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Ready, Set, Retire!

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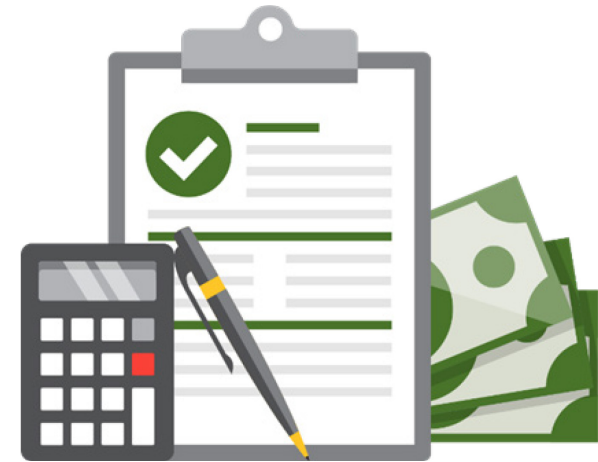
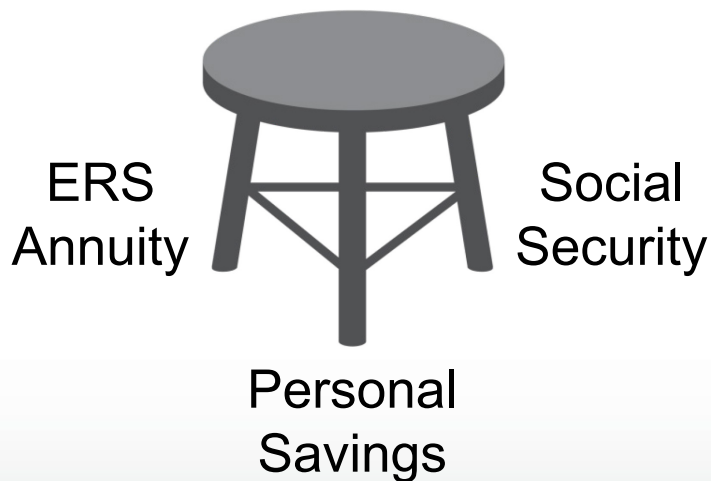




YOUR INCOME —AT— RETIREMENT

Three-legged Stool

To ensure a financially secure retirement, you're likely to need income from at least three sources.



Can I afford to retire?

ERS Annuity



Lifetime
payment



Average
monthly
annuity
\$1,600



53% of
your salary



No cost-
of-living
adjustments
(COLAs)

Social Security Benefit

- Doesn't reduce your ERS annuity
- Draw SSA benefit early (reduced amount), or wait to draw maximum SSA payment
- Eligibility based on the year you were born



For more info, call Social Security (800) 772-1213.

Personal Savings

- Texa\$aver 401(k) or 457
- Individual retirement account (IRA)
- Retirement accounts from previous employers
- Personal savings account

TEXA\$AVERSM
401(k) / 457 Program



ELIGIBILITY



Retirement Groups

GROUPS



Hired before September 1, 2009



Hired September 1, 2009 through
August 31, 2013

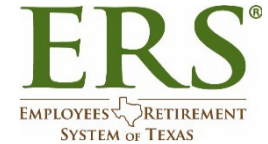


Hired September 1, 2013 through
August 31, 2022



Employees hired on or after September 1, 2022 will be in Group 4.
Information on Group 4 retirement eligibility and benefits will be available
starting summer 2022.

Rule of 80



- Your age + your service credit = 80
- Minimum 10 years of service for GBP coverage at retirement
- Age-based annuity reduction for Groups 2 and 3

Age:	59 years and 9 months
+ Service:	20 years and 3 months
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Total:	79 years + 12 months = 80

Rule of 80 – Group



Employees hired before September 1, 2009



Elva is 58 years old and has 22 years of service.

- Elva meets the Rule of 80 with no reduction to her annuity
- She is eligible for retiree insurance.

Rule of 80 – Group



Employees hired September 1, 2009 – August 31, 2013



Juanita is 58 years old and has 22 years of service.

- Annuity reduced 5% for every year under age 60, with a 25% cap.
- She can retire with a 10% reduction.
- She is eligible for retiree insurance.

Rule of 80 – Group



Employees hired September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2022



George is 56 years old and has 24 years of service.

- Annuity reduced 5% for every year under age 62, no cap.
- He can retire, but will have a 30% reduction.
- He is eligible for retiree insurance.

Minimum 10 Years of Service

If you do not meet the Rule of 80, but have at least 10 years of service you can retire:



- at age 60 with optional benefits
- with health insurance at age 65



- at age 65 with health insurance and optional benefits



See page 8 of the *Planning Your Retirement* (PYR) booklet for more information.

SERVICE CREDIT



Earned Service Credit

- Monthly service credit
- Teacher Retirement System (TRS)
- Proportionate Retirement Program (PRP)
- Optional Retirement Program (ORP)
- Unused sick and annual leave — depending on which retirement group you're in



See page 10 –11 of the PYR booklet for more information about earned service credit.

Unused Sick and Annual Leave

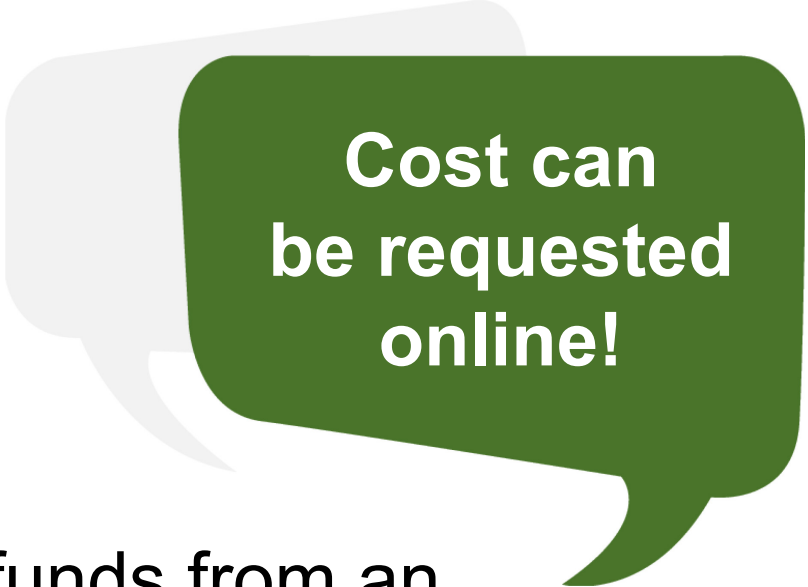
If you retire directly from state service:

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Unused leave towards eligibility	Yes	No	No
Unused leave to increase annuity	Yes	Yes	Yes*

*Unused annual leave can be used only if not taken as a lump sum payout from your agency.

Purchased Service Credit

- Refunded ERS service
- Military service
- Waiting period
- Additional Service Credit



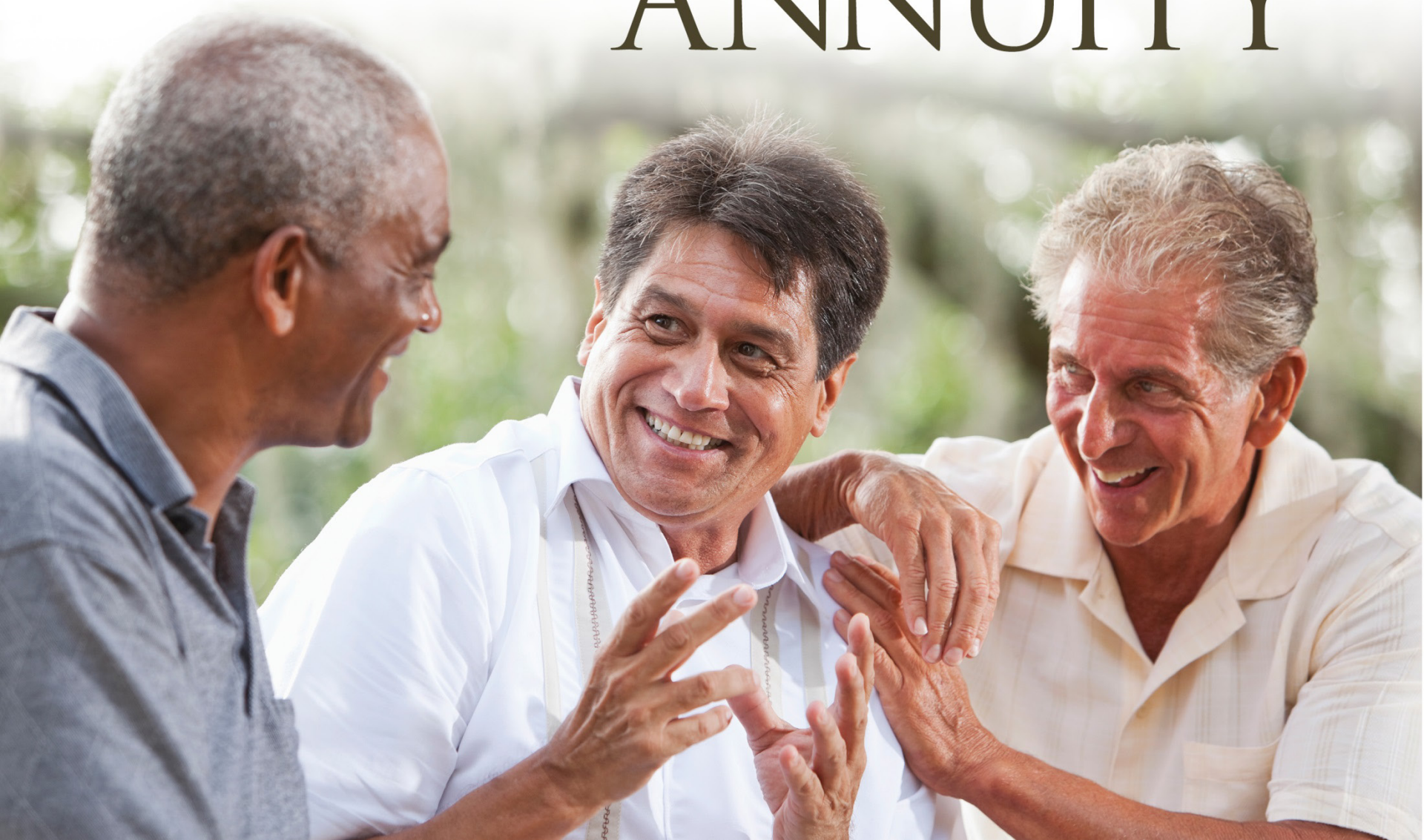
**Cost can
be requested
online!**

Pay with a check or roll over funds from an eligible pre-tax account.



See details on page 11 – 12 of the PYR booklet.

ERS ANNUITY



Calculating Your Annuity

Your highest average salary
is the average of the highest:

- 36 months (Group 1)
- 48 months (Group 2)
- 60 months (Group 3)

of salaries you have on file.

Highest average salary

X

Service percentage
(years and months of service x 2.3%)

Gross standard annuity



Highest salaries include: base pay, longevity pay, hazardous duty pay and Benefit Replacement Pay.

Calculating Your Annuity

$$\begin{array}{r} \$3,000 \\ \times .575 \\ \hline \$1,725 \end{array}$$

Highest average salary
(average of highest 36, 48 or 60* months)

Service percentage
(25 years x 2.3%)

Gross standard annuity

*Depending on whether you're in Group 1, 2 or 3



Standard Annuity Option

- Highest monthly lifetime pay
- No monthly survivor paymer
- Any remaining balance is pa to your beneficiary
- One or more beneficiaries



Survivor Options 1, 2 and 5

- Reduced annuity
- Choose one beneficiary
- Option 1 and 5 — possible reduction for non-spouse
- Your payment changes to standard annuity if your beneficiary dies before you

BENEFICIARY RECEIVES:

Option 1
100%

Option 2
50%

Option 5
75%

Survivor Options 3 and 4

- Reduced annuity
- Pays beneficiary only if you die in the first five or 10 years
- You can designate multiple beneficiaries

BENEFICIARY RECEIVES:

Option 3

remainder of
60 monthly payments

Option 4

remainder of
120 monthly payments

Partial Lump-Sum Option (PLSO)

- One to 36 months of your standard annuity payment
- A one-time lump-sum payment
- Annuity permanently reduced
- 20% tax and possible 10% penalty
- Roll over to Texa\$aver or other pre-tax retirement account






Deductions

- Federal income tax
- Health insurance premiums, including Tobacco-user Premium if applicable
- Optional coverage premiums
- No Social Security (FICA) or Medicare taxes deducted



Three Steps to Retirement

-  Create a retirement estimate.
-  Call ERS to request your retirement.
-  Return your retirement documents on time.

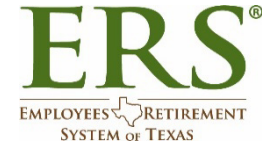
Tell your agency you're retiring. ERS doesn't disclose this information.



BENEFITS AT RETIREMENT

Note: Health and other insurance benefits for employees and retirees are subject to change based on available state funding. The Texas Legislature sets the level of funding for such benefits and has no continuing obligation to provide those benefits beyond each fiscal year.

Retiree Insurance Premiums



Currently, if you're eligible for retiree health insurance, the state pays at least part of your premium. How much the state pays depends on:

- When you started working
- How long you worked
- If you retired from full- or part-time employment

Contributions for Retirees from Full-time Employment

100%

≥5 years on Sept. 1, 2014
or ≥20 years

75%

15 up to
20 years

50%

10 up to
15 years

Coverage Options

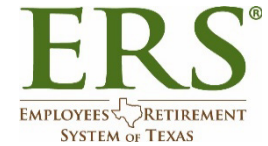
30-day window to elect or make changes to:

- Health + \$2,500 Basic Term Life
- Dental
- Vision
- Optional life: Term life – elections 1 or 2, or \$10,000 Retiree Fixed Optional Life
- Dependent Term Life – \$2,500
- TexFlex – COBRA



Texa\$aver 401(k) / 457 Program – participation only

Medicare and Your State Health Insurance



- Sign up for Medicare Part A and Part B when you're retired and first eligible.
- Delay enrollment in Part B if you are working past age 65.
- Provide ERS with your Medicare info to enroll in HealthSelect Medicare Advantage and HealthSelect Medicare Rx.



Register for a Medicare Preparation webinar to learn more!
ers.texas.gov/event-calendars

Return-to-work Retirees

- 90-day waiting period to return to state employment, and no prior agreement to return
- Option to elect active employee benefits
- You can't enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan



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