9/4/2020



Presentation Agenda

- Membership in TRS
- Service Credit
- Compensation
- Grandfathering
- Membership Tiers
- Service Retirement
 Benefits

- Retirement Planning
- Employment After Retirement
- Health Benefits
- General Information
- Social Security













Purchasing Service Credit

Eligible members may purchase the following types of service credit:

- Withdrawn Service
- Military Service
- USERRA
- Unreported Service
- Substitute Service
- Out-of-State Service

- Developmental Leave
- Career & Technology Work
 Experience
- State Sick and/or Personal Leave
- Membership Waiting Period





Proportionate Retirement

May Be Eligible To:

- · Combine service to satisfy TRS retirement eligibility
- · Reinstate withdrawn service credit in any participating system

May Not Use Credit To:

- · Calculate monthly TRS retirement benefit amount
- Meet eligibility for TRS-Care or PLSO

Participating Systems:

- Determine eligibility for TRS-Retirement systems currently are:
 - Teacher Retirement System of Texas
 - · Employees Retirement System of Texas
 - Judicial Retirement System of Texas
 - · Texas Municipal Retirement System
 - Texas County and District Retirement System
 - City of Austin Employees Retirement System
- City of Austin Police Retirement System
- El Paso City Employees' Pension Fund
- El Paso Firemen and Policemen's Pension Fund



Annual Compensation

Annual compensation is defined as salary and wages payable for services rendered.





- Pay for additional duties
- Overtime
- Longevity pay
- Certain performance pay
- Summer school duties

Excludes:

- · Early retirement incentives
- Fringe benefits
- Allowances
- Expenses
- Unused accrual leave
- Bonuses

Creditable Compensation Li	mits
Conversion of Non- Creditable Compensation to Salary	• Conversion in the last three to five years before retirement is excluded and not counted in benefit calculations.
Percentage Limits on Compensation Increases	 Salary increases in the last three to five years before retirement are limited to 10 percent or \$10,000, whichever is greater.



dfathered vs. Non	-Grandfathered	
Individuals who were me conditions by Aug. 31, 20		-
At least age 50;At least 25 years of servMet the Rule of 70.	ice; or	
	Grandfathered	Non-Grandfathered
Average Salary	3 year average	5 year average
PLSO Eligibility	Age 65 or meet Rule of 80	Rule of 90
Early Age Retirement reduction • With more than 20 years • With less than 20 years	As great as 10%As great as 53%	As great as 53%As great as 53%









Tier 3 & 4 Retirement Eligibility

Normal Age Retirement

- · 65 with at least five years of service; or
- At least 60 and meet the Rule of 80 with at least 5 years of service

Early Age Retirement

- At least 55 with five or more years of service but do not meet the Rule of 80; or
- 30 or more years of service credit, but do not meet the Rule of 80; or
- Meet the Rule of 80 with at least five years of service credit, but less than 60.

Tier 5 & 6 Retirement Eligibility

Normal Age Retirement

- · 65 with at least five years of service; or
- At least 62 and meet the Rule of 80 with at least 5 years of service.

Early Age Retirement

- At least 55 with five or more years of service but do not meet the Rule of 80; or
- 30 or more years of service credit, but do not meet the Rule of 80; or
- Meet the Rule of 80 with at least five years of service credit, but less than 62.

Disability Retirement

- Regardless of age and years of service, members may apply for disability retirement if:
 - · Mentally or physically disabled from further performance of duties; and
 - The disability is probably permanent.







Service Retirement Estimate

TRS25 (09-16)

1000 Red River Street Austin, TX 78701-2698 (800) 223-8778 www.trs.texas.gov

Name: JOHN DOE

TRS Participant ID: 00000000

Important Information: The following calculations are based on service credit and salary information contained in your file at the Teacher Retirement System (TRS). Please notify TRS if any figures differ from your personal records and explain the differences. The last annual salary is usually estimated. Your annuity will be recalculated after your employer reports your exact final salary. Annual salaries used in this estimate are subject to audit and adjustment by TRS.

ESTIMATE ID:	000000	Membership Tier:	1
Retirement Date:	05/31/2021	Age of Member at Retirement:	64
Beneficiary:	Spouse	Beneficiary Age:	63

CALCULATING YOUR ANNUITY

Highest annual salaries:	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
	\$79,392	\$78,106	\$76,575
Highest average salary: Years of service credit:			
Total service:		= \$26,918 Standar	d Annuity per year (gross) nuity per month (gross)

Your annuity has been reduced to \$2,177.69 due to early age retirement. Your annuity would be \$2,243.19 if not reduced for early age.

Includes no addi	itional service credit	TRS-Care Eligibility:	No	
Retirement Payment Plans	No PLSO elected	PLSO equal to 12 months elected	PLSO equal to 24 months elected	PLSO equal to 36 months elected
Partial Lump Sum Option		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(PLSO)		Plus Reduced Lif	etime Monthly Annuities	As Follows
Standard Annuity	\$2,177.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Option 1	\$1,898.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Option 2	\$2,028.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Option 3	\$2,158.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Option 4	\$2,108.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Option 5	\$1,961.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



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ESTIMATE ID:	000000	Membership Tier:	2
Retirement Date:	05/31/2021	Age of Member at Retirement:	58
Beneficiary:	Spouse	Beneficiary Age:	58

CALCULATING YOUR ANNUITY

Highest annual salaries:	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
	\$70,774	\$70,774	\$65,619	\$65,719	\$65,286

Highest average salary: \$67,634 Years of service credit: 32

 Total service:
 32 X 2.300 = 73.60%

 \$67,634 X 73.60% = \$49,779 Standard Annuity per year (gross)

 \$49,779 / 12 = \$4,148.22 Standard Annuity per month (gross)

Includes no addi	itional service credit	TRS-Care Eligibility:	Yes	
Retirement Payment Plans	No PLSO elected	PLSO equal to 12 months elected	PLSO equal to 24 months elected	PLSO equal to 36 months elected
Partial Lump Sum Option		\$49,778.64	\$99,557.28	\$149,335.92
(PLSO)		Plus Reduced Life	etime Monthly Annuities	As Follows
Standard Annuity	\$4,148.22	\$3,762.44	\$3,377.07	\$2,991.28
Option 1	\$3,779.03	\$3,427.58	\$3,076.51	\$2,725.06
Option 2	\$3,954.91	\$3,587.11	\$3,219.69	\$2,851.89
Option 3	\$4,132.87	\$3,748.51	\$3,364.57	\$2,980.21
Option 4	\$4,088.07	\$3,707.88	\$3,328.10	\$2,947.91
Option 5	\$3,864.90	\$3,505.46	\$3,146.41	\$2,786.98



Information Sheet for Retirement Estimate

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RETIREMENT PAYMENT PLANS

The following retirement payment plans are available for selection at retirement. Not all payment plans may be available to you based on the beneficiary that you plan to name at retirement.

Standard Annuity - This retirement plan provides you the maximum amount of benefit each month. If you select the Standard Annuity, it ends upon your death.

Option 1 - **100 Percent Joint and Survivor Annuity** - This retirement plan provides a reduced annuity, which is paid to you throughout your lifetime. You may designate only one beneficiary to receive a joint and survivor annuity. Upon your death, if the designated beneficiary survives you, the designated beneficiary would receive 100 percent of the reduced annuity throughout the beneficiary's life. If the designated primary beneficiary dies before you, your annuity will be increased to the standard annuity amount after you notify TRS of the beneficiary's death.

Option 2 - 50 Percent Joint and Survivor Annuity - This retirement plan provides a reduced annuity, which is paid to you throughout your lifetime. You may designate only one beneficiary to receive a joint and survivor annuity. Upon your death, if the designated beneficiary survives you, the designated beneficiary would receive one-half of the reduced annuity throughout the beneficiary's life. If the designated primary beneficiary dies before you, your annuity will be increased to the standard annuity amount after you notify TRS of the beneficiary's death.

Option 3 - Guaranteed Period Annuity - 60 monthly payments - This retirement plan provides a reduced annuity which is payable to you for life. If you die before 60 monthly payments have been issued, payments will be made to the beneficiary until the remainder of the 60 payments has been made. Option Three is not available to a member retiring at age 104 or older.

Option 4 - Guaranteed Period Annuity - 120 monthly payments - This retirement plan provides a reduced annuity which is payable to you for life. If you die before 120 monthly payments have been issued, payments will be made to the beneficiary until the remainder of the 120 payments has been made. Option Four is not available to a member retiring at age 93 or older.

Option 5 - 75 Percent Joint and Survivor Annuity - This retirement plan provides a reduced annuity, which is paid to you throughout your lifetime. You may designate only one beneficiary to receive a joint and survivor annuity. Upon your death, if the designated beneficiary survives you, the designated beneficiary would receive 75 percent of the reduced annuity throughout the beneficiary's life. If the designated primary beneficiary dies before you, your annuity will be increased to the standard annuity amount after you notify TRS of the beneficiary's death.



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PARTIAL LUMP SUM OPTION (PLSO)

At the time of service retirement, if you are eligible, you may select a Partial Lump Sum Option (PLSO) distribution in addition to either a reduced standard annuity or a reduced option form of annuity. Please refer to the *TRS Benefits Handbook* or *TRS Retirement Guide* for information regarding your eligibility to select PLSO at retirement. PLSO is not available to members retiring under the proportionate retirement law or to members participating in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP).

If you are eligible, you may select a PLSO distribution equal to 12, 24, or 36 months of a standard service retirement annuity. **The selection of a PLSO permanently reduces your monthly annuity.**

ESTIMATED SALARIES

Annual salaries used to calculate estimates are subject to audit or adjustment by TRS prior to calculation of your actual retirement benefits. Salaries may be adjusted in accordance with applicable percentage limits on salary increases, exclusion of ineligible compensation converted to salary, and/or exclusion of ineligible salary that has been reported in error by your employer. See the *TRS Retirement Guide* for additional information.

BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION FOR OPTION 1, OPTION 2, OR OPTION 5

If amounts are shown for Option 1, Option 2, and Option 5, the amounts were calculated based on the age of the beneficiary listed on this estimate. If you intend to select Option 1, 2, or 5, but name someone else as primary beneficiary, the amounts will be different. Option 1 and Option 5 may not be available with a non-spouse beneficiary who is more than 10 years younger than you. See the *TRS Retirement Guide* for additional information including post-retirement beneficiary and payment plan changes.

RETIREE SURVIVOR BENEFITS

The designated beneficiary of a retiree is entitled to receive a lump sum survivor benefit payment of \$10,000. This benefit is payable on the death of either a service or disability retiree unless the disability retiree has exhausted all monthly payments before death. It is paid in addition to any joint and survivor (Option One, Two, or Five) or guaranteed period (Option Three or Four) annuity that may be payable under an optional form of payment chosen by a retiree at retirement. Your designated beneficiary may choose A or B below:

- A) \$10,000 lump sum payment only, OR
- B) \$2,500 lump sum payment PLUS ONE of the following, if the beneficiary is eligible:
 - 1) \$250.00 per month for life to the spouse or dependent parent who is 65 years of age, or beginning at the time he or she becomes age 65 after your death; or
 - \$350.00 per month to the spouse with one or more children under age 18 payable until the youngest child reaches the age of 18, THEN \$250.00 per month to the spouse beginning at age 65; or
 - \$350.00 per month to the guardian of two or more dependent children under age 18, DECREASING to \$250.00 per month when there is only one child under age 18, and ending when the youngest child reaches the age of 18.

The amount payable may be reduced if you retire with proportionate benefits or have a QDRO on file.





Retirement Deadlines

Retirement Date	Employment Must Be Terminated By	Deadline for Filing Retirement Application with TRS	Deadline for Payment of Additional Service Credit*
January 31	January 31	March 31	March 31
February 29	February 29	April 30	April 30
March 31	March 31	May 31	May 31
April 30	April 30	June 30	June 30
May 31	June 15	July 31	July 31
June 30	June 30	August 31	August 31
July 31	July 31	September 30	September 30
August 31	August 31	October 31	October 31
September 30	September 30	November 30	November 30
October 31	October 31	December 31	December 31
November 30	November 30	January 31	January 31
December 31	December 31	February 29	February 29









Work Tin	ne Availabl	le for Ha	lf-Time

Month	Working One-Half Time or Less	Combining Substitute and Other TRS-Covered Position
September 2020	88 hours	11 days
October 2020	88 hours	11 days
November 2020	84 hours	10 days
December 2020	92 hours	11 days
January 2021	84 hours	10 days
February 2021	80 hours	10 days
March 2021	92 hours	11 days
April 2021	88 hours	11 days
May 2021	84 hours	10 days
June 2021	88 hours	11 days
July 2021	88 hours	11 days
August 2021	88 hours	11 days









TRS Participant ID Numbers

In a continuous effort to improve service to our members, TRS has issued Membership Cards to all participants.

•TRS participant ID numbers make it easier to authenticate your identity when calling from the telephone number on file.

•A Personal Identification Number (PIN) is no longer required.



Keep TRS Informed

TRS provides valuable benefits to members, retirees, and beneficiaries. So it is important to:

- · Notify TRS of name changes;
- · Keep your address current; and
- · Keep your beneficiary designation current.

Active member death benefits

- · Your coverage became effective on your first day of TRS-covered employment.
- · Beneficiaries may be eligible to select from five different payment plans.



TRS Member Education



- Did you know that TRS offers member education videos on-line?
- You can get answers to some of the most frequently asked questions.
- Welcome to Membership
- Naming a beneficiary
- What tier am I?
- Purchasing Service Credit
- Survivor Benefits
- Steps to Retirement
- Selecting a Retirement Benefit Option
- Disability Retirement
- Working After Service Retirement
- Requesting a Refund

Staying in touch with TRS and understanding your benefits will pay off in the long run.

Financial Awareness Videos

Learn more about retirement self-sufficiency through the TRS financial awareness video series.

A Series of short animated whiteboard videos guide you through three important concepts:

- What you have your TRS defined benefit plan;
- What you need to save more; and
- How to get it by saving smart.

TRS Informational Resources

TRS Website

- Download forms or brochures and obtain general information
- Send us an email through MyTRS
- Register for a Retirement Benefit Presentation
- Registered MyTRS users may view personal account information, update contact information, estimate retirement, estimate/change tax withholding, estimate cost to purchase unreported/substitute service, or state/sick leave credit

800-223-8778

- Interactive Voice Response (IVR)
- Request forms, brochures and account information with an authenticated PID
- Active members may check account balance, retirement/refund status; and retirees can hear summary of benefit payments, gross/net annuity and deductions
- Benefit Counselors
- Available Monday-Friday 7am-6pm
- Schedule one-on-one counseling appointments; Virtual or In-person

Social Media

· Find TRS on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn!



Social Security

- TRS benefits are not affected by benefits a member may receive from Social Security.
- For information about the Social Security programs:
 - Visit their website at https://www.ssa.gov or
 - Call 800-772-1213
- Social Security programs that may affect you:
 - Government Pension Offset
 - Windfall Elimination Provision



Helpful Phone Numbers and Websites

General TRS Information

TRS Telephone Counseling Center: 800-223-8778

Other Ways to Reach TRS

For the hearing impaired: Dial Relay 711 TRS website: <u>www.trs.texas.gov</u>

TRS Mailing Address

Teacher Retirement System of Texas 1000 Red River Street Austin, Texas 78701-2698

TRS-Care Standard Plan for Participants without Medicare

- TRS Health & Insurance Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment: 1-888-237-6762
- Standard medical coverage (Aetna): 1-800-367-3636
 Aetna's TRS-Care support website: www.trscarestandardaetna.com
- Prescription drug benefits (CVS Caremark): 1-844-345-4577
 CVS Caremark's TRS-Care support website: https://info.caremark.com/trscarestandard

TRS-Care for Participants with Medicare

- TRS Health & Insurance Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment: 1-888-237-6762
- TRS-Care Medicare Advantage (Humana): 1-800-320-9566
 Humana's TRS-Care Medicare Advantage Support Website: <u>https://our.humana.com/trs/</u>
- Prescription drug coverage (SilverScript): 1-844-345-4577; Option 2
- SilverScript's TRS-Care Medicare Rx Support Website: <u>https://info.caremark.com/trscaremedicarerx</u>

TRS-Active Care

• ActiveCare Customer Service: 800-222-9205

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. CT Press 1 for Aetna (medical) Press 2 for CVS Caremark (prescription drug)

- First Care (HMO): 1-800-884-4901
- Scott & White Health Plan (HMO): 1-800-321-7947
- Blue Essentials Access (HMO): 1-888-378-1633

Helpful Phone Numbers and Websites

Social Security Information

Social Security Administration: 800-772-1213 Social Security website: <u>www.socialsecurity.gov</u>

Medicare Information

General Information: 800-633-4227 Medicare website: <u>www.medicare.gov</u>

Internal Revenue Service (Income Tax)

General Information: 800-829-1040 Internal Revenue Service website: <u>www.irs.gov</u>

TRS Benefits Presentation – Feedback Form

TRS values your opinion and wants the Benefit Presentation to be as useful as possible to our members. Please take a moment to complete this form to help us achieve our goal.

Presenter:	
Date:	
Location:	

Please rate today's presenter based on style, pace, and knowledge of subject matter.

Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent

Please rate the facilities and location where this presentation was held.

Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent

Would you recommend this session to another member?

Yes	No	Comments:

Did this presentation meet your expectations?

	Yes	No	Comments:
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