Washington State **Department of Retirement Services Retirement Plans 2 & 3**

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Retire Versus Sever

- To retire
 - stop working at current job
- begin immediately receiving a defined benefit from the State of Washington
- To sever employment
 - stop working at current job

Option chosen can affect available benefits, depending on the state plan.

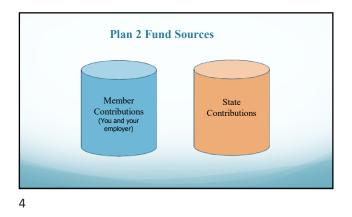
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Defined Benefit

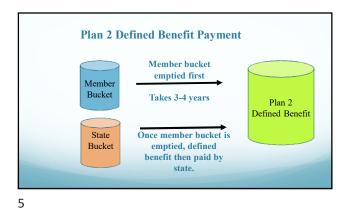
- All plans Guaranteed monthly benefit for life at retirement
- Plan 2 member rates

- SERS—7.76%
 TRS—8.05%
- Plan 3 member rates—0%

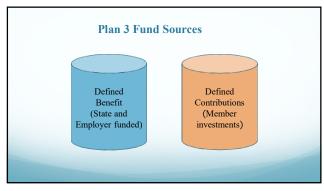
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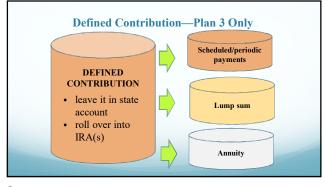




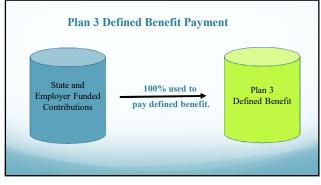
Defined Contributions—Plan 3 Only

- 5% to 15% (6 options)
- pre-tax money
- can change contribution level when changing school districts
- amount available determined by:
- amount contributed
- return on investment
- market situation when accessing

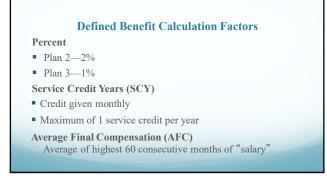
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Defined Benefit Calculation

% x SCY X AFC=defined benefit

Example: AFC = 60,000 (5000 per month) SCY = 30 yrs.

Plan 2: .02 x 30 x \$60,000 = \$36,000 (\$3000 per month)

Plan 3: .01 x 30 x \$60,000 = \$18,000 (\$1500 per month)

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| Vested Number of ye | ars you must work to qualify for defined benefit |
|------------------------|---|
| Plan 2 | 5 years |
| Plan 3 | 10 years for most members OR 5 service credit years when at least 12 months were earned after age 44 |



| Full benefits | Age 65 | |
|------------------|-----------------|--|
| Plans 2&3 | OR | |
| | 30 SCY & age 62 | |
| Reduced benefits | 3 | |
| Plan 2 | 20 SCY & age 55 | |
| Plan 3 | 10 SCY & age 55 | |

| Benefit options | Survivor monthly benefit |
|-----------------|--|
| Option 1 | Remainder of contributions (0 if depleted) |
| Option 2 | 100% of retiree's benefit |
| Option 3 | 50% of retiree's benefit |
| Option 4 | 66 2/3% of retiree's benefit |

| | Retiree (monthly) | Survivor (monthly) |
|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Option 1 | \$1109.33 | No monthly payments |
| Option 2 | \$ 856.40 | \$856.40 |
| Option 3 | \$ 966.23 | \$483.11 |
| Option 4 | \$ 926.29 | \$617.56 |



| Options | calculations based on difference between |
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| 2, 3 and 4 | retiree's age and survivor's age |
| | decision irrevocable with some exceptions |
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Defined Benefit Beneficiary Payment Options

Exceptions:

- Survivor pre-deceases retiree, then retiree benefit "pops up" to Option 1
 Survivor named is non-spouse, change to option 1 at any time
- time.
- Marry or remarry for at least one year.
 Re-enter TRS membership and earn 24 months of uninterrupted service credit.

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| COLA Be | enefit Increases |
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| COLA on July 1 after one f | ull year in retirement |
| July 1 | September 1 |
| 23.88 SCY \$2038 | 24.04 SCY \$2052 |
| COLA in 12 months | COLA in 22 months |



July Retirement Scenario

Resign your position effective June 30 to start retirement in July 1

- You'll receive your pension benefit plus your salary for July and August.
- Your COLA will start in July of the following year (July 1, 2023).
- You won't receive service credit for July and August.
- Your health care coverage via SEBB will be discontinued after June 30 so you will have start paying for health care July 1.

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September Retirement Scenario

Resign your position effective August 31, 2022 to start retirement September

- You'll receive your pension benefit starting in September.
- Your COLA won't go into effect until July 2024.
- You'll earn service credit for July and August.
- You'll continue to receive SEBB health care coverage through August and you will start paying for health care September 1.

| Septem | ber Retiremen | t COLA Scenario |
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| Example 1: | Husband July 1, 2022 2023 COLA: 2% 2024 COLA: 1% | Wife September 1, 2022 2023 COLA: 0% 2024 COLA: 3% |
| Example 2: | Husband July 1, 2023 2023 COLA: 2% 2024 COLA: 2% | Wife September 1, 2023 2023 COLA: 0% 2024 COLA: 3% (1% carries over to 2025, total not to exceed 3%) |



| Benefit Increase Options | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Title | Who can purchase? | Minimum/ Maximum | When to purchase | | |
| PERS & SERS Annuity | PERS 1 SERS 2 & 3 | \$5000 minimum/ no maximum | At retirement | | |
| Teachers' Annuity | TRS 1, 2 & 3 | No minimum/ no maximum | At retirement | | |
| Purchase service credit | All plans | 1 month/ 60 months | At retirement | | |

| W | orked | Out | of | State | Options | |
|---|-------|-----|----|-------|---------|--|
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| Retirement Education | If you worked as public education teacher in another state TRS Plans 2 & 3 only Increases service credit years One month to 7 years Purchase any time after earning 2 SCY in Washington |
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Out-of-State Service Credit Program

Cost: No cost

No. of years: No limit to how much out-of-state service credit you can use

Service credit: Service credit must be earned in an out-of-state public retirement system that covers teachers

Benefit: Based on Washington state service credit only

Purpose: Helps you qualify for early retirement or a smaller benefit reduction

Requirement: Must be a vested member of TRS Plans 2 or 3

Public Education Experience Program

Cost: Payment required

No. of years: Limit of seven years of service credit

Service credit: Service credit must be earned in a federal public retirement system or a state system outside Washington state that covers teachers

Benefit: Based on both Washington state service credit and purchased service credit

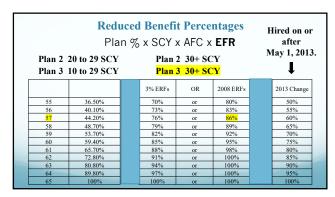
Purpose: Helps you qualify for early or normal retirement and increases your monthly benefit payment

Requirement: Must be an active member with at least two years of TRS Plans 2 or 3

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Returning to Work

- Not covered by WA state retirement systemBenefits are not impacted.
- Can work an unlimited number of hours.
- Covered by WA state retirement system
- Must wait at least 30 consecutive days.
- Fewer than 30 SCY or under 3% ERFs you may work up to 867 hours per calendar year in an eligible position.
- More than 867 hours, monthly benefits suspended until you quit working.

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Returning to Work Under 2008 ERFs

- Could not work in any capacity for a DRS covered employer.
- Could not earn compensation from a DRS covered employer for services as a contractor.
- In 2019 exceptions made as follows:

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Working After Retirement 2008 ERFs

SERS, TRS Plans 2 & 3 YES

- School district, charter school, educational service district, state school for the deaf, state school for the blind, or tribal school approved
- Training, orientation and classroom preparation time count
- Coaching
- Office-support (TRS Plans 2 & 3)

Working After Retirement 2008 ERFs

SERS, TRS Plans 2 & 3 NO

- Administrative capacity
- Position involving evaluating staff
- State agencies and local governments excluded
- Independent contracting

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Working After Retirement 2008 ERFs

PERS, SERS, TRS Plan 2 and SERS, TRS Plan 3

If in doubt, check with DRS before accepting a position especially if:

 retired from more than one DRS-covered retirement system OR

has a disability retirement

PERS/SERS/TRS Plans 2 and 3: Thinking About Working After Retirement?





DRS Website https://www.drs.wa.gov/

Estimating benefits

- Benefit estimator
- Put in your own numbers and dates to "play"
- Use "Guide me" first few times
- Use "Express screen" after you are more familiar with the tool
- Contact DRS if dual member
- Last estimation must be within 12 months of applying for retirement.

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DRS Website https://www.drs.wa.gov/

Applying for benefits

- Request estimate
 - must do before filling out application
- can ask for more than one date
- Fill out retirement application
- If applying on-line, everything is on-line except:spouse's agreement (needs to be notarized)
- proof of age for retiree and beneficiary

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| Determined by service credit years or age | | | | | |
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| July vs September Less than 30 SCY OR 65+ | | 3% ERFs vs 2008 ER More than 30 SCY | | | |
| Age 66 | Age 66 | Age 61 | Age 61 | | |
| \$1019 | \$1026 | 2008 ERF | 3% ERF | | |
| \$689 | \$690 | \$2370 | \$2154 | | |
| \$822 | \$825 | \$1841 | \$1673 | | |
| \$772 | \$774 | \$2071 | \$1882 | | |
| 07-01-2011 | 09-01-2011 | \$1988 | \$1807 | | |









- Review plan summary
- Keep beneficiary designation up to date.
- Check DRS information annually for accuracy
- Check annual statement
- Purchase service credit
- Check investments
- Plan 3 defined contributions
- Deferred Compensation Program

