

Human Resources Benefits News

Retirement Application Process Changes Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) New Terms and Conditions of Retirement

The Division of Pensions and Benefits is implementing changes to the retirement procedures for Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and Police and Firemen's Retirement System members. In summary,

1. Members must agree to the new terms and conditions of retirement when applying for retirement.
2. Applications for Retirement Allowance cannot be submitted more than one year before the retirement date.
3. A member is required to notify his/her department within a reasonable time of his/her planned retirement. The member's campus Human Resources Benefits Office should also be notified when he/she has filed an application for retirement.
4. In the event that a member cancels or changes his/her retirement date and submits a new application at a later date, he/she is responsible for notifying his/her department and campus Human Resources Benefits Office to ensure that his/her employment remains uninterrupted and that any active health benefits are not cancelled.
5. The beneficiary designation indicated on the Application for Retirement Allowance supersedes all prior designations even if the retirement is not yet effective or if the retirement is canceled. The Division of Pensions and Benefits will honor this most recent beneficiary designation on file, unless another beneficiary designation is made after the retirement application.
6. For a PERS member who dies prior to the retirement date indicated on the retirement application, any retirement benefits that may be payable to a beneficiary cannot be paid until the retirement date selected. (PFRS members have an automatic survivor benefit payable to a surviving spouse or eligible partner upon death of the employee or retiree.)

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