

# CalPERS Disability Retirement Benefits

Some life events can happen unexpectedly and interfere with your ability to work. You should apply **immediately** for CalPERS disability or industrial disability retirement benefits if you have an injury or illness that prevents you from performing your usual job duties with your current employer for a permanent or extended duration of time. Do not wait to exhaust other benefits, such as sick leave, or until your workers' compensation claim is settled.

## Disability Retirement Overview

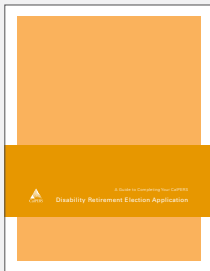
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- The cause of your disability does not need to be job-related.
- You must have at least five years of service credit (state second tier members must have 10 years).
- There is no minimum age requirement for a disability retirement.
- If your disability retirement is approved, you will receive a monthly retirement payment for the rest of your life (or until you recover from your injury or illness).

## Industrial Disability Retirement Overview

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- Your disability must be the result of a job-related illness or injury, **and** you are a school, local or state safety, state peace officer/firefighter, state industrial, or state patrol member. (Local miscellaneous members may be eligible if your employer contracts to provide this benefit.)
- There is no minimum age or service requirement for an industrial disability retirement.
- If your industrial disability retirement is approved, you will receive a monthly retirement payment for the rest of your life (or until you recover from your disabling injury or illness).



For detailed information and application forms, refer to ***A Guide to Completing Your CalPERS Disability Retirement Election Application.***

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# CalPERS Disability Retirement Application Process

The outline below provides an overview of the application process and is intended as a general reference. For more detailed information, review our publication, ***A Guide to Completing Your CalPERS Disability Retirement Election Application.***

