Delaware Public Employees' Retirement System County & Municipal General Pension Plan

Retirement Planning





Statistics (as of 6/30/24)

- 40,526 Retirees (including terminated vested) from all nine plans
 - 405 from C/M General Pension Plan
- 46,075 Active Members in all nine plans
 - 1097 in C/M General
- Over \$13.6 billion in the Delaware Public Employees' Retirement System (8 pension plans, 1 length of service award plan, 3 post-retirement trusts, 1 investment pool made of three entities)
 - Assets of \$106.4 million in C/M General
 - Approximately 101% funding ratio for C/M General





Pension Contributions

Member Contributions

• 3% contribution deducted after first \$6,000 of earnings each calendar year

Employer Contributions

• FY 2025 - 5.70%





Retirement Eligibility - Unreduced Service Pension

- 30 years of pension credited service at any age
- Age 60 with at least 15 years of pension credited service
- Age 62 with at least 5 consecutive years of pension credited service





Retirement Eligibility - Reduced Service Pension

Age 55 with at least 15 years of pension credited service

• Reduced 0.4% for each month under Age 60





Retirement Eligibility - Vested Pension

 Must have 5 consecutive years of pension credited service

• Pension is effective first of the month following 62nd birthday





Unified Pension

May combine service in the following Pension Plans with service in the C/M General provided not collecting a pension from them

- State Employees'
- New State Police
- County & Municipal Police & Firefighters





Buy-In Options Upon Retirement

- Approved medical leaves of absence
- Sabbatical leave of absence*
 - Can be used to establish eligibility
- Actuarial (Ex: Military, Other Governmental)*
 - *Buy-in options must be approved and/or verified by the Office of Pensions prior to retirement





Payment For Eligible Buy-In Options

- Payment for the purchase of an approved buy-in is calculated at the time of the employee's retirement
- Written notification will be mailed directly to the home address the month the retiree will receive their first pension benefit
 - Must be paid prior to issuance of first benefit
- Can be purchased one of three ways:
 - Deducted from first monthly pension, if sufficient to cover the entire cost
 - Personal check
 - Rollover from a qualified tax-sheltered account
 - 401(A), 457(B), 403(B) (under certain circumstances), or an IRA





Who is an Eligible Survivor?

- A <u>survivor</u> is a person eligible to receive a monthly pension at the time of the active member or pensioner's death
 - Spouse
 - Child/children under age 18, unmarried, and if between the ages of 18 and 22, a full-time student
 - Child permanently disabled as a result of a disability that began before the child attained age 18
 - Dependent parent(s)





Joint And Survivor Benefit

- Payable to an eligible survivor
- Election must be made
- One-time irrevocable
- Pensioner's monthly pension reduced for lifetime
 - 50% = No reduction
 - 66.67% = 2% reduction
 - 75% = 3% reduction
 - 100% = 6% reduction





Who is a Beneficiary?

• A <u>beneficiary</u> is named on the Pension Contribution Designation/Change of Beneficiary form and receives a lump sum distribution of the balance of member paid pension contributions, plus interest, in the event there is no eligible survivor at the time of the member's death.





Calculating Your Estimated Monthly Pension Visit www.delawarepensions.com









Benefits Form







Calculating Your Estimated Monthly Pension

Pension Calculators Select an option below: State Employees State Employees Hired Before 1-1-2012 Hired After 12-31-2011 Correctional/Specified Peace Officer Correctional/Specified Peace Officer Hired Before 1-1-2012 Hired After 12-31-2011 911 Operator 911 Operator Hired Before 1-1-2012 Hired After 12-31-2011 State Police Judicial County and Municipal County and Municipal (General) (Police/Firefighter) Delaware Volunteer Firemen Pension Calculator





Estimated Credited Service

1. Enter Combined Highest 5 Years Compensation:			
180000			
2. Creditable Years of Service:			
20			
Additional Years of Service:			
Years: 0 V Months: 0 V			
Your Age at Retirement:			
Years 55 v Months 0 v			
Click "Estimate Pension" to display the Estimated Pension			
Estimate Pension			

For Example Only

COMPUTATION INFORMATION	BLOCK 4
Pension Estimate Computation Formula	
Total Compensation Divided by 60 2. Equals Final Average Compensation	\$187,506.46
Divided by 60 3. Equals Factor	2

If the increased Survivor Benefit Option is chosen, the computed amount in Item 5 would be reduced.

Block 4 contains a step-by-step calculation of your estimated monthly pension accrued under the Delaware Public Employees' Retirement System based on your service and compensation as of 12/31/2022. This monthly pension does not reflect any reduction for early retirement nor does it indicate your eligibility to collect a monthly pension. Please refer to our website, www.delawarepensions.com, for eligibility requirements.

DISCLAIMER: This statement represents only an estimate of credited service and potential benefits. None of the information in this estimate has been verified and the Office of Pensions of the State of Delaware makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of such information. Actual service credit and benefits will be verified at the time of retirement.





Monthly Estimated Pension

Estimated Monthly Pension Benefit

* * * These are for estimation purposes only * * *

50% survivor option

66% survivor option

75% survivor option

100% survivor option

\$995.73

\$975.82

\$965.86

\$935.99

You have achieved 15 or more years of service and are at least 55 years of age. You seem to be eligible to retire with a Reduced Age pension.

Estimated Reduced Monthly Pension Benefit

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50% survivor option

66% survivor option

75% survivor option

100% survivor option

\$756.75

\$741.62

\$734.05

\$711.34

To see a more detailed description of your Pension Estimate Click Here.





Actuarial Buy In

Actuarial Buy-in Option

Select your age at retirement:

55 🕶

Estimate Actuarial Buy-in

Estimated Cost to purchase 1 Year of Time:

Cost to purchase 1 Year of Actuarial Buy-in: 7864.88

Increase in Pension Monthly Payment: 52.09

Total Pension Monthly Payment with Actuarial Buy-in: 1047.82

Years to Recoup Cost of Buy-in: 12.58

(Actuarial Buy-In reflects a NON-REDUCED PENSION)

Print a complete Estimate Summary based on the data input.





Health Insurance

• Eligible to participate in the group health insurance plans offered by the State of Delaware

• Pay the total cost (Pensioner and State Share) of the health insurance

• A member eligible for a vested pension in another plan OR receiving a pension in another plan may be eligible for a portion of the State Share paid by the State





Health Insurance

- All plans coupled with prescription plan coverage
 - Changes in coverage once a year during the open enrollment period in May; changes are effective July 1st
 - Medicare—eligible members' open enrollment period occurs in October; changes effective January 1st
- Life Changing Event Changes must be done within 30 days of the event





Dental Insurance

Available at retirement

Automatic payroll deduction





Direct Deposit

Mandatory for monthly pension

 Deposited on the last business day of each month





Taxes

- Monthly pension is taxable by the Federal Government
- May or may not be taxable in the State where the retiree maintains permanent residence
- Form 1099-R





Payment of Monthly Pension

- Your first Pension Check will be on a 1 month lag
 - Retire June 1st your will receive your first check July 31st
 - Double Pay
 - Double Deductions
- Monthly pension is calculated after the receipt of your final pay from your Organization
- Online pay advices





Working After Retirement

- Only applies if considering employment with an organization participating in the C/M General Pension Plan
 - Must be in a non-pension covered position





So...Ready for Retirement?

• Written notification to supervisor or Human Resources <u>four months</u> prior to retirement

Human Resources

- Prepares pension application and submits to the Office of Pensions
- Schedules appointment with member to complete the pension packet

Member

- Gathers required personal documents needed for self, spouse and eligible dependent(s) as applicable
 - Birth Verification
 - Signed Social Security Card
 - Marriage Verification
 - Divorce Verification



Medicare Card



After You Retire

The Office of Pensions maintains pensioner records

- Updates must be in writing with signature
 - Name
 - Address
- Other personal information
 - Please note if you update your information on your Single Sign On account you must still submit your updates in writing
- Available to answer questions or concerns





Contact the Office of Pensions

The Office of Pensions maintains pensioner records

• Website: <u>www.delawarepensions.com</u>

• Email address: Pensionoffice@Delaware.gov

• Phone: (302) 739-4208

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