been uploaded and has a Ready file status, select the **F5** key on your keyboard to refresh your totals.

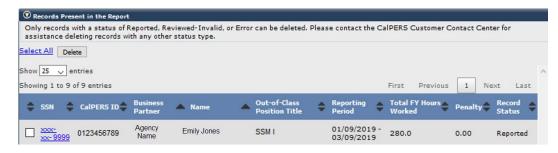


Step 11 Your file has been validated and displays the number of records in the Valid and Error columns.



Review Your Reported Out-of-Class Appointments

- Step 12 Select the **Reporting** global navigation tab.
- Step 13 Select the **Out-of-Class Validation** local navigation link.
- Step 14 Within the Records Present in the Report section, your out-of-class record displays.



Unit 2: Maintaining Supporting Documents

In this unit, you will learn how to maintain your supporting documents used for out-of-class validations.

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Scenario 1: Upload New Supporting Documents

You will upload a new salary schedule or written labor policy/agreement.

Step Actions (10 steps)

- Step 1 Select the **Reporting** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Maintain Employer Supporting Documents** left-side navigation link.



Step 3 Within the Document Search section, complete all necessary fields.



- Step 4 Select the **Search** button.
- Step 5 In the Search Results section, select the **Upload Document** link.



Step 6 Within the Upload Compensation Review Supporting Document section, select the **Choose File** button.



- Step 7 Select the supporting PDF document.
- Step 8 Select the **Open** button.

Step 9 Complete the Upload Compensation Review Supporting Document section, including the Position Title/Group field.

▼ Upload Compensation Review Su	pporting Document	
	Agency Name	Document Type: Pay Schedule
Path:*	Choose File Payroll Schedule.pdf	
Document Name:*		
Effective Date:*		Position Title/Group:
Save Cancel		

Step 10 Select the **Save** button.

Scenario 2: Update Supporting Document Details

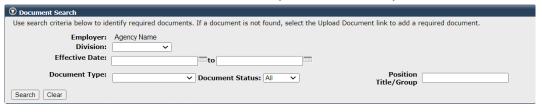
You will update supporting document details such as the type, effective date, status, and position title/group.

Step Actions (7 steps)

- Step 1 Select the **Reporting** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Maintain Employer Supporting Documents** left-side navigation link.



Step 3 Within the Document Search section, complete all necessary fields.



- Step 4 Select the **Search** button.
- Step 5 Within the Search Results section, locate the appropriate supporting document, then select the **Update Details** link.



Step 6 Update the Upload Compensation Review Supporting Document section.

Employer:	Agency Name	Document Type: Pay Schedule
Path:*	Choose File Payroll Schedule.pdf	
Document Name:*		
Effective Date:*		Position Title/Group:

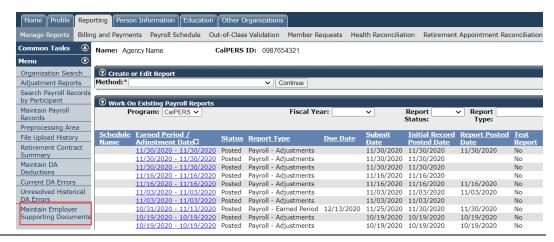
Step 7 Select the **Save** button.

Scenario 3: Inactivate Supporting Documents

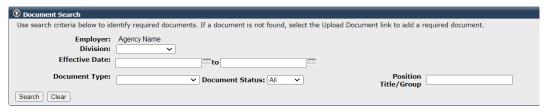
You will inactivate a supporting document.

Step Actions (6 steps)

- Step 1 Select the **Reporting** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Maintain Employer Supporting Documents** left-side navigation link.



Step 3 Within the Document Search section, complete all necessary fields.



- Step 4 Select the **Search** button.
- Step 5 Within the Search Results section, select appropriate document check box(s).



Step 6 Select the **Inactivate Document** button.



Scenario 4: Reactivate Supporting Documents

You will reactivate a supporting document.

Step Actions (6 steps)

- Step 1 Select the **Reporting** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Maintain Employer Supporting Documents** left-side navigation link.



Step 3 Within the Document Search section, complete all necessary fields.



- Step 4 Select the **Search** button.
- Step 5 Within the Search Results section, find the appropriate inactive supporting document, then select the **Update Details** link.



Step 6 Select the **Reactivate Document** button.



CalPERS Resources

Obtain more information by visiting the <u>CalPERS website</u> at www.calpers.ca.gov.

• Data Element Definitions Out-of-Class Validation Reporting (PDF)

Pathway: CalPERS website > Employers > Technical Resources > Employers (+) Reporting Out-of-Class Hours Worked (section) > Data Element Definitions Out-of-Class Validation Reporting (PDF)

Out-of-Class Reporting Frequently Asked Questions (PDF)

Pathway: CalPERS website > Employers > Technical Resources > Employers (+) Reporting Out-of-Class Hours Worked (section) > Government Code Section 20480: Out-of-Class Reporting Frequently Asked Questions (PDF)

• myCalPERS Student Guides & Resources

Pathway: CalPERS website > Employers > Employer Education > myCalPERS Student Guides & Resources (under Resources header)

• Business Rules & myCalPERS Classes

Pathway: CalPERS website > Employers > Employer Education > Business Rules & myCalPERS Classes

- <u>Self-Paced Online Classes</u> (log in to myCalPERS, select the **Education** global navigation tab, then the Classes local navigation link)
 - Business Rules
 - The Importance of Accurately Reporting Payroll
 - myCalPERS
 - Out-of-Class Reporting
- myCalPERS Technical Requirements

Pathway: CalPERS website > Employers > myCalPERS Technical Requirements

Public Agency & Schools Reference Guide (PDF)

Pathway: CalPERS website > Employers > Reference & Health Guides > Public Agency & Schools Reference Guide (PDF)

• Circular Letters

Pathway: CalPERS website > Employers > Circular Letters

• Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL)

Pathway: CalPERS website > About > Laws, Legislation & Regulations > Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL)

myCalPERS Employer Reports (Cognos) Catalog

Pathway: CalPERS website > Employers > myCalPERS Employer Reports (Cognos) Catalog

CalPERS Contacts

Email

- To contact the employer educators for questions and inquiries, email calpers employer communications@calpers.ca.gov.
- To contact the <u>Employer Response Team</u> for assistance with your most critical, complex, or time-sensitive issues, email ert@calpers.ca.gov.
- To contact <u>CalPERS Membership Unit</u> for questions regarding membership eligibility or if a non-contributory employee does not have the Earned Period No Contribution and No Service in the Transaction Type drop-down list, email **membership_reporting@calpers.ca.gov.**
- To contact the <u>Audit Compliance and Resolution Unit</u> for questions regarding Publicly Available Pay Schedules, reportable payrates and special compensation, labor policies or agreements, Out-of-Class reporting, and compensation reportability related to settlement agreements, email **mou_review@calpers.ca.gov.**

Phone or Fax

You can reach CalPERS at **888 CalPERS** (or **888**-225-7377), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on state holidays.

- TTY: (877) 249-7442 (This number does not accept voice calls)
- CalPERS centralized fax number: (800) 959-6545
- Employer Response Team phone number: (800) 253-4594

Submit Inquiry

You can send secure messages through myCalPERS. Expand the **Common Tasks** left-side navigation folder and select the **Submit Inquiry** link to submit a question or request.