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PAYROLL & RETIREMENT REFERENCE GUIDE



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## **INTRODUCTION**

## **District Business and Advisory Services**

District Business and Advisory Services (DBAS) provides a full range of business services to all school districts and related educational entities in the county.

DBAS provides services in the areas of payroll, finance, attendance accounting, record retention, legislation, training, and workshops.

### **Advisory Services**

- Fiscal oversight and advisory services
- Financial accounting services
- Legal compliance
- Pupil attendance accounting

### **Business Services**

- Dissemination of State and Federal apportionments
- Federal and State tax payments and reporting
- Affidavits/Petition for lost or overage payroll and vendor warrants (Series 10)
- Payroll calendar
- Direct deposit processing (ACH)
- Distribution of payroll warrants and payroll reports
- Retirement reporting
- Wage garnishments (IRS Levy, Franchise Tax Board, Child Support)

## Resources

## CalPERS

CalPERS Website:	http://www.calpers.ca.gov/		
Phone number:	888-225-7377 or 888-Cal-PERS		
Regional Office:	181 Metro Drive, Ste. # 520, San Jose, CA 95110		
Main Office mailing address:	P.O. Box 1982, Sacramento, CA 95812-1982		

## CalSTRS

CalSTRS Website:	www.calstrs.com
Access:	https://sew.calstrs.com
Login help:	877-277-5778 or <u>EmployerHelp@calstrs.com</u>

## DBAS

DBAS Website:	www.sccoe.org/depts/bizserv/DBAS/Pages/default.aspx
Phone Number:	408-453-6570
DBAS Bulletins:	www.sccoe.org/depts/bizserv/DBAS/Pages/bulletins.aspx

## **TDSD Help Desk**

Service Portal:	www.sccoe.service-now.com/sp				
Phone Number:	408-453-4357				

## **Update to This Reference Guide**

### <u>Payroll</u>

- Page 9 Add: Note box for Payroll Reissues waiting period
- Page 30, 31 Update: Payroll Tax Rates 2025

### **CalPERS**

- Page 40 Update: CalPERS/CalSTRS Retirement System Election Flowchart
- Page 53 Add: Over-the-Limit Calculation bullet in the Note box
- > Page 61 Add: Coaching Stipends Reportable or Not Reportable
- Page 71 Add: CalPERS Over-the-Limit Calculation

### **CalSTRS**

- Page 88 Add: STRS SEW/REAP Access forms' links
- > Page 94 Add: Contribution Code for RWP Member working ½ school term
- Page 95 Add: Members on "Reduced Workload Program" ½ School Term ACPC
- Page 95 Add: Important box for calculating RWP Retro Pay Rate, RWP Retro Earnings, and RWP Member working ½ school term reporting process in QCC
- Page 96 Update: RWP Special Compensation reporting examples for 2% at 60 and 2% at 62
- Page 100 Update: STRS Retiree Special Compensation ACPC
- Page 111 Add: Class Size Overload
- Page 125 Update: STRS Cheat Sheet for Class Size Overload

### **Appendix**

## PAYROLL

Payroll is one of the most important financial components of a business and is subjected to laws and regulations. In an effort to provide consistency, SCCOE has standardized the Pay Date schedule so that paychecks are processed on the following three days of the month:

- Tenth day of the month (TENTH)
- Twentieth day of the month (MID)
- End of the Month (EOM)

However, if the paycheck date falls on a non-workday, the paychecks will be processed on the preceding workday. The following MID payroll schedules have been mass-linked to all districts:

M10B06	MID 10MO REG OFF-JUN, JUL
M10B07	MID 10MO REG OFF-JUL, AUG
M10BSP	MID 10MO SUP OFF-JUL, AUG
M10R06	MID 10MO REG DEF-JUN, JUL
M10R07	MID 10MO REG DEF-JUL, AUG
M10RSP	MID 10MO SUP DEF-JUL/AUG

M11B07	MID 11MO REG OFF-JUL
M11B08	MID 11MO REG OFF-AUG
M11R07	MID 11MOS REPAY-JUL DS-REG
M11RSP	MID 11MO DEF-JUL
MIDREG	MID ISSUE 12MO REG
MIDSUP	MID ISSUE 12MO SUP

## NOTE:

November and December months are an exception due to the holiday schedules.

## **Payroll Close Day**

Districts must adhere to the Payroll Processing Deadlines calendar and are required to lock their payroll by 5 pm on TENTH & EOM payroll close day and 10 am on MID payroll close day. In addition, districts must submit the following documents to DBAS:

- District Payroll Authorization → signed and total matching with the PAY510 report
- PAY510, PAY512, and PAY513 Reports  $\rightarrow$  no outstanding errors on the reports; exceptions include:
  - Net Zero check processed for corrections
  - Negative Taxable Gross should not create a negative gross for the employee's YTD total. Otherwise, a W-2 will not be generated.
- STRS F496  $\rightarrow$  error-free and signed, with an explanation for employer-approved errors
- PERS MACRO → no errors on these 3 tabs: CC 1 DATES, CC 3-5 DATES, CC 6 PC (CURR MO)

## **Payroll Reissues**

Districts can request DBAS to reissue payroll warrants for their employees. The most common reasons include lost in the mail, damaged, wrong address, and/or name misspelled.

- Submit the District Warrant Cancellation Request Form, along with current bank status, MA screen, and the Payroll History Screen 2<sup>nd</sup> tab.
- Requests received before 2 pm will be processed the same day, and the replacement warrant will be available the following day.
- Employees' Comment (CO) screen will be updated to reflect the replacement warrant information, and backup documentation will be sent to the district.
- If the replacement warrant gets lost or damaged, DBAS will reissue it one more time. After that, the district will have to reissue if needed.

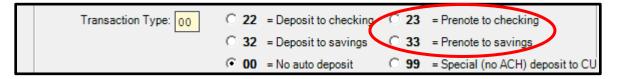
## NOTE:

- > District must wait 5 business days including payday before submitting a payroll reissue request.
- District is responsible to ensure address changes are updated prior to closing payroll. If current payroll check has wrong address, district can either submit a Payroll Cancel @ Bank Only request. The net amount will be transferred back to the district to issue an AP check to the employee; or district can wait 5 business days including payday to submit a payroll reissue request.

## **Direct Deposit Reject/Reissue**

A Direct Deposit Reject/Reissue is processed when the bank has rejected a Direct Deposit due to an incorrect account number or an account that has been closed.

- It may take up to five (5) business days to see any rejected items.
- DBAS will issue an AP Warrant for the Net Amount for any direct deposit that has been rejected; the warrant will be available the next day.
- The employees' Comment (CO) screen will be updated to reflect the replacement warrant information.
- The district will need to update the banking information to a valid account and pre-note again.
  - Changes must be made prior to closing payroll to prevent the direct deposit from rejecting again.
- For NEW Direct Deposits, ALWAYS "Pre-Note". The district will be notified if the pre-note is unsuccessful.



- If the direct deposit is rejected for two consecutive payrolls, DBAS will not issue a replacement warrant.
  - > The net amount will be transferred back to the district.
  - > The district will be responsible for reissuing the net to their employee.

## **Direct Deposit Recall/Reversal**

A Direct Deposit Recall/Reversal is initiated by the district when there is an error with an employee's pay or when the employee is not entitled to any compensation; as well as when the employee's banking information is incorrect, or their account has been compromised.

- Submit the Direct Deposit Recall/Reversal Request Form, along with the Payroll History Screen 2<sup>nd</sup> tab. Once the form is received, the process begins immediately and cannot be stopped.
- There is a waiting period of five (5) business days to confirm that the recall/reversal is successful.
- Once confirmed, the accounting specialist will contact the district payroll staff; and a cash transfer (TF) will be processed for any deductions paid by DBAS.
- The direct deposit will be canceled in QCC on the next Payroll Cancel Warrant Run; this process is done on the DBAS Processing Day 1 of both the Tenth of the Month payroll and End of the Month payroll.

### NOTE:

- The reversal request can be submitted to the bank two business days prior to the posting date.
- The reversal request must be received by 12:00 p.m. by the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) business day after the original posting date (pay date).
- District is responsible to ensure the correct routing number and account number are entered in the reversal request.
- The district will be notified if the direct deposit recall/reversal is unsuccessful. At this point, the direct deposit will not be canceled in QCC until DBAS receives further notice from the district.

## IMPORTANT:

QCC does not have the ability to process a <u>6-digit pay line</u>. If an employee has earnings of over \$99,999 in one pay line or a combination of two or more pay lines on the same pay date, it will cause an enormous error because QCC will truncate the first digit. Please contact DBAS for assistance.

Gross:29,775.53 Fit: 450.00 Sit:13,047.82 Sdi: 0.00 Ded: -203.12 SB: 0.00 Oasdi: 0.00 Medi: 2,555.75 Ret: 2,118.67 Eic: 0.00 Tsa: 8,666.66 Net:103,139.75 PL Posit# Rate Units RTS Ex-Gross Type St-Ded Pay Sched SP EP Ret Base AC-P-C S 1.00 L P 30,266.73 NML TFNP EOMREG \*\* \*\* 30,266.73 08-1-1 1 01 000000 30,266.73 Rate Units RTS Ex-Gross Type St-Ded Pay Sched SP EP Ret Base AC-P-C S PL Posit# 207.31 480.00 H U 99,508.80 VAC TFNN EOMREG \*\* \*\* 04 000000 207.31 00-0-0 1

For example: Gross Pay should be \$129,775.53, but the first digit was dropped during payroll processing.

The start and end dates on the pay lines should reflect the earnings period (example: 01/01/2022 – 01/31/2022), not the timesheet dates (exception: late start or early termination).

## **Deceased Warrant Processing**

The district has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the final compensation of a deceased employee is received by their beneficiary. For tax treatment purposes, refer to the table below for guidelines from California Employment Development (EDD) and Internal Revenues Services (IRS).

	Employment Development Department (EDD)				Interal Revenue Services (IRS)			
Tax treatment for deceased employee's wages	Withhold Unemployment Insurance (UI)	Withhold State Disability Insurance (SDI)*	Withhold State Income Tax (SIT)	State Income Tax Wages	OASDI	MEDICARE	Withhold Federal Income Tax (FIT)	Federal Income Tax Wages
Paid <u>after the date of</u> <u>death</u> but in the same calendar year in which the employee died	Yes	Yes	No	Not reportable	Yes	Yes	No	Not Reportable
Paid after the year of death	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	Not Reportable

Only applies to Districts that pay into SDI

### IMPORTANT:

- Whether the payment is made in the year of death or after the year of death, you must report it in box 3 of Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, for the payment to the estate or beneficiary.
- If the payment after death is only for deferred pay, then no 1099-MISC is necessary, cancel the warrant at the bank only and reissue the deferred pay through AP to the beneficiary.
- Use the name & taxpayer identification number (TIN) of the payment recipient on Form 1099-MISC.
- If the payment is a reissuance of wages that were constructively received by the deceased employee while he or she was still alive, do not report it on Form 1099-MISC.
  - Example: Staledated warrant or Uncashed payroll checks

### NOTE:

- Any earnings paid after the year of death, coded with NNNS (STRS Reportable) or NNNP (PERS Reportable) will cause negative taxable gross.
- > Use PD Screen to refund the STRS or PERS contribution amount
  - 8112 (STRS) or 8212 (PERS Pre-tax) or 8202 (PERS Post-tax): Put in the contribution amount as a negative (-) amount under the employee
  - 7308: Put in the contribution amount as a positive (+) amount under the employee
  - The accounting specialist will debit the district 9920 (STRS) or 9921 (PERS) to transfer the contribution amount to District #92
- > For STRS, the F496 will show the contribution amount under the post-tax column.
- Notify your accounting specialist to fix it in the retirement module.

**Reference:** 2023 IRS General Instruction for Forms W-2 and W-3 & EDD's Information Sheet (DE 231TP)

## **Deceased Warrant Processing (cont'd)**

#### **St-Ded Profiles for PR Screen:**

• Accrued wages, vacation pay, and other compensation **paid after the employee's date of death but in the same calendar year.** 

## <u>NMNN – STRS Non-Reportable</u>

- N: No State & Federal
- M: Medicare
- N: No SDI
- N: No STRS Contribution

#### NFNN - PERS Non-Reportable

- N: No State & Federal
- **F**: Social Security & Medicare
- N: No SDI
- N: No PERS Contribution

#### NFSN - PERS Non-Reportable

- N: No State & Federal
- **F**: Social Security & Medicare
- S: SDI
- N: No PERS Contribution

#### NMNS - STRS Member RS: 01 or 11

- N: No State & Federal
- M: Medicare
- N: No SDI
- S: STRS Contributions

#### NFNP - PERS Member RS: 02 or 12

- N: No State & Federal
- F: Social Security & Medicare
- N: No SDI
- P: PERS Contributions

#### NFSP - PERS Member RS: 02 or 12

- N: No State & Federal
- F: Social Security & Medicare
- **S**: SDI

N: No SDI

P: PERS Contributions

**NNNP - PERS Reportable** 

N: No Social Security & Medicare

N: No State & Federal

Accrued wages, vacation pay, and other compensation paid after the year of death

#### NNNN - Non-Reportable

- N: No State & Federal
- N: No Social Security & Medicare
- N: No SDI
- N: No Retirement Contribution

#### NNNS - STRS Reportable

- N: No State & Federal
- N: No Social Security & Medicare
- N: No SDI
- S: STRS Contributions

## PERS Contributions

#### NOTE:

St-Deds above will not withhold federal and state tax, which will cause the retirement contributions to appear in the post-tax column. Notify your accounting specialist to fix it in the retirement module.

## Deceased Warrant Processing (cont'd)

When the recipient of a payroll warrant perishes while the warrant is still negotiable:

- The district needs to notify their service team accounting specialist and submit one of the following:
  - ◆ District Warrant Cancellation Request, along with current bank status and the Payroll History Screen 2<sup>nd</sup> tab → select Payroll Cancel Both (Bank & QCC)
  - ◆ District Direct Deposit Recall/Reversal Request, along with the Payroll History Screen 2<sup>nd</sup> tab
     → select QCC Cancel & Bank Recall/Reversal
- Upon receiving confirmation from the bank, DBAS will notify the district.
   The warrant will be canceled in QCC during the next payroll run.
- The district will reissue the payroll warrant following the EDD & IRS guidelines on page 11 and appropriate St-Ded from page 12.
- Then submit the District Warrant Cancellation Request, along with current bank status and the Payroll History Screen 2<sup>nd</sup> tab → select Payroll Cancel Bank Only.
- Upon receiving confirmation from the bank, DBAS will transfer the net amount back to the district.
- The district will issue a replacement warrant to the beneficiary, and a 1099.
- If a warrant is stale dated and the payee is deceased:
  - > The net amount will be transferred back to the district.
  - > The district will issue a replacement warrant to the beneficiary, without a 1099.

## NOTE:

If an employee is on direct deposit and notification of death comes in prior to closing payroll, take the employee off of direct deposit so that a paper warrant is issued.

**Reference:** Per California Probate Code section 13100 (used by all COEs) if 40 days have elapsed since the death of a person, their successor may collect any item of property that is money due to the decedent as long it is valued at less than \$150,000. This can be done without any letters of administration or probate of the will.

## **Stale Dated Warrants**

Warrants that are not presented for payment within a specific amount of time (180 Days) are considered staledated and will no longer be valid for redemption.

Based on the 365-day calendar year, the bank will not honor any 180-day-old outstanding warrants from SCCOE's disbursement accounts. The counting will start the next calendar day after the issue date of the warrant.

**For example:** A warrant that has an issue date 07/31/2020, will reach 180 days old on 01/27/2021. Therefore, it will become stale dated on 01/27/2021, and will not be honored at the bank.

The report for all stale-dated cancellations can only be generated monthly.

- For Accounts Payable (AP) stale dated warrants:
  - > AP stale-dated warrants will be canceled both at the bank and in QCC.
  - > The cancellation in QCC will reverse the monies back to the districts.
  - > DBAS will provide the supporting document to the districts.
- For Payroll stale dated warrants:
  - > Payroll stale-dated warrants will be canceled ONLY at the bank.
  - > DBAS will transfer the net pay amount of all stale-dated payroll warrants to districts.
  - > DBAS will provide the supporting document to districts.

### IMPORTANT:

It is the district's responsibility to reissue stale-dated warrants through Accounts Payable for:

- > AP stale-dated warrant: reissue to vendors
- > Payroll stale-dated warrant: reissue to employees

**Reference:** GC 50050 through 50057 for instructions on dealing with items that are payable to third parties but remain unpaid. There are legal consequences for not complying with the Government Code. You may want to consult with your legal counsel and draft an official policy on dealing with such items.

## **Payroll Cancellations**

School districts must submit a District Warrant Cancellation Request Form to DBAS, along with the current bank status and the Payroll History Screen 2<sup>nd</sup> tab, for a warrant that needs to be canceled in QCC due to an incorrect pay or the employee was not entitled to any compensation. During the Payroll Warrant Cancellation process, all expenditures are reversed on the district's general ledger.

Occasionally, there have been county-paid payments made out to different entities on the employee's behalf and DBAS will recuperate those amounts, using the account string provided by the district on the warrant cancellation request form.

## NOTE:

It is the district's responsibility to recover any voluntary deduction amounts from employees or agencies that receive payments belonging to the canceled warrant.

Before canceling a payroll warrant in QCC, the accounting specialist will:

- Review the pay history of the warrant to identify all voluntary deductions paid by the county.
  - Credit Unions: Vol-Ded # 2001, 2002, 2003, 2016
  - Donations: Vol-Ded # 3511
  - Garnishments: Vol-Ded # 0199, 5512 5515, 5517 5521
  - Roth: Vol-Ded # 7600 7849
  - **TSA**: Vol-Ded # 9000 9999
  - HSA: Vol-Ded # 5413 (District 90), Vol-Ded # 5419 (All Other Districts)
- Process a cash transfer to collect the monies from the district for all county-paid voluntary deductions.
- Provide the supporting document to the districts.

#### **IMPORTANT**:

- To ensure the accuracy of the employees' W-2, Payroll Warrant Cancellation must be processed within the same calendar year of the original warrant's issue date.
- Payroll Warrant Cancellation Requests that cross calendar years will not be canceled in QCC and District will be responsible to submit W-2C.
- Guidance will be provided on a case-by-case basis.
- No cancellations will be processed from July 1<sup>st</sup> July 10<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> January 10<sup>th</sup>

## Payroll Cancellations (cont'd)

When a warrant is issued in error to the employee and the employee is terminated on the day of, or after the issuance of the erroneous warrant, the payroll cancellation should be processed as follows:

	Warrant Issued	Canceled in QCC
Gross	7,420.50	(7,420.50)
Fed Tax	394.60	(394.60)
State Tax	147.10	(147.10)
OASDI	-	-
Medicare	104.68	(104.68)
TSA	250.00	(250.00)
Retirement	593.64	(593.64)
Vol-Ded	337.95	(337.95)
Vol-Ded Credit Union	600.00	(600.00)
Vol-Ded Garnishment	150.00	(150.00)
<u>Net Pay</u>	<u>4,842.53</u>	<u>(4,842.53)</u>

1. Calculate the amount to be collected from the employee (do not include Deferred Pay):

Net Pay Amount	+ TSA	+ Credit Union	+ Garnishmer	<u>nt</u>
4,842.53	+ 250.00	+ 600.00	+ 150.00	= 5,842.53

- 2. District will:
  - a. Collect the amount of \$5,842.53 from the employee and deposit it into the District's account.
  - b. Submit the District Warrant Cancellation Request form, along with the Payroll History Screen 2<sup>nd</sup> tab for *Payroll Cancel QCC Only*.
- 3. DBAS will process a cash transfer of \$5,842.53 to reimburse the payroll revolving account.
- 4. During the Payroll Warrant Cancellation process, all expenditures are reversed on the district's general ledger and the employee's payroll history will be correctly stated in QCC.

## Payroll Cancellations (cont'd)

When an employee is overpaid but no longer active at the district, the following process of a payroll cancellation and re-issue is required at the district level to reflect the employee's accurate earnings in QCC and ultimately the W-2.

	Original Warrant (CXL in QCC)	Reissued Warrant (CXL @ BANK)	Difference	Canceled in QCC
Warrant No.	92000001	9200002	-	92000001
Issue (Cancel) Date	01/31/18	02/03/18	-	(02/03/18)
Gross	7,420.50	5,000.00	2,420.50	(7,420.50)
Fed Tax	394.60	275.00	119.60	(394.60)
State Tax	147.10	110.00	37.10	(147.10)
Medicare	107.59	72.50	35.09	(107.59)
TSA	250.00	250.00	-	(250.00)
Retirement	593.64	400.00	193.64	(593.64)
Vol-Ded	337.95	-	337.95	(337.95)
Vol-Ded Credit Union	600.00	600.00	-	(600.00)
Vol-Ded Garnishment	150.00	150.00	-	(150.00)
<u>Net Pay</u>	<u>4,839.62</u>	<u>3,142.50</u>	<u>1,697.12</u>	<u>(4,839.62)</u>

1. Calculate the amount to be collected from the employee (do not include Deferred Pay):

Net Pay Amount	+ TSA	+ Credit Union	+ Garnishmer	<u>nt</u>
1,697.12	+ 0.00	+ 0.00	+ 0.00	= 1,697.12

## 2. For the original warrant, the district will:

- a. Collect the amount of \$1,697.12 from the employee and deposit it into the District's account.
- b. Submit the District Warrant Cancellation Request form, along with the Payroll History Screen 2<sup>nd</sup> tab for *Payroll Cancel QCC Only*.
- 3. DBAS will process a cash transfer of \$1,697.12 to reimburse the payroll revolving account.
- 4. For the reissue warrant, the district will:
  - a. Reissue a warrant with the correct net pay amount of 3,142.50.
  - b. The reissue must include the TSA (250.00), Credit Union (600.00), and Garnishment (150.00) amounts since DBAS will not be able to recover these amounts.
  - c. Submit the District Warrant Cancellation Request form, along with current bank status and the Payroll History Screen 2<sup>nd</sup> tab for *Payroll Cancel Bank Only*.

## **Deferred Pay**

Deferred Pay is available for employees who work 10 or 11 months in a fiscal year. The employee may elect to split their *net pay* over 12 months; this does not affect their gross wages or taxable income. For normal deferred pay deduction and repayment, the Pay Schedule field on the W4 screen defines when deferred pay transactions occur. Pay Schedules contain 6 characters; the 4<sup>th</sup> character **(R)** is the one that calculates Deferred Pay.

### W4 screen sample:

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## **IMPORTANT:**

- If an employee requests deferred payoff within the fiscal year, they **MUST** wait until next fiscal year to start withholding again.
- If an employee changes from 10-month contract to 11-month contract, the district must pay off deferred pay for 10-month contract first; and then set up deferred pay for 11-month contract in the new fiscal year.

## **Common Error - Negative Deferred Pay Amount**

Error reporting for negative deferred pay is available on the PAY512 report which is generated with the Payroll Prelist, PAY510. The two main causes for Negative Deferred Pay are:

- Negative earning adjustment on the pay line
- Multiple pay lines with a combination of pay schedules that have both 'R' and 'B'

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## <u>NOTE</u>:

It is the district's responsibility to review the error reporting for negative deferred pay and correct it accordingly before closing payroll.

Example: Change employee's pay line (PR) from E10R07 (Deferred Pay) to E10B07 (Benefits only)

## Deferred Pay (cont'd)

DPO Value	Repayment Occurs when	Deduction for Deferred Pay	W4 Pay Schedule	DOP Value After Repayment
RP	employee receives any gross pay	will be deducted for gross paid on a "REG" pay schedule AND will NOT be deducted for gross paid on a "SUP" pay schedule	E10R06 E10R07 E11R06 E11R07 E11R08	D
RR	employee receives gross pay on a "REG pay schedule	will be deducted because employee is receiving a "REG pay on deferred pay schedule	E10R06 E10R07 E11R06 E11R07 E11R08	D
RS	employee receives gross pay on a "SUP" pay schedule	will be deducted for gross paid on a "REG" pay schedule AND will NOT be deducted for gross paid on a "SUP" pay schedule	E10R06 E10R07 E11R06 E11R07 E11R08	D
RA	the district authorizes ANY type of payroll, whether the employee receives gross or not	will be deducted for gross paid on a "REG" pay schedule. AND will NOT be deducted for gross paid on a "SUP" pay schedule	E10R06 E10R07 E11R06 E11R07 E11R08	D
ХР	employee receives any gross pay	not taken	Any non-deferred-pay, pay schedule	N
XR	employee receives gross pay on a "REG" pay schedule	not taken	Any non-deferred-pay, pay schdule	N
XS	employee receives gross pay on a "SUP" pay schedule	not taken	Any non-deferred-pay, pay schedule	N
XA	the district authorizes ANY type of payroll, whether the employee receives gross or not	not taken	Any non-deferred-pay, pay schedule	N

## Deferred Pay (cont'd)

How Deferred Pay is calculated:

E10R07 NML Gross Pay Line	6,559.12
FIT	(448.45)
SIT	(82.39)
MEDI	(76.33)
RET	(524.73)
CLD1	(500.00)
DEN1	(36.18)
DIS	(52.56)
DUE	(100.06)
MED1	(683.52)
MIS1	(75.00)
TSA	(342.00)
Total Deductions	(2,921.22)
E10R07 NML Gross – All Deductions	3,637.90
For Deferred Pay Calculation take	
NML Gross – All Deductions x 16.67%	606.44
Net Pay =	3,031.46

**Deferred Pay Calculation Formula:** 

Monthly Defensed Deduction	Ne	t Pay X # of Non – Deferred payrolls
Monthly Deferred Deduction =		12
Example:		
10-month employee	→	Monthly Deferred Deduction = Net Pay x 2/12 (or 16.67%)
11-month employee	→	Monthly Deferred Deduction = Net Pay x 1/12 (or 8.33%)

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## **DBAS - PAYROLL & RETIREMENT 2025**

## **Deduction Schedule (DS)**

Depending on an employee's salary schedule and request, districts use a deduction schedule in QCC to determine the number of voluntary deductions taken from the employee's warrant per fiscal year. Voluntary deductions can be pre-tax or post-tax.

Voluntary deductions include:

- 403(b)
- 457 Plan
- Medical
- Dental

- Life insurance
- Disability
- Dependent Care
- Child Care

- Union Dues
- Tax Shelter Annuity
- Donation
- Garnishments

Districts must use the correct DS code when setting up an employee's voluntary deduction in the QCC Deduction screen (PD).

Failure to select an appropriate DS code will result in either over-collecting or under-collecting taxes if the voluntary deductions are pre-tax.

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## Sample of Employee's QCC Deduction Screen (PD)

Refer to the next page for a detailed list of Deduction Schedule codes and their descriptions.

## Deduction Schedule (cont'd)

DS CODE	DESCRIPTION	DS CODE	DESCRIPTION
1	TAKE 1 TIME	42	10/10 OFF-JUN, JUL DD-APR, MAY
2	TAKE 2 TIMES	43	9/9 OFF-JULAUGSEP DD-APRMAYJUN
3	TAKE 3 TIMES	51	11/11 OFF-JUN DD-MAY
4	TAKE 4 TIMES	52	10/10 OFF-JUL, AUG DD-MAY, JUN
5	TAKE 5 TIMES	53	9/9 OFF JUN, JUL, AUG DD-MAY
6	TAKE 6 TIMES	61	11/11 OFF-JUL DD-JUN
7	TAKE 7 TIMES	62	Special Metro Ed
8	TAKE 8 TIMES	71	11/11 OFF-AUG DD-JUL
9	TAKE 9 TIMES	72	SPECIAL FOR GAVILAN
12	12 DEDS / 12 BENS	77	SANTA CLARA 1&2/7 DEDUCT
16	11/11 OFF-JUN DD-NONE	78	SANTA CLARA 1&1/7 DED
17	11/11 OFF-JUL DD-NONE	95	10 MONTH RETIREE REGULAR
18	11/11 OFF-AUG DD-NONE	96	Temporary DS for Dist20 TSAx2
26	10/10 OFF-JUN, JUL DD-NONE	97	SPECIAL DS FOR SUPPLEMENTALS
27	10/10 OFF-JUL, AUG DD-NONE	98	BENEFITS ONLY
28	10/10 OFF-AUG, SEP DD=NONE	99	TAKE DEDUCTION W/EACH PAY
36	9/9 OFF-JUN, JUL, AUG DD=NONE	XO	10 Payrolls- Sept through June

## **Workers Compensation**

Employees who are injured on the job are compensated for wages missed during the time they are not able to work. The district is responsible for ensuring that the employee is paid accurately and that the workers compensation adjustment does not exceed the employee's *taxable gross wages*.

1. Generally, the district receives a check directly from the workers compensation carrier.

### **IMPORTANT**:

If the employee receives a workers compensation check, it must be endorsed over to the district.

- 2. Review the employee's Payroll History (PI) screen or for payroll information needed to calculate the adjustment.
- Adjustments should be done on a separate pay line, with pay type DCKN, so that there is a history of the amount adjusted. <u>DCKN should be used for Workers Compensation Adjustments only.</u> For all other current month adjustments, adjust the NML pay line by adding the (-) amount in the Adjustment field.

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Adjustment >	- ~	4,279.63	1.00	$r \sim$	P ~	-4,279.63	$\rm NML$ $\sim$		~	11,720.40	57 3 1

4. The district should adjust the workers compensation line in payroll as follows:

### Gross Pay – DEN1 – EYE1 – MED1 – Retirement – TSA = Workers Comp Adjustment

NML Gross Pay	5,966.13
DEN1	(95.98)
EYE1	(200.06)
MED1	(783.52)
Retirement	(417.63)
TSA	(3,300.00)
Total Deductions	(4,797.19)
Gross – Pretax Deductions = Taxable Gross Allowed	1,168.94
Workers Comp Adjustment is	1,168.94

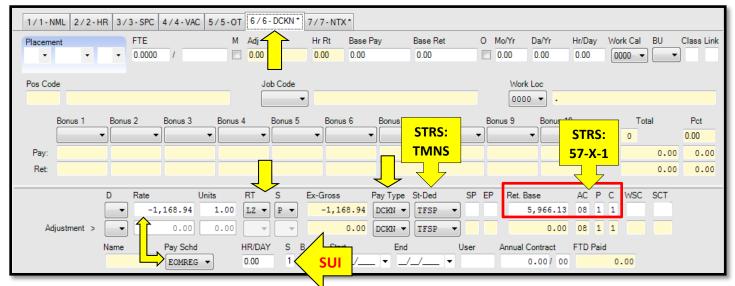
#### **IMPORTANT**:

- Adjustments that exceed the Taxable Gross allowed, based on the sample calculation above, will create a negative taxable gross in the employee's payroll history.
- Negative Taxable Gross will NOT produce the employee's W-2 at year end.
- Adjustments can only be done for the current calendar year.
- Any prior year adjustments require a W-2C.

## Workers Compensation (cont'd)

### Workers Compensation Adjustment on DCKN pay line:

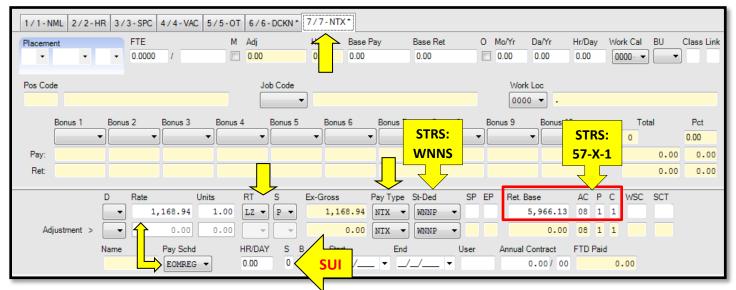
The DCKN pay line must have the same <u>Rate Type, St-Ded, Ret. Base/Pay Rate, AC-P-C code, and Pay Schedule</u> as the NML pay line. Adjustments cannot be greater than the amount received from workers compensation.



SUI Flag (State Unemployment Insurance): Code 1 → Regular Funding

## Workers Compensation Adjustment on NTX pay line:

The NTX pay line must have the same <u>Rate Type, Ret. Base/Pay Rate, AC-P-C code, and Pay Schedule</u> as the DCKN pay line. St-Ded for this pay line is WNNP for PERS and WNNS for STRS.



SUI Flag (State Unemployment Insurance): Code 0 → Exempt from SUI

## **Credential Holds**

No order for a warrant, and no warrant drawn pursuant to Section 42647, shall be drawn in favor of any person employed in a position requiring certification qualifications.

The County Office of Education shall withhold all payroll warrants for certificated employees who provide services in a Certificated Position without possessing valid documents with the following stipulations:

- Teachers who are eligible to renew "Clear" may file the *CL-224- Approval of Services Rendered without a Valid Credential form* with the Credentials Unit of the Santa Clara County Office of Education.
  - The Commission on Teacher Credential decides to approve or disapprove these forms at its regularly scheduled Commission Meeting. This process can take up to several months to complete
  - > Payroll warrants shall be withheld until approval is received.
- There is no process to approve the services rendered by those persons who are not eligible to renew a "Clear Credential".
  - It is the district's responsibility to verify that all certificated employees have valid Certifications before rendering services.

## Credential Holds Process at SCCOE:

- 1. On DBAS Processing Day 1, DBAS receives a list from the credential department for certificated employees who have either revoked or expired credentials.
- 2. Accounting Specialists are required to inactivate the employee's certificated pay lines and notify the district.

### **IMPORTANT**:

- It is not legal to change the employee's pay line to a classified account string, if they were working in a certificated position.
- However, if the certificated employee was working in a classified position, the district's authorized manager must certify in writing. The following must be included in the statement:
  - Job title held by the employee
  - Dates worked in the position
  - Copy of the job description
- DBAS will make a determination and remove the credential hold if applicable.
- District should contact SCCOE Credential Services for any questions regarding credentials such as an authorization to pay an employee for a period that his/her credential has expired.

Reference: California Education Code section 45034

## Additional Taxes – Federal and State

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, any employee who chooses to have extra Federal and State taxes taken out of their NML gross pay, is required to submit IRS 2020 W-4 to the district. The district must use the QCC W4 screen to setup and fill out the information accordingly.

-W-4 Information	W-4 Information												
You are currently in 20	)20 W4 mode.	Employee	e currently has a 2	020 W4.	Checkb	ox 2c							
	EXEMPT												
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State : S 🗸	00 00	05 ~	000	0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00	0.00	~	~				

## NOTE:

A deduction schedule (DS) must be selected in the QCC W4 Data screen for a 10-month or 11-month employee who has a deferred pay schedule and is also set up to have additional federal and state taxes withholding in the QCC W4 Data screen. Failure to select a deduction schedule will result in additional taxes being withheld every active payroll and could result in negative net pay errors. This will avoid districts having to enter an 'Ignore' and then remembering to remove it after the respective payroll runs.

Employees who were setup on the PD screen for additional taxes withheld before 01/01/2020 should remain the same. Districts may continue to use the voluntary deduction codes setup for this purpose.

- Vol-Ded 8700 for Federal Taxes
- Vol-Ded 8600 for State Taxes

PD Screen Sample: Excess Federal and State Taxes

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►		2	12	8600	EXCESS STATE TAX		50.00	0.00	Ι					0.00	0.00

### **IMPORTANT**:

 If an employee who had a PD screen setup for additional taxes, wants to amend their Federal and/or State additional withholding amount, the employee must submit IRS 2020 W-4 and/or CA DE 4 and the district must use the W-4 screen onwards.

## Garnishments

Garnishments are generally the result of a failure to pay. As a recourse, agencies can collect money owed from employees including interest and penalties through court orders.

As a courtesy to the districts, DBAS processes garnishment payments to garnishing agencies for employees at Santa Clara County School districts. Currently, we do not pass the fees for this service to the employees who have active orders. The law allows for the collection of these fees.

DBAS receives garnishment orders, modifications, and withdrawals from various agencies. Each agency has specific rules and regulations. Nonetheless, all garnishments must be processed during the first payroll after ten days of receipt.

- If a withdrawal is not received before the district payroll close date, then the payment will be remitted to the garnishing agency.
- It is the employees' responsibility to contact the garnishing agency to make payment arrangements or to dispute an order.

### **IMPORTANT**:

If the district receives a garnishment, release or modifications of order please forward to DBAS immediately.

Vol-Ded	<u>Description</u>	Vol-Ded	<b>Description</b>
0199	Family Support to Santa Clara & Other Counties	5517	Court Order Debt
5512	Sheriff Earning Withholding Order	5518	Family Support Out of State
5513	Family Support Directly to Recipient	5519	Bankruptcy
5514	Franchise Tax Board	5520	Student Loan
5515	IRS Levy Remittance	5521	Vehicle Registration

## **Sick Pay Reporting**

### What is Sick Pay?

Sick pay generally means any amount paid under a plan because of an employee's temporary absence from work due to injury, sickness, or disability. These payments include both short and long-term benefits. However, only the first 6 months of the benefits are taxable.

### What is NOT Considered Sick Pay?

- Disability retirement payments
- Worker's Compensation Sick pay, which is made after the first six calendar months following the last calendar month in which the employee performed services for the employer. This Third-Party Sick benefit is not subject to FICA and Medicare.
- Payments like workers compensation-Public Employees
- Medical expense payment
- Payments unrelated to absence from work

#### **IMPORTANT**:

- Payments of State Disability Insurance (SDI), Paid Family Leave (PFL) are not subject to retirement.
- Districts that participate and pay into the SDI program can follow the process of integration/coordination in which your employee can be paid the full SDI or PFL weekly benefit amount and also being paid wages from Districts or be using the available leave to cover the difference. Visit <u>http://www.edd.ca.gov/Disability/FAQ\_Integration\_Coordination.htm</u> for more information.

**Reference:** IRS 2023 Publication 15-A for detail examples of Third-party payments that are not sick pay by the Internal Revenue Service

## **Third-Party Payers of Sick Pay**

#### Third-Party as an Employer's Agent

The third party that makes payments of sick pay as your agent is not considered the employer and generally has no responsibility for employment taxes. This responsibility remains with the employer. These payments should be paid directly to the employer and the employee should be paid through the employer's payroll system. Liability payments for employee and employer taxes are the responsibility of the employer: e.g. if a third party provides administrative services only, the third party is your agent.

#### Third-Party NOT as an Employer's Agent

A third party that makes payments of sick pay other than as an agent of the employer (If the third party is paid an insurance premium and is not reimbursed on a cost-fee-basis, the third party is not your agent) is liable for federal income tax withholding (if requested by the employee) and the employee part of the social security and Medicare taxes. The third party is also liable for the employer's part of Social Security, Medicare, and FUTA as well as preparing the quarterly tax returns and the reporting of W2.

#### **IMPORTANT**:

- District must ensure that third party vendors that are making payments directly to the employees are responsible for the tax remittance and reporting.
- All third party sick leave requiring district burden tax payments need to be processed through the payroll system.
- Manual processing of third party sick leave totals will no longer be processed. By eliminating the need for manual adjustments during calendar year end processing, payroll history records will retain data integrity and employees should receive their W-2 forms earlier in January.

**Reference:** Section 931.5 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC) provides that third-party sick payments are "wages" to report Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Employment Training Tax (ETT). These payments are also reportable as Personal Income Tax (PIT) wages, which are wages subject to California personal income tax. Even though PIT withholding on these wages is not mandatory, the wages are considered taxable income to the recipient and must be reported on the recipient's California income tax return. Without exception, payments for third-party sick pay are not subject to State Disability Insurance (SDI).

## Payroll Tax Rates 2025

## FICA Taxes (Federal Insurance Contributions Act)

Employee:	7.65%
Employer:	7.65%

Note: The 7.65% tax rate is the combined rate for Social Security and Medicare. The Social Security portion (OASDI) is 6.2% on earnings up to the applicable taxable maximum amount of \$168,600. The Medicare portion (HI) is 1.45% of all earnings.

## **Maximum Taxable Earnings**

Social Security (OASDI only): \$176,100 Medicare (HI only): No limit

An additional employee-only Medicare tax of 0.9% applies to wages over \$ 200,000 for single tax payers and \$250,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly (unchanged from 2024). The rates shown above do not include the 0.9 percent.

An employer is required to begin withholding Additional Medicare Tax in the pay period in which it pays wages or compensation over \$200,000 to an employee and continue to withhold it until the end of the calendar year.

### Health Savings Accounts (HSA)

**Eligibility**: A HSA is an account owned by a qualified individual who must be covered by a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) and not be covered by other health insurance except for permitted insurance listed under section 223(c)(3) or insurance for accidents, disability, dental care, vision care, or long-term care.

- Minimum deductible for an HDHP is \$1,650 for single coverage and \$3,300 for family coverage
- Maximum annual out-of-pocket expense limit for HDHP is \$8,300 for single coverage (up to \$250 from 2024) and \$16,600 for family coverage (up \$500 from 2024)
- Maximum contribution to a health savings account is \$4,300 for single coverage (up \$150 from 2024) and \$8,550 for family coverage (HSA holders 55 and older get to save an extra \$1,000 which means \$5,300 for an individual and \$9,550 for a family)

### Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA)

Maximum pre-tax contribution to health care reimbursement flexible spending accounts is \$3,300 per plan year (up \$100 from 2024)

## Section 403(b) Tax Sheltered Annuities

The maximum amount of employee elective deferrals is \$23,500 (up \$500 from 2024) Employees age 50 or older and meeting other requirements can make up to \$7,500 in additional catch-up

contributions (no change from 2024). Starting in 2025, a higher catch-up contribution limit of \$11,250 (up to \$3,750 from 2024) applies for employees aged 61 – 63 who participate in the plan.

## Payroll Tax Rates 2025 (cont'd)

## **Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans**

The maximum amount of contributions is \$23,500 (up \$500 from 2024)

Employees age 50 or older and meeting other requirements can make up to \$7,500 in additional catch-up contributions (no change from 2024). Starting in 2025, a higher catch-up contribution limit of \$11,250 (up to \$3,750 from 2024) applies for employees aged 61 - 63 who participate in the plan.

### **Travel Expenses**

The mileage reimbursement rate is 70 cents/mile for business miles driven (up from 67 cents /mile in 2024)

#### De minimis fringes

In general, gross income does not include the value of a de minimis fringe provided to an employee. The term 'de minimis fringe' means any property or service the value of which is (after taking into account the frequency with which similar fringes are provided by the employer to the employer's employees) so small as to make accounting for it unreasonable or administratively impracticable. However, certain fringes are never considered de minimis as the actual value can easily be determined. Examples include Group-Term Life Insurance over \$50,000 coverage and cash gift cards since a specific value can be determined.

### **California State Disability Insurance**

The State Disability (SDI) withholding rate for 2025 is 1.20 percent (an increase from .10 percent in 2024). Senate Bill 951 removes the taxable wage limit for each employee per calendar year effective January 1, 2024.

### Employer's Obligation for the Form W-4 and DE 4

Each employee must complete a Form W-4 for Federal and DE 4 California withholding and employers must retain the form for payroll records. If the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) instructs an employer to withhold federal income tax based on a certain withholding status, the employer is required to use the same withholding status for state income tax withholding. The form W-4 and DE 4 are considered invalid if either of the following two (2) conditions exist:

- The employee makes major changes to form W-4 or DE 4, such as crossing out words or writing more than is asked.
- The employee admits that Form W-4 or DE 4 is false.

#### **IMPORTANT**:

District should notify employees that in order to maintain an exempt status, new W-4 and DE 4 forms must be submitted each year on or before February 15th.

**Reference:** DBAS Bulletin 24-014

## **QCC** Retro Module

QCC can create Retro Pay Lines through the Retro Module. Districts need to carefully define the criteria required to load RET pay lines as accurately as possible. The criteria should be run separately by a group of employees.

For Example	12 months	11 months	10 months
Bargaining Unit:	01	01	01
Employee Type:	01	01	01
Pay Code:	01	01	01
Рау Туре:	NML	NML	NML
Pay Schedules:	EOMREG	E11XXX	E10XXX

### **Define:**

Bargaining Unit:	Group of employees receiving retro
Employee Type:	01 Certificated, 02 Classified
Pay Code:	01 = 12 month, 02 = 11 month, 03 = 10 month
Рау Туре:	NML for Normal Pay
Pay Schedule:	Deferred Pay (R) and Benefits (B), 06 off June-July and 07 off July-August

- Once the criteria has been defined:
  - Run a PRT300 (Retroactive Payroll Analysis Report)
  - Verify all data to ensure the desired outcome is met
    - This process ensures minimal errors on the Retro pay lines
- If the district decides to use the Retro module:
  - Contact TDSD 30 days in advance
  - Submit a Service Request to set-up the retro pay lines
  - > Verify the accuracy of the data after the pay lines are loaded to the PR screen

## QCC Retro Module (cont'd)

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## **CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CalPERS)**

## CalPERS

**The California Public Employees' Retirement System** is an agency in the California executive branch that "manages pension and health benefits for more than 1.6 million California public employees, retirees, and their families".

**Compensation** *means* the compensation paid out of funds controlled by the employer in payment for the member's services performed during normal working hours. Pay rates and special compensation must be in salary schedules, ordinances, or similar documents that are available for public review.

**Reference:** California Government Code (G.C.) sections 20630 through 20636 of Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL) define compensation earnable, pay rate, and special compensation.

## CLASSIC Member - 2% @ 55, Contribution Rate 7%

- All existing CalPERS members as of December 31, 2012
- A member that has a break in service of <u>more than six months</u> but returns to service with the <u>same</u> <u>employer</u>
- All Schools are considered the same employer
- Retirement benefit calculation is based on the highest 1-year of final compensation

## PEPRA Member 01/01/2013 - 2% @ 62, Contribution Rate 7%

- A new hire who has no prior membership in any California public retirement system before January 1, 2013
- A member who first established CalPERS membership before January 1, 2013, and who is rehired by a <u>different</u> CalPERS employer after a break in service of <u>greater than six months</u>
- All Schools are considered the same employer
- Retirement benefit calculation is based on the 3-year average of final compensation

## NOTE:

**Reciprocity:** CalPERS has an agreement with many California public retirement systems that allow an individual to move from one retirement system to the other without loss of benefits. These reciprocal agreements allow the individual to coordinate their benefits between the retirement systems when they retire. Currently, an employee must leave and enter into employment with a reciprocal public agency within six months to be eligible.

Reference: Government Code 7522.04

## **CalPERS Membership Eligibility**

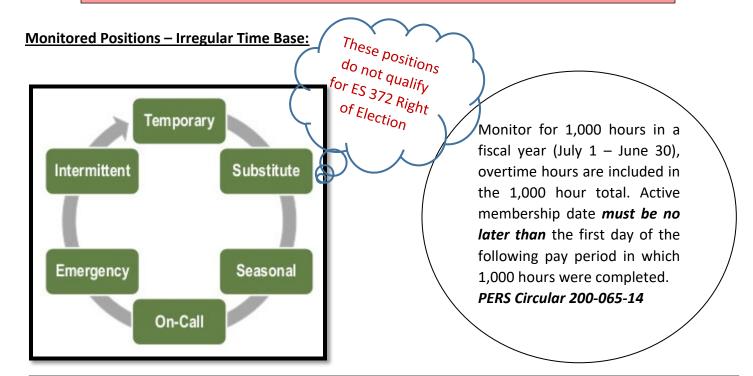
### Mandatory Membership Eligibility – Time Base:

- Permanent Full-time (40 hours per week)
- Full-time for a temporary appointment of six months or longer
- Part-time, average <u>at least</u> 20 hours per week for one year or longer
  - (20 hours x 52 weeks = 1,040 hours)

Reference: Government Code 20305

### "Once a member, always a member"

**EXCEPTION**: If the member refunds CalPERS contributions, they will need to re-qualify.



#### IMPORTANT:

- It is the employer's responsibility to determine the eligibility of their employees to participate in CalPERS
- If an employer fails to enroll an eligible employee into CalPERS within 90 days of qualifying, the employer is required to pay all arrears, cost for member contributions, and administrative costs of \$500.00 per member
- The employer cannot pass on these costs to the employee due to untimely enrollment

Reference: Government Code 20283

## Accumulator Limit Report (RCA640) in QCC

Accumulator Limit Report consolidates hours or days worked for an employee by fiscal year. This report will assist with the identification of:

- Retired annuitants who cannot exceed 960 hours within a fiscal year.
- Classified non-members who are close to or have reached the 1,000 hours for CalPERS mandatory qualification.

Run the reports separately for tracking the retired annuitants and classified non-members.



Employee Accumulator List (RCA640)					
Menu					
Retirement Data / Information					
Manage Monthly Contributions					
Other / History Reports					
Employee Accumulator List					
Employee Substitute Data List					
- STRS History Report					
PERS History Report					
Miscellaneous Jobs					

Report Title: Sort By: 1 - District/ Name	
Optional Selection Criteria (Blank for all):	<u>Criteria:</u>
Days > : or Hours > :	Retirement System (RS):
District: (all districts)	04 for PERS Retired
Retirement System	<b>05</b> for Non-Member
Retirement Account Codes         Image: Code Code Code Code Code Code Code Code	Retirement Account Codes: 00
Pay Codes:	Pay Codes:
Employees:	02 & 12 for Classified

# Notice of Exclusion (PERS-EAMD-139)

Notice of Exclusion form should be completed for each new employee who does not qualify for CalPERS membership and should be kept in the employee's personnel file, to protect the district in case of an audit.

CalPERS				
California Public Employees' Retirement System				
P.O. Box 942715 Sacramento, CA 94229-2715				
888 CalPERS (or 888-225-7377)   Fax: (800) 959-65	45			
TTY: (877) 249-7442   www.calpers.ca.gov				
NOTICE OF EXCLUSION FROM CalP				
Your employer has contracted with the California benefit package which includes service retirement		arers) to provide an employee		
Section 1. Employee Information				
Name: Last First	Middie DO	B CID		
Section 2. Employer Information				
Name of Department Divis	on Pos	ition Title		
the appoint	ary, enter nearest number of whole months tment is expected to last.	Appointment Date		
Permanent     Temporary	Months			
Time Base	ate Dart Time, if part time enter the	fraction of full time:		
In your current position with this agency, you	_ , ,			
	appointment is limited to six months or le			
	to less than an average of 20 hours per we			
<ol> <li>Your appointment is an on call, intermittent, emergency, substitute, or other irregular basis which excludes you from membership until you have worked 1,000 hours (or 125 days if paid on per diem basis) in a fiscal year (July 1-June 30).</li> </ol>				
<ol> <li>Your position is excluded by law. Exp</li> </ol>	4. Your position is excluded by law. Explain the exclusion that applies below:			
5.				
<ol> <li>You are employed to render profession Exceptions include persons holding the</li> </ol>	onal legal service to a city. ne office of city attorney, deputy city attorne	ey, or assistant city attorney.		
<ol> <li>You are employed as a student assistant by a school district in a position established for students only while attending school in the same district. (This only applies to County Schools.)</li> </ol>				
<ol><li>You are a CalPERS retiree and have</li></ol>	not reinstated from retirement.			
NOTE: If you are a CalPERS member from previous employment and have not terminated membership (taken a refund of your contributions and service credit) exclusions 1, 2, and 3 do not apply to you. You should qualify for membership immediately in your current position. Please notify your employer to complete your enrollment and report your employment to CalPERS.				
If you believe your employment <u>does</u> qualify you for CalPERS membership, ask your employer to provide you with an explanation. You can also contact CalPERS directly by sending a letter that provides the reasons why you feel you should be a member to the Employer Account Management Division, P.O. Box 942709, Sacramento, CA 94229-2709				
Signature of Certifying Officer	Title	Date		
Signature of Employee		Date		
Note: Information regarding the benefits provided	by CalPERS is available on the CalPERS	website www.calpers.ca.gov.		
	his form in the employee's file for auditir			
PERS-EAMD-139   Rev. 04/2020	in the employee's me for addition	g purposed		

Reference: Government Code 20300

# **Reciprocal Self-Certification Form (PERS-EAMD-801)**

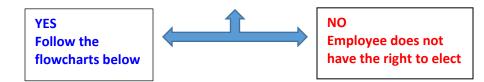
Reciprocal Self-Certification form should be completed within 10 business days of membership or new appointment for each new employee who is hired on or after 01/01/2013. This form should be kept in the employee's personnel file to protect the district in case of an audit.

CalPERS		California Public Employees' Retirement System P.O. Box 942709 Sacramento, CA 94229-2709 888 CalPERS (or 888-225-7377) TTY: (877) 249-7442   Fax: (916) 795-4166 www.calpers.ca.gov	
Recip	rocal Self-Certif	ication Form	
Complete the following information and return th			
correctly, please reference the	enclosed List of Qualifying	Public Retirement Systems and i	nstructions.
Section 1. Member Information			
Member Name: (Last)	(First)	(Middle	)
Date of Birth:	Ca	IPERS ID:	
Membership Status in Qualifying Public Reti	rement Systems:		
I have not been a member of a qualifying put	blic retirement system in	California. (skip to section 3)	
I have membership in a defined benefit plan			mia other than CalPERS.
(complete section 2 with membership informatio	n for each qualifying public	retirement system)	
Section 2. Qualifying Reciprocal Membersh	-		
Name of Most Recent Public Retirement System:	Membership Date:	Separation Date*:	Retired* or Refunded*
			Date: / /
Name of Prior Public Retirement System:	Membership Date:	Separation Date*:	Retired* or Refunded*
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	, ,	' '	Date: / /
Name of Prior Public Retirement System:	Membership Date:	Separation Date*:	Retired* or Refunded*
			Date: / /
*Please pro	vide dates, if applicable, No	ot all sections may be applicable	for each Public Retirement System.
			, ,
Section 3. Sign and Certify			
l understand that by accepting employment in a	a qualified public retirem	ent system, I am subject to t	he applicable laws and
regulations of that system. I also understand th			
I hereby certify that the foregoing information I	has been verified with th	e qualifying public retiremen	t system as true and correct
and any information found to be incorrect may	and the second states as an	v CalPERS account including	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
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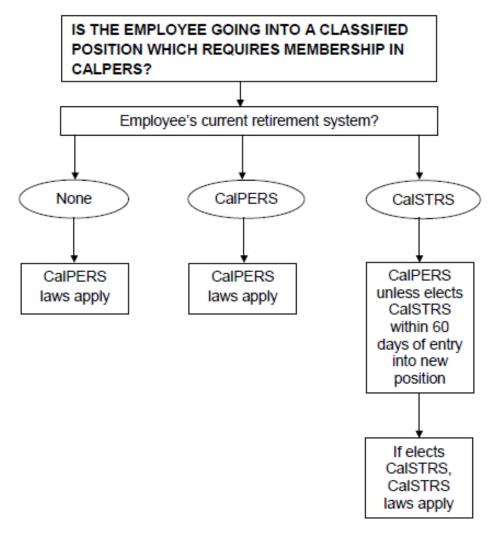
# CalPERS/CalSTRS Retirement System Election

Many times employees change from one job to another and the retirement system chosen may be in question. If the <u>new position qualifies for mandatory membership</u>, employers are required to notify the employee of their right to elect to stay with their retirement system within 10 days of the hire date. Election is applied PER POSITION. Employees must understand the difference between each system's default and fill out CalSTRS Form ES 372 accordingly. Refer to pages 81 - 82 for more guidance. It is the employee's responsibility to know whether the employee is eligible for ES372 or not. Do not give this form to all employees unless the new position qualifies for mandatory membership.

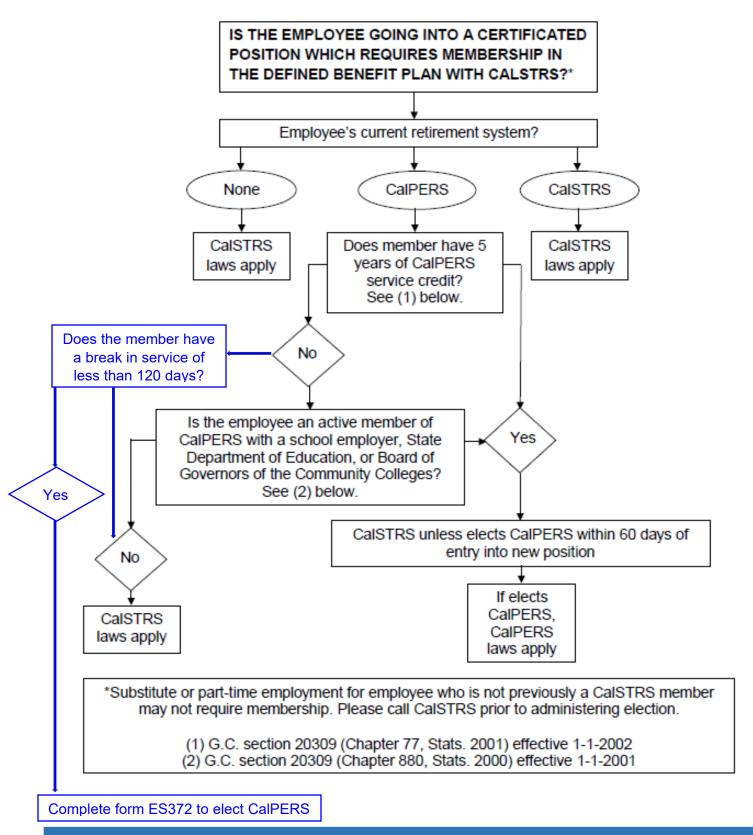




# CalPERS/CalSTRS RETIREMENT SYSTEM ELECTION



CalPERS/CalSTRS Retirement System Election (cont'd)



# CalPERS/CalSTRS Retirement System Election (cont'd)

#### Determine whether an employee qualifies for the CalPERS/CalSTRS Retirement System Election

A CalPERS member accepts a certificated position but would like to stay in CalPERS. To be eligible for the retirement system election, the new position must qualify for mandatory membership.

- Does the employee have 5 years of CalPERS service credit?
  - ✤ If YES, complete CalSTRS form ES 372 to elect
  - If NO, does the employee have a break in service of less than 120 days?
    - If YES, complete CalSTRS form ES 372 to elect
    - > If **NO**, the employee does not qualify for the retirement system election

#### **IMPORTANT**:

- If a CalSTRS Member takes a classified position that DOES NOT meet the criteria for mandatory membership, then the retirement system election DOES NOT apply. Non-Member Classified earning are NOT reportable to CalPERS (AC-P-C 00-0-0)
- If a CalPERS Member takes a certificated position that **DOES NOT** meet the criteria for mandatory membership, then the retirement system election **DOES NOT** apply. Non-Member Certificated earnings **ARE** reportable to CalSTRS. Refer to page 98 for proper coding.
  - However, the employee DOES have the option to elect membership via Permissive Election form ES 350 for this certificated position.
  - Substitute Teachers who qualify under the 100 days or 600 hours DO NOT have the option to elect retirement systems; they will default into CalSTRS membership.

Reference: CalPERS Circular Letter No.: 200-011-18

# my | CalPERS Access

District staff must register with DBAS to gain access to my CalPERS On-Line. The process is as follows:

- 1. Obtain the CalPERS On-Line Access Request Form from your accounting specialist.
- 2. Complete the form with the district supervisor's approval.
- 3. Submit the signed form to your accounting specialist.
- 4. Upon DBAS' approval, the user will receive an email with CalPERS User ID and Temporary Password.

	<u>Fo</u>	orm must be comple	ted entirely		
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Name:					
	L	last	-	First	
Employee ID:			SSN:		
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Phone No:			Dist #:		
Email:					
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Business	Partner Socia				
	*Social Security	y Annual Informatio	n Request (AIR)		
Employee Name	e (Print)	Signature		Date	
Remove CalPER	S On-Line Acc	cess:			
Employe	e Name:				
Supervisor Nam	e (Print)	Signature		Date	

#### NOTE:

To inactivate terminated employees' CalPERS access, complete this form and submit it to DBAS.

# **Procedure for Setting-up CalPERS Membership**

- 1. Verify CalPERS membership status at: <u>https://my.calpers.ca.gov/web/ept/public/systemaccess/selectLoginType.html</u>
- 2. Click on the Business Partner radial button and Continue to log in.
- 3. From my CalPERS home page, select the *Person Information* tab, enter SSN, and click on search.

my CalPERS
Home Profile Reporting Person Information Education Other Organizations
• Person Search
Please enter the Social Security Number or CalPERS ID of the person for whom you are searching.
SSN / Federal or 123456789 Individual Tax ID:
CalPERS ID:
Search

4. If the employee is a **CalPERS Member**, you will be prompted to enter the Anticipated or Actual Hire Date.

my CalPERS			
Home Profile Reporting Person Information Education Other Organizations			
*Required Fields			
𝔍 Hire Date			
Please enter the anticipated or actual hire date for the person you are searching for. By entering this information, you acknowledge that all Participant employee information accessible to you will be used only to assist you for employee enrollment purposes.			
Anticipated or Actual Hire Date:*			
Continue			

5. Click continue, the next page will display a CalPERS ID that has already been assigned to this employee.

my CalPERS	my CalPERS				
Home Profile Repo	Home Profile Reporting Person Information Education Other Organizations				
Summary Health Enro	ollment				
Common Tasks 🛛 🔕	🕤 Summary				
Menu  Contributory Appointment History	Profile Name:	CalPERS ID:			
	Prior School Membership: No	Prior School Membership Date:			
	Member: No	Retired: No			
	Membership Date:	Retirement Date:			
	ARP: No	ARP Effective Date:			
	5 Year Service Credit: No				
	Last Reporting Date:				
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### Procedure for Setting-up CalPERS Membership (cont'd)

- 6. Therefore, add an Appointment ID only for your district, with an effective date matching the hire date.
  - A unique Appointment ID is required for each district the employee works for.
- 7. If the employee has never been a CalPERS member, there will be no record of them in CalPERS.

my CalPERS
⑦ Person Search
Please enter the Social Security Number or CalPERS ID of the person for whom you are searching.
SSN / Federal or 432918612 Individual Tax ID: CalPERS ID:
Search
Search Results     Add New       CalPERS ID     Name       No results found.

8. Therefore, set them up as a new member to obtain a CalPERS ID.

myCalPERS				
Home Profile	Repo	rting Person Information Education Other Organizations		
Manage Reports	Billin	g and Payments Payroll Schedule Member Requests Retirement Appointment Reconciliation		
Common Tasks	Common Tasks O Name: Santa Clara County Schools CalPERS ID: 4808924344			
Menu	$\bigcirc$			
Organization Sear	Organization Search 🕜 Create or Edit Report			
Adjustment Repor	ts	Method:* Add Retirement Enrollment   Continue		
Search Payroll Red	cords			
by Participant		🛈 Work On Existing Payroll Reports		

- 9. Then, add an Appointment ID for your district.
- 10. After the membership setup is complete, go back to the *Person Information* tab:
  - Determine whether the employee is a **CLASSIC** member or a **PEPRA** member with CalPERS.
  - Set them up accordingly in QCC. Refer to pages 45 46 for reference.

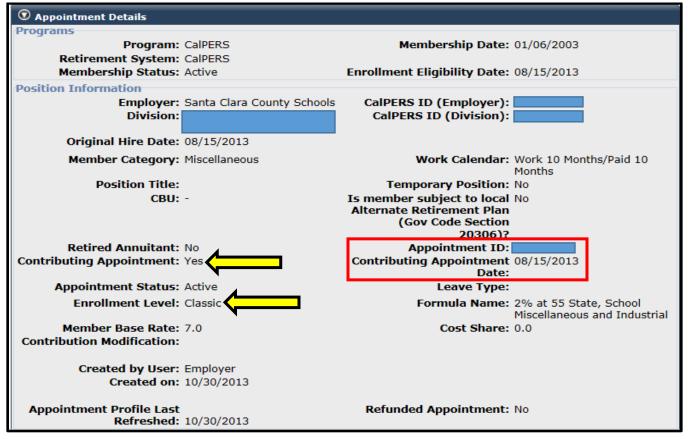
#### **IMPORTANT**:

- If the employee is a CalPERS member with another school district, start reporting payroll to CalPERS immediately <u>regardless of the time base</u>.
- Before adding an employee's appointment ID, district must check my CalPERS for existing appointment ID. A duplicate appointment ID (different appointment ID number, but same start date) will cause an error when uploading retirement contribution data to CalPERS. The system does not know which appointment ID the contributions should be applied to.

# **PERS CLASSIC Member**

In this example, we have an employee with a membership date of 01/06/2003. This employee is new to your district but is still considered **CLASSIC** (contributing appointment date 08/15/2013). Set up the employee's W4 screen as a **CLASSIC** member.

<u>Contributing Appointment</u> indicator must be <u>YES</u> on my|CalPERS screen. Contact CalPERS immediately if it shows NO.



#### my|CalPERS Person Information Screen

QCC W4 Screen

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Check sort :	1120 - DISTRICT BUS&ADV SERS ADMIN NJ	Alt check sort :	1118 - DISTRICT BUSINESS&ADVISORY JS 🔻	
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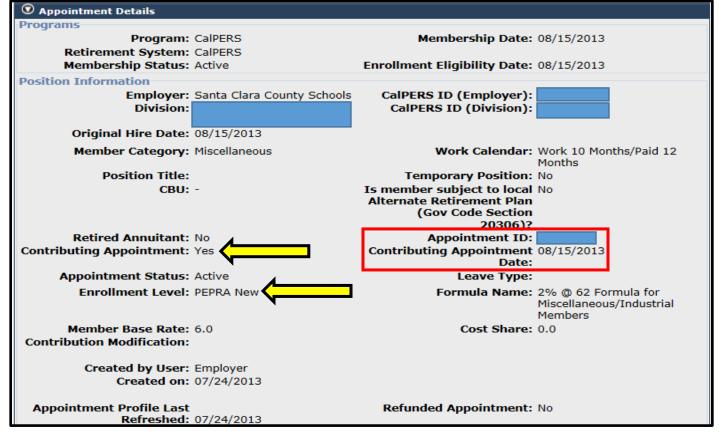
### **PERS PEPRA Member**

In this example, we have an employee with a membership date of 08/15/2013. This employee is new to my|CalPERS and has never been a member of any public retirement system. Set up the employee's W4 screen as a **PEPRA** member.

<u>Contributing Appointment</u> indicator must be <u>YES</u> on my|CalPERS screen.

Contact CalPERS immediately if it shows NO.

#### my|CalPERS Person Information Screen



QCC W4 Screen

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DPO :	N ▼ SUI: 1 - Regular funding ▼	EIC :	▼ Sub: 0 - Not sub ▼ Def F	ay Bal : 0.00
Control group :	LN - EMPLOYEES L-N -			

### **Other Employer Responsibilities for CalPERS Members**

#### Update my CalPERS of any changes to employees' employment status:

- Unpaid Leave of Absence
- Permanent Separation
- Address Change
- Name Change
- Position Change

#### **IMPORTANT**:

The separation date is now part of a series of system validations. Therefore, the separation date must be reported to my CalPERS **immediately**, as the day *after* the last day an employee works for your district.

- 1. From my CalPERS home page, select the *Person Information* tab, enter SSN, and click on search
- 2. Select Employer (district requiring separation), next to Appointment Event History click on Add New
- 3. Select the type of change under the Event drop-down menu

my CalPERS	my CalPERS					
Home Profile Rep	Home Profile Reporting Person Information Education Other Organizations					
Summary Health En	rollment					
Common Tasks			*Required Fields			
Menu 📀	💿 Member Details					
Appointment History Payroll Information	Name: Gender: Female	CalPERS ID: 4946076351 Date of Birth: 10/27/1970				
Member Elections	• Appointment Event Details					
Contributory Appointment History	Event:* Event Date:*					
	Save Clear					

Reference: CalPERS Circular Letter No: 200-070-11

# **Procedure for Adding a Retired Annuitant**

When a retired CalPERS member returns to employment with a CalPERS employer while receiving a retirement allowance, CalPERS requires school employers to enroll a retired member within 30 days of the effective date of hire and report the pay rate and the number of hours worked by a retired annuitant. CalPERS retirees cannot be hired into permanent or regular positions without reinstatement from retirement.

#### **IMPORTANT**:

Failure to fulfill CalPERS requirements will result in a fee of \$200.00 per retired member per month until the retired member is enrolled and the payroll information is reported.

- 1. Log in to myCalPERS online
- 2. Click Accept
- 3. Select Person Search from the Home page
- 4. Enter either the SSN or CalPERS ID and click Search
- 5. Select Add New (next to the Appointment History from the Person Information page)
- 6. Fill in all fields and make sure to select YES for Retired Annuitant

Appointment Details	
Program Program: CalPERS	Enrollment Eligibility Date: CPE *
Position Information	
Employer: Santa Cla Division:	In a County Schools     CalPERS ID (Employer): 4808924344       CalPERS ID (Division): 0
Original Hire Date:*	
Member Category:* 🔽	
Position Title:	✓ Update
Work Calendar:* Work 12	Aonths/Paid 12 Months
Retired Annuitant? *  • Yes • No	Temporary Position?* OYes No
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7. Click Save

# **CalPERS Membership Codes for W4 Screen**

#### Primary RS (Retirement System) Determined by Eligibility:

- 02 = CLASSIC Member
- 12 = PEPRA New Member with OASDI
- 04 = Retired
- 05 = Non-Member or Alternative Retirement

#### QCC W4 Screen

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Ret rate :	0.000000 Member ID :		22 - PEPRA CLASSIFIED NON-OASDI
User def (1) :	DD=Y (2) DENTAL (3)	(4)	(5)
Pending ret :	•	SMF status/d	late :

#### PERS Contribution Rates for 2024-25

- **CLASSIC:** EE 7% ER 27.050%
- **PEPRA:** EE 8% ER 27.050%

### PERS AC-P-C Codes for W4 and PR Screens

#### <u>AC = Assignment Code</u>

- 08 = Member
- 00 = Reportable only for retired annuitants
- 00 = \*\*Survivor Benefit for District 90 only

#### P = Pay Code

- 0 = Non-Reportable
- 1 = Monthly Rate
- 4 = Hourly Rate
- 8 = Daily Rate

#### **<u>C = Contribution Code</u>**

- 0 = Non-Reportable
- 1 = Current Month: Member Contributions
- 3 = Arrears: Prior Period EARNINGS Adjustment, DOES Generate Service Credit
- 5 = Retro: Ret. Base/Pay Rate Change, DOES NOT Generate Service Credit
- 6 = Special Compensation, DOES NOT Generate Service Credit
- 7 = Current Month for Retired Annuitants
- 8 = Arrears for Retired Annuitants

# PERS Guide on Statutory Deductions (St-Ded)

#### St-Ded field may contain up to 6 characters:

- 1<sup>st</sup> character **T**: Federal & State Taxes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> character **F**: Social Security & Medicare
- M: Medicare Only
- 3<sup>rd</sup> character
   S: State Disability
   N: No State Disability
- 4<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> characters **PERS Contributions**, please see the chart below for options:

	St-Ded Profile Characters: 4, 5, & 6
Р	PERS Tax-Deferred
РТ	PERS Taxable
PS	PERS Survivor Benefit Tax-Deferred, one-time election in 1986 in lieu of Social Security & Medicare
PST	PERS Survivor Benefit Taxable, one-time election in 1986 in lieu of Social Security & Medicare
PERO	PERS Report Only, No Contributions
P70	PERS Employer Paid Member Contributions 7%
PXX	PERS EPMC where XX = % District Pays, Tax-Deferred
PXT	PERS EPMC where X = % District Pays, Taxable
N	No Contributions, Non-Reportable
PAR	Alternative Retirement PARS requires 8XXX Vol-Ded
ING	Alternative Retirement ING requires 8XXX Vol-Ded
APP	Alternative Retirement APPLE requires 8XXX Vol-Ded

#### All employees must be reported with Tax-Deferred (P) contributions unless:

- District has a MOU with CalPERS that stipulates Taxable (PT) contributions
- The MOU must apply to a class of employees
  - <u>Cannot</u> be for a single employee
- All pay lines must be reported consistently as Taxable
  - Do not report a combination of Taxable and Tax-Deferred pay lines

#### PERS St-Ded for W4 and PR Screens

#### TFSP - PERS Member RS: 02 or 12

T: State & Federal
F: Social Security & Medicare
S: SDI
P: Taxed Deferred (Non-Taxable)

#### TFSPT - PERS Member RS: 02 or 12

T: State & Federal F: Social Security & Medicare S: SDI PT: Taxable Contributions

#### TFSXX - PERS Member RS: 02 or 12

T: State & Federal
F: Social Security & Medicare
S: SDI
XX: The last 2 characters are determined by the district, depending on the Bargaining Unit

#### **TFPERO - PERS Retiree RS: 04**

T: State & Federal F: Social Security & Medicare PERO: PERS Report Only

#### TFNP - PERS Member RS: 02 or 12

T: State & Federal
F: Social Security & Medicare
N: No SDI
P: Taxed Deferred (Non-Taxable)

#### TFNPT - PERS Member RS: 02 or 12

T: State & Federal
F: Social Security & Medicare
N: No SDI
PT: Taxable Contributions

#### TFNXX - PERS Member RS: 02 or 12

T: State & Federal
F: Social Security & Medicare
N: No SDI
XX: The last 2 characters are determined by the district, depending on the Bargaining Unit

#### TFNN - PERS Non-Member RS: 05

T: State & Federal F: Social Security & Medicare N: No SDI N: No Contributions, Non-Reportable

# PERS Guide on AC-P-C Code Combinations and Compensation Limit

	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>ARREARS</b>	<u>RETRO</u>	Ret. Base/Pay Rate
Monthly Contract	08-1-1	08-1-3	08-1-5	Monthly
Substitutes Hourly	08-4-1	08-4-3	08-4-5	Hourly
Substitutes Daily	08-8-1	08-8-3	08-8-5	Daily
Part-Time Hourly	08-4-1	08-4-3	08-4-5	Hourly
Part-Time Daily	08-8-1	08-8-3	08-8-5	Daily
Special Comp (Monthly)	08-1-6	08-1-6*	08-1-6*	Monthly
Special Comp (Hourly)	08-4-6	08-4-6*	08-4-6*	Hourly
Special Comp (Daily)	08-8-6	08-8-6*	08-8-6*	Daily
Non-Reportable	00-0-0	00-0-0	00-0-0	Monthly, Hourly, or Da i.e. Overtime Earnings

#### Members - Primary RS: 02 or 12, St-Ded: Determined by district

#### IMPORTANT:

\*Special Comp ARREARS and RETRO: The corresponding dates are required on the pay line.

#### Non-Members – Primary RS: 05, St-Ded: TFNN

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>ARREARS</u>	<u>RETRO</u>	Ret. Base/Pay Rate
Non-Reportable	00-0-0	00-0-0	00-0-0	Monthly, Hourly, or Daily

#### NOTE:

- The compensation limit for **Classic members** for the 2025 calendar year is \$350,000. Employees with membership dates prior to July 1, 1996, are not impacted by these limits.
- The compensation limit for **PEPRA members** for the 2025 calendar year is \$155,081 (Social Security Participants) and \$186,096 (Non-Social Security Participants).
- For Over-the-Limit Calculation, refer to page-71.

Reference: CalPERS Circular Letter: 200-001-25

# **Reporting a Retired Annuitant's Payroll Information to CalPERS**

#### Retirees – Primary RS: 04, St-Ded: TFPERO

	<b>CURRENT</b>	<u>ARREARS</u>	Ret. Base/Pay Rate
Report Only (HRLY)	00-4-7	00-4-8	Hourly
Report Only (DLY)	00-8-7	00-8-8	Daily

#### IMPORTANT:

- A 960-hour work restriction applies to all retirees per fiscal year
- Retirees employed in vacant position can only be appointed to the position once
- A 180-Day Wait Period is required to return to work for anyone that retired after 01/01/2013
  - For 180-Day Wait Period Exception\*, refer to GC 7522.56(f)
  - If a retirement incentive was received, retirees must wait 180 days before returning to work
- Assembly Bill (AB) 1522 excludes retired annuitants from being eligible for sick leave. **Reference**: CalPERS Circular Letter No: 200-038-15

#### \*180-Day Wait Period Exception:

Executive Order N-2-23 suspends GC 7522.56(f), the 180-day break in service requirement for appointments that begin on or after January 16, 2023, for CalPERS retirees seeking employment as a retired annuitant with a CalPERS employer to ensure adequate staffing due severe winter storms related to an atmosphere river event beginning on December 24, 2022, until the state of emergency is lifted.

Public agencies and schools must notify the director of the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) of any individual employed pursuant to these waivers. Notification should be sent to <u>CAStateofEmergency@calhr.ca.gov</u>.

Reference: CalPERS Circular Letter 200-033-23

# **Special Compensation Categories and Types**

As per CCR 571 (a) and (b), Special compensation shall be limited to that which is received by a member according to a labor policy or agreement to similarly situated members of a group or class of employment and is reported in addition to and separately from pay rate. (Refer to pages 56 - 57 for a detailed description).

REPORTABLE:	CLASSIC	PEPRA
	CLASSIC	PERNA
INCENTIVE PAY		
Bonus (BON)	Х	
Longevity Pay (LLP)	X	X
Off-Salary-Schedule Pay (OSP)	Х	
Value of EPMC (VEP)	Х	
EDUCATIONAL PAY		
Educational Incentive (EEI)	X	X
Undergraduate/Graduate/Doctoral Credit (UGD)	X	Х
PREMIUM PAY		
Temporary Upgrade Pay (Out of Class) (TUP)	Х	
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT PAY		
Bilingual Premium (BBP)	Х	Х
Confidential Premium (CCP)	Х	X
Lead Worker/Supervisor Premium (LWP)	Х	X
Paramedic Coordinator Premium (PCP)	X	X
Severely Disabled Premium (SDP)	X	X
Shift Differential Premium (SDD)	Х	X
School Yard Premium (SYP)	Х	X
Training Premium (TPP)	X	X
STATUTORY ITEMS		
Holiday Pay (HPP)	X	X
Uniform Allowance (UAA)	X	

# Special Compensation Categories and Types (cont'd)

#### 1. INCENTIVE PAY

- <u>Bonus</u>: Compensation to employees for superior performance such as "annual performance bonus" and "merit pay." A program or system must be in place to plan and identify performance goals and objectives. If provided only during a member's final compensation period, it shall be excluded from the final compensation as "final settlement" pay.
- **Longevity Pay**: Additional compensation to employees who have been with an employer, or in a specified job classification, for a certain minimum period exceeding five years.
- <u>Off-Salary Schedule Pay</u>: Compensation in addition to the base salary paid in similar lump-sum amounts to a group or class of employees. These payments are routinely negotiated through collective bargaining in lieu of increases to the salary schedule. These payments are based on a similar percent of scheduled salary not to exceed six percent (6%) per fiscal year. The contracting agency or school employer may adopt similar action for non-represented groups or classes of employment as were negotiated through collective bargaining.
- <u>Value of EPMC</u>: The full monetary value of employer-paid member contributions (EPMC) paid to CalPERS and reported as an item of special compensation on behalf of all members in a group or class.

#### 2. EDUCATIONAL PAY

- <u>Educational Incentive</u>: Compensation to employees for completing educational courses, certificates, and degrees that enhance their ability to do their jobs. A program or system must be in place to evaluate and approve acceptable courses. The cost of education that is required for the employee's current job classification is not included in this item of special compensation.
- <u>Undergraduate/Graduate/Doctoral Credit</u>: Compensation to school district employees who are required to obtain a specified degree.

#### 3. PREMIUM PAY

• <u>**Temporary Upgrade Pay**</u>: Compensation to employees who are required by their employer, or governing board or body, to work in an upgraded position/classification of limited duration.

# Special Compensation Categories and Types (cont'd)

#### 4. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT PAY

- <u>Bilingual Premium</u>: Compensation to employees who are routinely and consistently assigned to positions requiring communication skills in languages other than English.
- <u>Confidential Premium</u>: Compensation to rank-and-file employees who are routinely and consistently assigned to sensitive positions requiring trust and discretion.
- <u>Lead Worker/Supervisor Premium</u>: Compensation to employees who are routinely and consistently assigned to a lead or supervisory position over other employee's subordinate classifications or agency-sponsored program participants.
- **Paramedic Coordinator Premium**: Compensation to paramedics who are routinely and consistently assigned to coordinate training activities in auxiliary medical techniques.
- <u>Severely Disabled Premium</u>: Compensation to school instructional aides who are routinely and consistently assigned to work with severely disabled students.
- <u>Shift Differential Premium</u>: Compensation to employees who are routinely and consistently scheduled to work other than a standard "daytime" shift, e.g. graveyard shift, swing shift, shift change, rotating shift, split shift, or weekends.
- <u>School Yard Premium</u>: Compensation to part-time school district employees who are routinely and consistently assigned to supervise students during recreation.
- **<u>Training Premium</u>**: Compensation to employees who are routinely and consistently assigned to train employees.

#### 5. STATUTORY ITEMS

- <u>Holiday Pay</u>: Additional compensation for employees who are normally required to work on an approved holiday because they work in positions that require scheduled staffing without regard to holidays. If these employees are paid over and above their normal monthly rate of pay for approved holidays, the additional compensation is holiday pay and reportable to CalPERS.
- <u>Uniform Allowance</u>: Compensation paid or the monetary value for the purchase, rental, and/or maintenance of required clothing, including clothing made from specially designed protective fabrics, which is a ready substitute for personal attire the employee would otherwise have to acquire and maintain. This excludes items that are solely for personal health and safety such as protective vests, pistols, bullets, and safety shoes.

# **Reporting Special Compensation Categories and Types**

Only special compensations listed in CCR 571(a) and meeting the criteria listed in CCR 571 (b) are reportable. If the special compensation item is not included in the exclusive list, it is not reportable for retirement purposes. Special compensation does not include final settlement pay, payments made for additional services rendered outside normal working hours, or any other payments the CalPERS Board of Administration has not affirmatively determined to be special compensation.

### IMPORTANT:

- All special compensation is required to be reported separately from pay rate as special compensation, as it is earned.
- Do not report special compensation prospectively, it must be reported for the pay period in which it was earned.
- Special compensation shall be for services rendered during normal working hours, and the employer shall identify the pay period in which the special compensation was earned.
- Special compensation cannot be reported without regular earning.

**NOTE**: Do not use the generic pay types MISC and SPC for any special compensation that is reportable to CalPERS.

Any pay type coded with AC-P-C: <u>08-1-6</u>, <u>08-4-6</u>, <u>08-8-6</u> in the QCC Pay Line (PR) screen should have the appropriate pay type and special compensation type (PERS SCT field value). \*Pay type encumbered

PAY TYPE	PERS SCT Field Value	PAY TYPE	PERS SCT Field Value
BLG	BILINGUAL PREM (BBP)	NIT	SHIFT DIFF <b>(SDD)</b>
BLGN*	BILINGUAL PREM (BBP)	NITN*	SHIFT DIFF (SDD)
BNUS	BONUS <b>(BON)</b>	OSSP	OFF SAL SCH (OSP)
CONF	CONFIDENTIAL (CCP)	OUT	TEMP UPGRADE (TUP)
DEGN*	UGD CREDIT <b>(UGD)</b>	PMC	PARAMEDIC COORD (PCP)
EDI	EDUC INCENT <b>(EEI)</b>	PMCN*	PARAMEDIC COORD (PCP)
EDIN*	EDUC INCENT <b>(EEI)</b>	SVRD	SEVERELY DISABL (SDP)
EPMC	VALUE ER PAID (VEP)	SVRN*	SEVERELY DISABL (SDP)
HOL	HOLIDAY PAY <b>(HPP)</b>	TRNG	TRAINING (TPP)
LOGN*	LONGEVITY PAY (LLP)	UNF	UNIFORM ALLOW (UAA)
LWS	LEAD WRKR/SUPVR (LWP)	YRD	SCHOOL YARD P (SYP)

	D Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Рау Туре	St-Ded	SP EP F	let. Base	ACPC
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Adjustment >	~	0.00 0.00		$\sim$ $\sim$	0.00	logn $\sim$		~	0.00	08 1 6
Name	Pay Schd		В	Start	End	Us	er /	Annual Contract	ACA Hours	ays Worked
	Eomreg $\sim$	0.00 1		_/_/_				0.00/ 00	0.00	0.00
PERS SCT								FT Base Hrs		
LONGEVITY H	PAY ( $\sim$							0.00		

# **Common Misreported Items of Compensation**

#### Longevity Pay

• The most common misreporting of Longevity Pay is when agencies combine this item with other criteria, such as employee performance.

#### Uniform Allowance

• The first common reporting error is when agencies do not report the monetary value of uniforms provided. The second common reporting error regarding Uniform Allowance is when agencies report this special compensation for unqualified items.

#### Temporary Upgrade Pay

• The most common misreporting of Temporary Upgrade Pay is when agencies report this item for employees who are only taking on a portion of an upgraded position while continuing to do their current duties.

#### Final Settlement Pay

 A common misreporting of compensation is when agencies report amounts in the form of severance packages or 'golden parachutes' that are typically paid in the member's final year of service before retirement.

Reference: CalPERS Circular Letter No: 200-064-14 and DBAS Bulletin: 15-024

# **Out-of-Class Appointment Limitations and Penalties**

Assembly Bill (AB) 1487 became effective January 1, 2018 (adding Government Code section 20480) prohibits school districts from making a limited term out-of-class appointment exceeding 960 hours each fiscal year. This applies to both Classic and Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) members.

Per G.C. section 20480, out-of-class is defined as an appointment to an upgraded position or higher classification by an employer or governing board in a vacant position for a limited duration.

- A vacant position refers to a position that is vacant during recruitment for a permanent appointment.
- A vacant position **does not** refer to a position that is temporarily available due to another employee's leave of absence.

#### **District's Responsibilities:**

- Track hours worked per fiscal year for each vacant position occupied by an employee working out-ofclass.
- Report all hours worked in vacant position(s) to CalPERS by July 30 each year.
- Make timely payments of penalties resulting from G.C. section 20480.

# **Out-of-Class Appointment Limitations and Penalties (cont'd)**

• Ensure that out-of-class appointments of a limited term duration follow a collective bargaining agreement or a publicly available pay schedule.

#### Penalties:

- School districts who violate the provision must make payments to CalPERS equal to three (3) times the
  employee and employer contributions that would otherwise be paid to CalPERS for the difference
  between the compensation paid for the out-of-class position and the compensation paid and reported
  to CalPERS for the member's permanent position. The penalty shall be applied for the entire period(s)
  the member serves in an out-of-class appointment.
- Pay an additional fee of \$200.00 to cover administrative expenses.

**NOTE**: Employees working out-of-Class shall bear no liability, obligation, or expense as a result of the unlawful actions of the employer with respect to G.C. section 20480.

#### Reference: CalPERS Circular Letter No: 200-021-18

		Out-of-C	lass (OUT)	vs	Temporary U	lpgrade (TUP)
Employee who is board to work ir	s required by the employer or governing h:	recruitment fo	that is vacant during or a permanent ntment section 20480)	<u>OR</u>	available due to a	that is temporarily nother employee's absence
	Require employee works 100% in an upgraded position	Yes			Y	es
<u>Requirements:</u>	Require employer to track the hours worked per fiscal year for both Classic and PEPRA member (limited to 960 hours)	Yes			h	ю
	Report hours worked to CalPERS by July 30	Yes No			Ν	10
District reports e	employee's eamings as:	Out-of-Class	Temporary Upgraded Pay (Special Compensation)		Out-of-Class	Temporary Upgraded Pay (Special Compensation)
	Employee gets the full pay rate of an upgraded position	<u>AC-P-C</u> : 8-1-1 Pay type: OUTN	N/A		AC-P-C: 8-1-1 Pay type: OUTN	N/A
Payroll Reporting:	In addition to the regular earnings, employee also gets a portion (usually by a certain percentage) of the difference between the pay rate of an upgraded position and the pay rate of the regular position.	N/A	<u>AC-P-C</u> : 8-1-6 <u>Pay Type</u> : TUP <u>PSCT Value</u> : TUP Reportable for Classic Member Only		N/A	<u>AC-P-C</u> : 8-1-6 <u>Pay Type</u> : TUP <u>PSCT Value</u> : TUP Reportable for Classic Member Only

# **Earnings NOT Reportable to CalPERS**

- Overtime
- Travel and Cellular Phone stipend
- Cash in lieu of benefit
- Vacation and Sick leave pay off
- Legal settlement
- Retirement incentive
- Non-member earnings
- Certificated earnings (unless elected CalPERS via form ES372)

### **Coaching Stipends – Reportable or Not Reportable**

Generally, the coaching stipends are:

- Not tied to a full-time pay rate
- Not an item of special compensation listed in CCR 571

#### Coaching stipends are Not Reportable if:

- Coaching position is not listed on a publicly available pay schedule with a full-time pay rate
- Coaching position is listed on a publicly available pay schedule with the appropriate full-time pay rate, but the person is already a member in a full-time position. The pay is considered overtime. (GC 20635.1)

#### Coaching stipends are **<u>Reportable</u>** if:

- A part-time member performs services as a coach
- The position and full-time pay rate are established and listed on a publicly available pay schedule
- Aggregate hours for all positions can't exceed 40 hours per week; hours in excess of 40 are considered overtime and can't be reported to CalPERS (GC 20635.1)

**Example Scenarios:** 

Regular Position	Also employed as Coach	Publicly Available Pay Schedule	Reportable to CalPERS?
Full-time	Yes	Yes	No
Part-time	Yes	Yes	Yes
Part-time	Yes	No	No

**NOTE**: If the District or the County Office of Education establishes a formal classification for coach positions, the positions will be established by a quantifiable pay rate for services rendered as they are substantiated by the following items to be considered reportable:

- Official duty statement
- Minimum qualifications
- An approved pay rate pursuant to a publicly available pay schedule

# PERS Off-Salary-Schedule Pay

California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 571(a) defines Off-Salary-Schedule Pay as:

Compensation in addition to the base salary paid in similar lump-sum amounts to a group or class of employees. These payments are routinely negotiated through collective bargaining in lieu of increases to the salary schedule. These payments are based on a similar percent of scheduled salary not to exceed six percent (6%) per fiscal year. The contracting agency or school employer may adopt similar action for non-represented groups or classes of employment as were negotiated through collective bargaining.

- Reportable **only** for classic members and **only** when a pay increase has **not** been granted in the same fiscal year
- Not reportable for PEPRA members
- May not exceed 6% of scheduled salary per fiscal year

#### Examples of when Off-Salary-Schedule Pay is not reportable or only partially reportable:

 Group A – Receives pay increase effective 7/1/16 Group A – Receives Off-Salary-Schedule Pay for fiscal year 16/17

# (Off-Salary-Schedule Pay is not reportable because it is only reportable in lieu of a pay increase for each fiscal year)

Group A – Received pay increase effective on 7/1/15
 Group A – Receives retro-active Off-Salary-Schedule Pay for the 15/16 fiscal year

(Off-Salary-Schedule Pay is not reportable because it is only reportable in lieu of a pay increase for each fiscal year)

Group A – Receives no pay increase on 7/1/16
 Group A – Receives 8 percent (8%) Off-Salary-Schedule Pay for fiscal year 16/17

(Off-Salary-Schedule Pay is reportable because the group did not receive a pay increase in the 16/17 fiscal year, but only 6 percent of the 8 percent of Off-Salary-Schedule Pay can be reported because Off-Salary-Schedule Pay cannot exceed 6 percent per fiscal year)

Reference: CalPERS Circular Letter No: 200-048-16

# PERS – When to Issue a RETRO

When an employee's Ret. Base/Pay Rate changes due to:

- An approved and ratified collective bargaining agreement between School District Boards and Collective Bargaining Units
- A change in Step and Column

**Example:** A 10-month employee is receiving a 5% pay increase in January 2014 that retro's from September 2013 to December 2013

<u>New Rate -</u>	Old Rate = F	<u> RET Amount X # o</u>	<u>f Months</u> = RET	<u>FAmount to be</u>	issued
5,730.00 -	5,491.25 = 2	.38.75 X 4 m	onths = 95	5.00 Retro Amo	unt
Рау	Rate			-	
NEW	OLD	EARNINGS	FTE	RETRO	Service Period
5,730.00	5,491.25	5,491.25	.100	238.75	SEPT
5,730.00	5,491.25	5,491.25	.100	238.75	ОСТ
5,730.00	5,491.25	5,491.25	.100	238.75	NOV
5,730.00	5,491.25	5,491.25	.100	238.75	DEC
		Total Retro	Amount	955.00	



**NOTE**: When reporting an hourly retro, each month <u>must</u> be reported separately since the number of hours reported monthly may differ.

#### **IMPORTANT**:

- Date should always cover the pay period for which the retro is being issued.
- Keep in mind your late/change/term contract and add date accordingly.
- Confirm that Pay Schedule corresponds to contracted position i.e. E10B07 for 10 month contract.
- Retro amount is driven by earnings received (FTE %).
- Districts can now report Retro for two different pay rates, as long as the new pay rate is higher than the lowest pay rate of the two positions.

### PERS – When to Issue ARREARS

When there is a change in FTE (paid at a higher/lower amount, not due to a change in Ret. Base/Pay Rate), contribution code 3 is used to report corrections to prior period earnings.

Create a separate pay line for each arrears pay period (month) so that service credit can be posted properly to the member's account, e.g. one pay line for January's arrear, one pay line for February's arrear, another pay line for March's arrear, etc.

#### PR Screen Sample: ARR to January

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type St-Ded	SP	EP	Ret. Base	AC	Ρ	C WSC
-		280.00 0.00	LZ 🔻	P -	0.0	ARR 🔻 TFSP	-		5,465.00	08	1	3
-		0.00 0.00	-	-	0.0	ARR 🔻	-		0.00	80	1	3
Name		Pay Schd	HR/DAY	S	B Start	End	User		Annual Contract	FTD	Paid	
		EOMREG 🔻	0.00	1	01/01/2	014 👻 01/31/2014 👻	·		0.00/ 00		1,2	250.00

#### PR Screen Sample: ARR to February

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type St-D	ed SP I	EP Ret. Base	AC	P	C WSC
-		280.00 0.00	LZ -	P -	0.00	ARR 🔻 TF	SP 🔻	5,465.00	80	1	3
-		0.00 0.00	-	-	0.00	ARR 🔻	-	0.00	80	1	3
Name		Pay Schd	HR/DAY	S	3 Start	End	User	Annual Contract	FTD	Paid	
		EOMREG -	0.00	1	02/01/20	14 🔻 02/28/2	014 👻	0.00/ 00		1,2	50.00

#### PR Screen Sample: ARR to March

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type St-Ded	SP EP	Ret. Base	AC	P C	WSC
-		280.00 0.0		₽ ▼	0.00	ARR 🔻 TFSP	-	5,465.00	80	1 3	
-		0.00 0.00		-	0.00	ARR 🔻	•	0.00	80	1 3	
Name		Pay Schd	HR/DAY	S	B Start	End	User	Annual Contract	FTD F	Paid	
		EOMREG 🔻	0.00	1	03/01/20	4 - 03/31/2014	•	0.00/ 00		1,25	0.00

**Common Error:** When paying employee earnings earned from 1/15 to 1/31 on the February 10<sup>th</sup> payroll:

For AC-P-C, use contribution code 1 instead of 3,

These earnings are still considered CURRENT, not ARREARS.

### PERS – When to Issue ARREARS (cont'd)

#### Scenario #1:

An employee's overtime earnings were coded with PERS contributions which generated excessive service credit. *Overtime earnings are NOT reportable to PERS.* These earnings need to be backed out and re-reported without contributions.

**Step 1:** Create a new pay line, back out the original entry as ARR with negative earnings, and use contribution code 3, same Ret. Base and St-Ded as reported on the original pay line that was issued incorrectly, add a date range that corresponds to the pay period issued.



Step 2: Create a\_new pay line and re-report earnings without contributions also using ARR.

	D	Rate	Uni	its	RT	S	E	Ex-Gr	oss	Pay Ty	/pe	St-Ded		SP	EP	Ret. Base		AC	Ρ	С
	-	45.	00	10.00	H -		•		450.00	ARR	•	TENN	-			4	45.00	00	0	0
Adjustment >	-	0.	00	0.00			-		0.00	ARR	•	TFNN	•				0.00	00	0	0
	Name	Pay	ichd	Су	HR/DA	Y S	в	F	Start		End		U	Jser		Annual Contr	ract	FTD	Paid	ł
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### PERS – When to Issue ARREARS (cont'd)

#### Scenario #2:

PERS retiree was paid as a member in error; these earnings need to be reversed.

**Step 1:** Please make sure that the W4 screen Primary RS indicates PERS member 02 to enter a negative pay line to back out the previously reported incorrectly.

Control Informa	tion				
Check sort :	8000 - SUBSTITUTES/LTH	$\sim$	Alt check sort :	8000 - SUBSTITUTES/LTH	$\sim$
Pay code :	12 - CLASSIFIED HOURLY/DAILY	~	Primary RS :	02 - PERS CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT	~
Ret code :	08-4-3		Secondary RS :	00 - NO CODE	<
Pay schedule :	TENREG - 10TH 12MOS DS-REG	$\sim$	Statutory ded :	TFPERO - FIT SIT FICA PERO	~
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**Step 2:** Create a new pay line, back out the original entry as ARR with negative earnings, and use contribution code 3, same Ret. Base and St-Ded as reported on the original pay line that was issued incorrectly, add a date range that corresponds to the pay period issued.

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type	St-Ded	SP EP Re	et. Base	ACPC
~		-280.00 0.00	$_{\rm LZ}$ $\sim$	P ~	0.00	arr $\sim$	TFSP	~	28.00	08 4 3
~		0.00 0.00	~	$\sim$	0.00	$\mathrm{ARR}$ $\sim$	TFSP	~	0.00	08 4 3
Pay S	chd	HR/DAY S	В	Start	End	Us	er	Annual Contract	ACA Hours D	ays Worked
TENR	eg 🗸	0.00 1		03/01/2	2020 🗸 03/31/2	020 🗸		0.00/ 00	0.00	0.00

# PERS – When to Issue ARREARS (cont'd)

Step 3: After the payroll run, change the W4 screen Primary RS to 04 to indicate PERS Retired

-Control Informa	tion —			
Check sort :	8000 - SUBSTITUTES/LTH	$\sim$	Alt check sort :	8000 - SUBSTITUTES/LTH 🗸
Pay code :	12 - CLASSIFIED HOURLY/DAILY	$\sim$	Primary RS :	04 - PERS RETIRED ~
Ret code :	00-4-7		Secondary RS :	00 - NO CODE 🗸 🗸
Pay schedule :	TENREG - 10TH 12MOS DS-REG	$\sim$	Statutory ded :	TFPERO - FIT SIT FICA PERO $\qquad \sim$
DPO :	N $\sim$ SUI: 1 - Regular funding	$\sim$	EIC :	✓ Sub: 0 - Not sub ✓ Def F

**Step 4:** Create a new pay line and re-report earnings with no PERS, as ARR with positive earnings, using AC-P-C code 00-4-8

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type	St-Ded	SP EP	Ret. Base	ACPC
~		280.00 0.0	D LZ ~	P ~	0.00	ARR $\sim$	TFPERO $\sim$		28.00	00 4 8
~		0.00 0.0	0 ~	~ ~	0.00	$\text{ARR} \sim$	TFPERO $\sim$		0.00	00 4 8
Pay S	chd	HR/DAY S	в	Start	End	Us	er Annu	al Contract	ACA Hours [	Days Worked
TENR	EG 🗸	0.00		03/01/	2020 🗸 03/31/2	020 🗸		0.00/ 0	00.00	0.00

### **PERS Appointment Reconciliation**

With the integration of membership, health, payroll, and the benefits system in my|CalPERS, it is critical that employees' appointment information is properly maintained by all employers. The new CalPERS system functionality will enable school districts to be more efficient in identifying missing payroll records, resolving payroll record discrepancies, updating appointments, and generally performing reconciliation of retirement appointments.

Districts must reconcile their agency's retirement appointments monthly, paying attention to:

- Close appointments for staff who go on leave or terminate
- Maintain and confirm the appointment status for employees who are missing payroll data.
- If a payroll is missing in error, report the missing payroll as soon as possible.

#### **Procedure for Retirement Appointment Reconciliation:**

- 1. To reconcile,
  - Sign on to my|CalPERS
  - Select the Reporting tab
  - Select the Retirement Appointment Reconciliation tab

My CalPERS	rting Person Information Education Other Organizations
Manage Reports Billin	g and Payments Payroll Schedule Out-of-Class Validation Member Requests Health Reconciliation Retirement Appointment Reconciliation
Common Tasks 🛛 🙆	Name: Santa Clara County Schools CalPERS ID: 4808924344
	O Unposted Payroll Reconciliation
	Reconciliation Batch Date: 03/06/2019 12:01 PM Total Number of Appointments Listed: 15145
	🛈 Search For Participants To Reconcile
	Program: CalPERS * Division: V Division: V Division: V Division CalPERS ID: V Member Account Status: V Appt Status: V Retired Annuitant : V Payroll Past Due: V Last Name: SSN: Participant CalPERS ID:
	The following filters can be used to identify participant appointments that have an Unposted Earned Period record found within the selected search criteria. Payroll Schedule Type: Monthly  Fiscal Year: From Date: To Date: Search Clear
	© Participants With Unposted Payroll Select All Maintain Enrollment Showing 1 to 25 of 1,000 entries Showing 1 to 25 of 1,000 entries First Previous 1 2 3 4 5 ↓ Next Last

**NOTE**: Click on Payroll Past Due and sort by "YES". The search results will show records that are missing payroll. Click on view next to a record and reconcile.

# PERS Appointment Reconciliation (cont'd)

- 2. Review the search result and clear/correct the exceptions based on the appointment status of employees whose names appear in the search result.
  - Process a permanent separation for employees who have left the district
    - The permanent separation date must be reported as the day after the last day an employee works for a district, which is often the day after the last day of the payroll.
  - Delete appointments that were created in error
    - You will not be able to delete appointments that are tied to payroll. You will need to contact CalPERS for further assistance.
  - Add a leave of absence event to an appointment
    - The Begin Leave date must be entered as a date that is at least one day after the last paid day for an employee of your district.
    - The End Leave date is the day that the employee returns.
  - Confirm missing payroll
    - ✤ After you confirm that an earned period is missing payroll, my|CalPERS will stop requesting payroll reporting for that period.
  - Contact DBAS if you determine that an employee truly has a missing payroll that must be posted in my|CalPERS

### **PERS Common Errors**

- Overtime Earnings reported to PERS: This occurs most often when an employee takes additional duties on top of their Full-Time contract or when an employee works multiple Part-Time positions.
- Not using the same Ret. Base/Pay Rate as the original pay line when making negative adjustments to prior period earnings.
- When doing negative earnings adjustments, the negative amount should not exceed what was originally issued.
- Incorrect Date range on Retro or Arrears pay lines *or* leaving the date range blank.
- The misuse of Retro code 5 for Arrears payment instead of code 3 or vice-versa.
- Using incorrect Ret. Base/Pay Rate on retro *and* combining different Pay Rates into one pay line.
- Using the earnings as the Ret. Base/Pay Rate on positions that are not 100% FTE. Ret Base must always be at 100% FTE.
- The Ret. Base/Pay Rate and Pay Code should correspond: Monthly = PC 1, Hourly = PC 4, Daily = PC 8
- The Pay Type and Contribution Code should correspond: ARR = CC 3, RET = CC 5
- Negative Adjustments should always be backed out with contribution code 3.
- All pay lines with CC 3 must be reported one month at a time with corresponding dates (cannot lump the months together).
- Special Compensation must be reported with a correct pay type and corresponding PSCT field. **DO NOT** use bonus codes in the pay lines to record special compensation such as longevity, or bilingual stipend.
- Do not leave the Start Date and End Date blank, if the employee started working after the first day of the month, or if the employee stopped working before the last day of the month.
- The dock should always be a one-time lump sum amount (LZ), and the unit should be 1.00
- Do not report the coaching stipend as special compensation; the coaching position by itself cannot be reported to CalPERS.
- The coaching stipend can be reported partially only if the employee is less than 1.0 FTE in your district, and the position and full-time pay rate are established and listed on a publicly available pay schedule
- Out of Class employees must be working full-time in the new position. Depending on the district contract, it can be reported as either OUT 08-1-1 or TUP 08-1-6 (Reference chart on page-60)
- Earnings must be reported to CalPERS as a full month. It cannot be for 1 or 2 days that the employee worked for or is being docked for



### **CalPERS Over-the-Limit Calculation**

- Go to CalPERS online, and enter the employee's SSN or CalPERS ID
- 2. On the left side of the drop-down menu, click View Transaction History
- **3.** Select the 2 fiscal years that contain the calendar you are going to work on and then click View History
- Filter the period, 01/01/20XX to 12/31/20XX, and click Display
- Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click Export to Excel

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 In the Excel spreadsheet, click Enable Editing on the top. Format the Excel spreadsheet, delete the columns that are not needed for the calculation, and sort the spreadsheet by Earned Period Begin Date & Earned Period End Date.

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#### 7. Do the calculations.

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2022/2023	03/16/2023	02/28/2023	02/01/2023	02/28/2023	Earned Period		14,355.42	14,355.42	1,148.43	12	
2022/2023	04/14/2023	03/31/2023	03/01/2023	03/31/2023	Earned Period		14,355.42	14,355.42	1,148.43	12	
2022/2023	05/17/2023	04/30/2023	04/01/2023	04/30/2023	Earned Period	Monthly	14,355.42	14,355.42	1,148.43	12	
2022/2023	06/15/2023	05/31/2023	05/01/2023	05/31/2023	Earned Period	Monthly	14,355.42	14,355.42	1,148.43	12	
2022/2023	07/14/2023	06/30/2023	06/01/2023	06/30/2023	Earned Period	Monthly	14,355.42	14,355.42	1,148.43	12	
2023/2024	08/17/2023	07/31/2023	07/01/2023	07/31/2023	Earned Period	Monthly	14,929.58	14,929.58	1,194.37	12	
2023/2024	09/18/2023	08/31/2023	08/01/2023	08/31/2023	Earned Period	Monthly	14,929.58	14,929.58	1,194.37	12	
2023/2024	10/17/2023	09/30/2023	09/01/2023	09/30/2023	Earned Period	Monthly	14,929.58	14,929.58	1,194.37	12	
2023/2024	11/15/2023	10/31/2023	10/01/2023	10/31/2023	Earned Period	Monthly	14,929.58	14,929.58	1,194.37	12	
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						Earning Limit		146,042.00		<u>AC-P-C</u>	St-Ded
						Nov'23 Earning	with Contrib	191.16	15.29	08-1-1	TFNP
						Nov'23 Eraning	W/O Contrib	14,738.42		00-0-0	TFNN

Classic Member (2% a Contributions = 7% of Ea		PEPRA Member (2% at 62) Contributions = 7% of Earnings							
CalPERS				_					
Calfers		AC-P-C Code Used in QCC	;						
Compensation Type	CURRENT MONTH	ARREARS	RETRO	Ret Base/ Pay Rate					
Salary (NML)	08-1-1 08-4-1	08-1-3 08-4-3	08-1-5 08-4-5	Monthly Hourly					
Retired Annuitant	08-8-1 00-4-7	08-8-3 00-4-8	08-8-5 N/A	Daily Hourly					
SPECIAL COMPENSATION (Use same Ret Base as its NML pay line. Specify type of SPC on pay line)	08-1-6 08-4-6 08-8-6	08-1-6 08-4-6 08-8-6	08-1-6 08-4-6 08-8-6	Monthly Hourly Daily					
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		Specify dates	son pay lines						
^as long as the payrates are the same and it doesn't cross fiscal years		Check Transaction His verify adjustn							
		For SPC, AC-P-C Co	de stays the same						
REPORTABLE:				Į					

# **PERS Cheat Sheet**

REPORTABLE:		
For all reportable SPC, AC-P-C code is 08-1-6/ 08-4-6/ 08-8-6	CLASSIC	PEPRA
SPECIAL COMPENSATION:		
INCENTIVE PAY		
*Bonus	x	00-0-0
Longevity Pay	x	x
*Off-Salary-Schedule Pay	x	00-0-0
*Value of EPMC	x	00-0-0
EDUCATIONAL PAY		
Educational Incentive	x	x
Undergraduate/Graduate/Doctoral Credit	x	x
PREMIUM PAY		
*Temporary Upgrade Pay (Out of Class)	x	00-0-0
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT PAY		
Bilingual Premium	x	x
Confidential Premium	x	x
Lead Worker/Supervisor Premium	x	x
Paramedic Coordinator	× ×	x
Severely Disabled Premium	x	x
Shift Differential Premium	x	x
School Yard Premium	x	x
Training Premium	x	x
STATUTORY ITEMS		
Holiday Pay	x	x
*Uniform Allowance	X	00-0-0

\*Not reportable for PEPRA members: AC-P-C code is 00-0-0

# PERS Pre-Payroll QCC Audit

In September 2011, CalPERS launched a new system called my|CalPERS. To post retirement contributions on time, **all pay lines must be reported correctly.** If not, payroll submission will be delayed and may be subject to penalty and interest. Districts must clear all PERS errors before closing payroll (EOM, TENTH, MID).

**Please note:** This process only helps clear errors that can be detected through the payroll system. After the payroll file is uploaded to PERS, there may be other errors that my CalPERS will reject, which QCC does not have edits for.

## Procedure:

Log into QCC - Click on the following selections:

- Payroll Job Menu
- Double Click on *Request Payroll Prelist*
- District Selection Tab: Your district number will appear
- Payroll Selection Tab: Select the Payroll Name, Pay Date, & Period End
- Report Selection Tab: Select RCA320 PERS Pre-list / Data File
  - Leave "Totals Only" unchecked
- **Optional Selection** Tab: Enter Service Period (MMYY) and Arrears (MMYY)
  - Example: EOM Payroll Pre-list for February 2014
     Service Period 0214 Arrears 0114
  - Example: TENTH Payroll Pre-list for April 2014
     Service Period 0314
     Arrears 0314

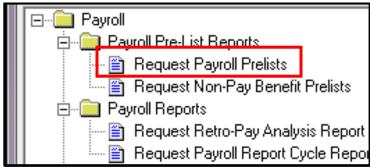
Click Submit to launch the job

# PERS Pre-Payroll QCC Audit (cont'd)

## Click on the Payroll Job Menu



# Select Request Payroll Prelist



# Select Payroll Name, Pay Date, & Period End

District Selection	Payroll Selection	Report Selection	Optional Selection	
		Request F	°ayroll Pre-list Rep	orts
- Reporting Optio	ons			
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# PERS Pre-Payroll QCC Audit (cont'd)

# Select RCA320 – PERS Prelist / Data File (leave 'Totals Only' unchecked)

District Selec	tion P	ayroll Sele	ection Re	port Select	ion Optional Selection					
	Request Payroll Pre-list Reports									
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-			01		PAY510 - Payroll Pre-list					
			01		PAY240 - Payroll Fund Transfer					
			01		PAY250 - Alpha Payroll Register					
			01		PAY260 - Payroll Earnings Register					
			01		PAY270 - Labor Distribution					
			01		PAY290 - Emps. Paid First Time					
			01		PAY320 - Benefits Distribution					
			01		PAY322 - Benefits Distribution (alpha)					
			01		PAY600 - Vol-ded by Vol-ded number					
			01		PAY610 - Vol-ded by Employee					
			01		PAY620 - Vol-ded Summary					
			01		PAY615 - Gamishment Report					
			01		RCA500 - Retirement Exception List					
			01		RCA310 - STRS Pre-list / F496 File					
	1		01		RCA320 - PERS Pre-list / Data File					

# Enter Service Period (MMYY) and Arrears (MMYY)

District Selection Payroll Se	lection Report Selection	Optional Selection	
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PAY250 Sort Option	Select One	<b>v</b>	
- RCA500			
Sort Option	Select One	<b>v</b>	Comments Select One
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- RCA310 (STRS/F496	File)		
Service Period	From	V To	V File:
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RCA320 (PERS/Data	File)		
Ser	vice Period 0212 (MM	YY) Arrears: 0112	(MMYY) File:

#### EOM Payroll Prelist February 2014 $\geq$

- ✓ Service Period **0214**
- ✓ Arrears **0114**
- TENTH Payroll Prelist April 2014  $\triangleright$ 
  - ✓ Service Period **0314**
  - ✓ Arrears Period **0214**

# PERS Pre-Payroll QCC Audit (cont'd)

# From Print Manager (LSPOOL)

# Step 1: Select Job RCA320, Click on Download File

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# Step 2: Click on Get Preset

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# Step 3: Find Preset PERS PRE-PAYROLL and Click on Retrieve then OK

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# Step 4: Click on Excel to Open File and follow PERS Macro instructions

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# **PERS Macro Instructions**

1) Use the drop-down button to choose the correct payroll Period End. **DO NOT** type in the date.



If you have an incorrect Period End, the macro will not produce the right data.

- 2) Paste the PERS data in cell A5.
- 3) Click on **RUN** to execute the macro.
- 4) Go through each tab to see the pay lines that require correction or review. The tabs have an explanation at the top to explain briefly what needs to be checked.

Below is an outline of each tab:

## Pay Rate

## (Pay Rate must NOT be less than 0)

- Ret Base must be positive when doing negative adjustments.
- Negative adjustment should not exceed what was reported.
- The pay rate should match the pay rate of the period being adjusted.

# Pay Code

## (Pay Code must match Pay Rate)

- Pay Code 1 = MONTHLY pay rate (\$1,280 \$14,000)
- Pay Code 4 = HOURLY pay rate (\$8 \$86)
- Pay Code 8 = DAILY pay rate (\$56 \$860)
- The macro checks against the ranges stated above for each pay code. There may be, for example, CBOs or Superintendents who get paid above \$14,000. Their pay lines will show up on this tab but do not necessarily mean they are incorrect.

# \* <u>CC 1</u>

## (Current Period)

- Earnings must be greater than 0 *unless* there are adjustments made for EOM at the TENTH.
- Verify that the negative adjustment does not exceed what was reported on EOM.

# <u>CC 1 DATES</u> (must be clear of errors to upload the PERS test file)

# (NO prior/future periods)

- CC 1 refers to the current period. Pay lines with contribution code 1 must not have any prior period dates or future period dates.

# PERS Macro instructions (cont'd)

# <u>CC 3-5 DATES (must be clear of errors to upload the PERS test file)</u> (No current/future periods)

- CC 3 is for arrears and CC 5 is for retros. Pay lines with contribution codes 3 or 5 must not have any current period dates or future period dates.

# DATE CHECK

Dates should always be a full month (start date = first day of the month; end date = last day
of the month) <u>unless</u> the employee's start date/termination date is in the middle of the
month.

## \* <u>CC 3</u>

## (ARREAR period)

- Negative earnings/adjustment must have the same pay rate and pay code as the pay line being adjusted.
- Negative earnings/adjustments should not exceed what was reported
- If Earnings is 0, make sure it is because of a wash

# ✤ <u>CC 3 MUL</u>

## (ARREAR period)

Multiple periods cannot be lumped together in one pay line when using contribution code 3.

## \* <u>CC 5</u>

## (RETRO period)

- Earnings less than 0 are allowed if backing out a previous RETRO
- Negative earnings should not exceed what was originally reported
- Retro cannot cross fiscal years

# <u>CC 6 PC (CURR MO) (must be clear of errors to upload the PERS test file)</u> (Special Compensation – Current Period)

- Earnings must be greater than 0 *unless* there are adjustments made for EOM at the TENTH.
- Verify that the negative adjustment does not exceed what was reported on EOM

## ✤ <u>CC 6 PC PRIOR</u>

# (Special Compensation – Prior Period Pay Code Check)

- Must have NML pay line
- Pay Code & Ret Base must match what was originally reported

# PERS Macro instructions (cont'd)

# CC 6 DATES

# (Special Compensation Dates)

- NO future period dates
- Must indicate Start & End dates for Arrears & Retros

## ✤ <u>CC 6 RET ARR</u>

## (Special Compensation Retros & Arrears)

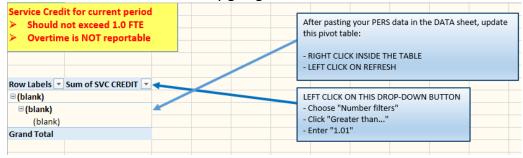
- NO current & future period dates
- Retros cannot cross fiscal years

## ✤ <u>PENNY</u>

# (Penny / Dollar Pay Lines)

- Penny and Dollar pay lines should not be reported to PERS
- 5) After going through all the tabs and correcting the errors, re-run the payroll pre-list to get the updated PERS data, and run the PERS macro again to verify that the errors were fixed.

#### 6) Check for excess service credit by going to the 'SVC CREDIT' tab.



If any employees are getting more than 1.0 service credit, they will show up on the list. Check their pay lines to see what is causing the excess service credit and adjust accordingly.

Your final macro run should be clean. There may be lines that may show up that are not necessarily errors, just like the example under the Pay Code tab in the above outline. For cases like these, you may put a comment, such as, "ok", to indicate that you have reviewed it and that it is Employer Approved.

## NOTE:

The final macro run spreadsheet, with your comments, should be sent to your Accounting Specialist along with the Payroll Authorization form, the Pay 510 Totals Only, Pay 512, Pay 513, and the error-free F496 report at the end of payroll closing day.

# CALIFORNIA STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CaISTRS)

# CalSTRS

**California State Teachers' Retirement System** provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits for California's pre-kindergarten through community college educators and their families. CalSTRS was established by law in 1913 and is part of the California State and Consumer Services Agency.

## CalSTRS 2% at 60

First *hired* to a position to perform activities subject to coverage by a DB Program on or before December 31, 2012. An existing member is also someone who may have refunded, reinstated, retired, started as a nonmember, or elected to have their creditable service covered by another retirement plan, including Social Security.

Ed Code 22119.2

## CalSTRS 2% at 62

First *hired* to a position to perform activities subject to coverage by the DB Program on or after January 1, 2013.

Ed Code 22119.3

**Creditable Compensation:** The law states remuneration paid in cash by an employer to all persons in the same class of employees for performing creditable service in that position is creditable compensation. The law also states that both of the following are creditable compensation: *Ed Code 27400 Clarifies Ed Code 22119.2* 

- Salary paid in accordance with a publicly available written contractual agreement
- Remuneration paid in addition to salary provided that it is paid to everyone in the same class of employees and the same amount of percentage

Creditable Service: Reorganization and Clarification, Reference: Chapter 782 Ed Code 22119.5 and 26113

**Defined Benefit (DB):** The DB Program is a traditional defined benefit plan that provides retirement, survivor, and disability benefits. Your Defined Benefit retirement benefit is based on a formula set by law using your age, service credit, and final compensation.

**Defined Benefit Supplemental (DBS) Program:** The DBS Program is a hybrid cash balance plan for a Defined Benefit member that provides additional savings for retirement. Funds come from compensation earned from service in one school year in excess of one year of service credit and compensation paid a limited number of times.

# CalSTRS/CalPERS Retirement System Election – ES 372

Many times employees change from one job to another and the retirement system chosen may be in question. If the **new position qualifies for mandatory membership**, employers are required to notify the employee of their right to elect to stay with their retirement system within 10 days of the hire date. Election is applied PER POSITION. Employees must understand the difference between each system's default and fill out CaISTRS Form ES 372 accordingly. Refer to pages 39 - 41 for more guidance. It is the employee's responsibility to know whether the employee is eligible for ES372 or not. **Do not give this form to all employees unless the new position qualifies for mandatory membership**.

- If a CalSTRS member takes a job to *perform* **QUALIFYING** *Classified service covered by CalPERS* **on the** *first day of hire*, the employee has 60 days to submit form ES 372 electing to have that service reported to CalSTRS. Otherwise, the service will be reported to CalPERS by default.
- If a CalPERS member takes a job to *perform* **QUALIFYING** *Certificated service covered by CalSTRS* **on the** *first day of hire*, the employee has 60 days to submit form ES 372 electing to have that service reported to CalPERS. Otherwise, the service will be reported to CalSTRS by default.

Please send the completed ES 372 form to your accounting specialist:

- Section 1: Member Information and Election to be completed by the employee
- > Section 2: Employer Certification to be completed by the district and DBAS
- This form must be received by CalSTRS and CalPERS within 60 days of the employees' signature date on the form
- > Attach a copy of the employees' contract to support the right of election

# IMPORTANT:

- If a CalSTRS Member takes a classified position that **DOES NOT** meet the criteria for mandatory membership, then the retirement system election **DOES NOT** apply. Non-Member Classified earning are **NOT** reportable to CalPERS (AC-P-C 00-0-0)
- If a CalPERS Member takes a certificated position that **DOES NOT** meet the criteria for mandatory membership, then the retirement system election **DOES NOT** apply. Non-Member Certificated earnings **ARE** reportable to CalSTRS. Refer to page 98 for proper coding.
  - However, the employee DOES have the option to elect membership via Permissive Election form ES 350 for this certificated position.
  - Substitute Teachers who qualify under the 100 days or 600 hours **DO NOT** have the option to elect retirement systems; they will default into CalSTRS membership.

**References:** Employer Directives: 2017-01

**Publication:** Join CalSTRS? Join CalPERS? <u>https://sew.calstrs.com</u> From Home Page click on Reference Items, Publications, then click on Search and Open to download

# CalSTRS/CalPERS Retirement System Election – ES 372 (cont'd)

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[For CalSTRS	S' Official Use Only] P.O. Box 15275, MS 1 Sacramento, CA 95851-027 800-228-545
ETIREMENT SYSTEM ELECTION AND ACKNOWLEDG	CalSTRS.co
F RETIREMENT SYSTEM INFORMATION	
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SECTION 1: Member Information and	Election (to be completed by employee)
A member of CaISTRS who becomes employed in a new position by the same or a different school district, a community college district, a county superintendent of schools, limited state employment or the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as defined in Education Code sections 22508 and 22508.5, to perform service that <i>requires</i> membership in a different public retirement system will have that service credited with that other public retirement system unless the member files a written election (within 60 days after the date of hire) to have that service covered by CaISTRS, pursuant to Education Code section 22508(a) or 22508.5(a). I am a member of CaISTRS who has accepted employment to perform service that <i>requires</i> membership in a different public retirement system ad am eligible to elect to continue retirement system coverage under CaISTRS. I elect coverage in: (please choose one) CA State Teachers' Retirement System (CaISTRS) CA Public Employee's Retirement System (CaIPERS) * A Different Public Retirement System identified here:	A member of CaIPERS who was employed by a school employer, Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges or State Department of Education within 120 days before the member's date of hire, or who has of at least five years of CaIPERS credited service, as defined in Government Code section 20309, and who is subsequently employed to perform creditable service that requires membership in the Defined Benefit Program of CaISTRS, will have that service credited with CaISTRS unless the member files a written election (within 60 days after the date of hire) to have the service credited with CaISTRS unless the member files a written election (within 60 days after the date of hire) to have the service credited with CaISTRS, pursuant to Government Code section 20309. I am a member of CaIPERS who has accepted employment to perform service that requires membership in the CaISTRS Defined Benefit Program and am eligible to elect to continue coverage under CaIPERS. I elect coverage in: (please choose one) CA State Teachers' Retirement System (CaISTRS) CA Public Employee's Retirement System (CaIPERS) *
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# **STRS Mandatory Membership Qualification**

### Mandatory Membership

The following are circumstances in which an employee qualifies for mandatory membership:

- FTE 100% (Assignment Code 57) Membership Date is the first day of employment. Ed Code 22501(a)
- FTE 50% K-12 (Assignment Code 57) Membership Date is the first day of employment. Ed Code 22502(a)
- Substitute Teacher (Assignment Code 54) Reached 100 days or 600 hours within a fiscal year & within 1 district. The membership date is the first day of the following pay period in which they reach 100 days or 600 hours.
   Ed Code 22503(a)
  - Membership must be established regardless of whether additional service is performed after the 100-days or 600-hours threshold is met or the threshold is met during the last pay period of the school year.
- Part-Time or Adult Ed (Assignment Code 55) Reached 10 days or 60 hours within 1 pay period & within 1 district. The membership date is the first day of the following pay period in which they reach the 10 days or 60 hours.
   Ed Code 22504(a)
  - Membership must be established regardless of whether additional service is performed after the 10-days or 60-hours threshold is met or the threshold is met during the last pay period of the school year.
- Community Colleges (Assignment Code 57/58)
  - **Temporary Employment:** Full-time and Part-time employees are excluded from membership *Ed Code 22601.5(b)*
  - Non-Temporary Employment:
    - Full-time employees become members on the first day of employment.
       Ed Code 22501(a)
    - Part-time employees become members on the first day of employment. Ed Code 22502(a)

# **Procedures for Setting up Mandatory Membership (Transaction Code 11)**

- 1. Verify current status at <u>https://sew.calstrs.com (reference pages 89 91)</u>
- 2. From the Home page click on REAP, enter Tax ID (employee's SSN), then click Search
- 3. If DB Status is **Member** at CalSTRS, then the employee is already in membership status, no action is required, *proceed to step 6*
- 4. If DB status is **Non-Member** or **Refund** click on the <u>Update</u> tab, select **Transaction Code 11** (Mandatory Membership) from the drop-down menu, enter the **Effective Date**
- 5. If DB status is Person not found click on Mass Update, enter Tax ID (employee's SSN) then click Search:
  - a. Add membership using **Transaction Code 11** from the drop-down menu
  - Complete all boxes in <u>REAP</u> except for LAUSD Number, use employee data from the MA screen in QCC, and enter the Effective Date

#### **IMPORTANT**:

Effective Date is MEMBERSHIP Date. It must coincide with the employee's hired date.

- 6. Log into QCC, click on Employee Maintenance, and search for employee
- 7. Select W4 Screen and set up the employee as a **Member** using the appropriate St-Ded, AC-P-C code, and, Primary RS code (reference pages 96 97)
- 8. Select PR Screen and set up the employee's pay line in the PR screen using the same setup as the W4 screen for the **NML** pay line

# STRS Permissive Membership Election – ES 350

An employee, who performs creditable service and is excluded from mandatory membership, may *elect* membership at any time - even if the employee has declined membership in the past. Part-time employees with less than 50% FTE, Substitutes, Adult Ed Teachers, and Community College temporary employees should receive this form on the date of hire.

# Ed Codes: 22515 & 22455.5 and SB 1352

Sample of Permissive Membership Election Set-Up when DB status is Person not found

Permissive Membership CAL	<b>STRS</b>	CALSTRS	Client ID:	OR SSN:
ES 0350 REV 03/20 California State Teache P	rs' Retirement System O. Box 15275, MS 17 nento, CA 95851-0275 800-228-5453 CalSTRS.com	Section 3: Required Signature I certify that I have received information Program and understand the criteria for	from my employer concern	ning the CalSTRS Defined Benefit
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Check One:  I elect membership in the CaISTRS Defined Benefit Program as of  I understand this election applies to all future creditable service performed for any future employer unless another election is made as allowed by law. I understand m is irrevocable and may only be cancelled by terminating all employment to perform service and receiving a refund of my accumulated retirement contributions from the Defined Benefit Program. "Membership Date may be no earlier than the first day of the pay period in which the election is made as allowed by law."	nt or mbership itable STRS ection is	I understand it is a crime to fail to disclo statement for the purpose of using it, or or reduce any benefit administered by ( to one year in jail and/or a fine of up to document containing such false repress laws of the State of California that the fu punishable by imprisonment for up to for EMPLOYER OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE	r allowing it to be used, to o CaISTRS and it may result i \$5,000 (Education Code se entation being voided. I cert oregoing is true and correct	btain, receive, continue, increase, deny in penalties, including restitution, of up ection 22010). It may also result in any tify under penalty of perjury under the L. I understand that perjury is
<ul> <li>made, or the first day of employment, whichever is later. <u>Please work with your employe</u> the most beneficial, valid membership date.</li> <li>I decline membership in the CaISTRS Defined Benefit Program at this time         <ul> <li>I understand that I can elect membership in the CaISTRS Defined Benefit Program at ar while I am employed to perform creditable service.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		EMPLOYER NAME EMPLOYER OFFICIAL'S NAME AND TITLE		COUNTY AND DISTRICT CODE

CalSTRS must receive this form within 60 days after the employee's signature date and, if applicable, before the submission of contributions. The district may submit the form by mail or through the Secure Employer Website.

- Mail to: CalSTRS P.O. Box 15275, MS 17 Sacramento, CA 95851-0275
- Secure Employer Website: Attach the form to a secure message and submit via SEW.

# **Procedures for Setting up Permissive Membership Election (Transaction Code 81)**

- 1. Verify current status at <u>https://sew.calstrs.com</u> (reference pages 89 91)
- 2. From the home page click on REAP, enter Tax ID (employee's SSN), then click Search
- 3. If the employee is **Electing** membership, but DB Status is already a **Member** at CalSTRS, no action is required, *proceed to step 7* 
  - a. Keep a copy of the form for your records
  - b. Do not forward to DBAS or CalSTRS
- 4. If the employee is **Electing** membership, but DB status is **Non-Member** or **Refund** click on the <u>Update</u> tab, select **Transaction Code 81** from the drop-down menu, and enter **Membership Date**
- If the employee is Electing membership, but the DB status is Person not found click on <u>Mass Update</u>, enter Tax ID (employee's SSN) then click <u>Search</u>, select Transaction Code 81 from the drop-down menu, and enter <u>Membership Date</u>

#### IMPORTANT:

**Membership Date** may be no earlier than the first day of the pay period in which the election is made, or the first day of employment, whichever is later.

- 6. This form must be received by CalSTRS within 60 days of the employee's signature date on the form:
  - a. Fax completed form to CalSTRS (916) 414-5476 or
  - b. Email the form through CalSTRS/Secure Message Center
  - c. Keep a copy for your records; do not forward it to DBAS
- 7. Log into QCC, click on Employee Maintenance, and search for employee
- 8. Select W4 Screen and set up the employee as **Member** using the appropriate St-Ded, AC-P-C code, and, Primary RS code (reference pages 96 97)
- 9. Select PR Screen and set up the employee's pay line using the same setup as the W4 screen for the **NML** pay line

# **STRS Non-Member**

## Non-Member

An employee who performs creditable service and does not qualify for Mandatory Membership and does not Elect Membership *MUST be reported to CalSTRS as Non-Member status.* 

# **Procedures for Setting up Non-Member (Transaction Code 02)**

- 1. Verify current status at <u>https://sew.calstrs.com</u> (reference pages 89 91)
- 2. From the home page click on <u>REAP</u>, enter Tax ID (employee's SSN) then click <u>Search</u>
- 3. If the employee is **Declining** membership, but DB Status is already **Non-Member** or **Refund**, no action is required, *proceed to step 6* 
  - a. Keep a copy of the form for your records
  - b. Do not forward to DBAS or CalSTRS
- 4. If the employee is **Declining** membership, but DB status is **Person not found** click on <u>Mass Update</u>, enter Tax ID (employee's SSN), then click <u>Search</u>:
  - a. Set up an employee as a Non-Member using Transaction Code 02
    - The effective date of Non-Membership is the date the employee signed the form
  - b. Complete all boxes in REAP except for LAUSD Number, use employee data from MA screen QCC
- 5. This form must be received by CalSTRS within 30 days of the employee's signature date on the form:
  - a. Fax completed form to CalSTRS (916) 414-5476 or
  - b. Email the form through CalSTRS/Secure Message Center
  - c. Keep a copy for your records; do not forward it to DBAS
- 6. Log into QCC, click on Employee Maintenance, and search for employee
- 7. Select the W4 screen and set up the employee as **Non-Member** using the appropriate St-Ded, AC-P-C code, and, Primary RS code (reference page 98)
- Select the PR screen and set up the employee's pay line using the same setup as the W4 screen for the NML pay line

# STRS Member Updates on REAP (Transaction Codes 50 & 51)

- > Transaction Code 50: Name Change, as it appears on the Social Security Card
- > Transaction Code 51: Date of Birth or Gender Change, as it appears on the Driver's License

# **STRS SEW/REAP Access**

District staff must register with STRS to gain access to SEW/REAP. The process is as follows:

1. Complete the online registration at:

https://sew.calstrs.com/CalSTRSSewWebUI/Registration/Pages/Register.aspx.

- Report Source: 43 Santa Clara County Office of Education
- Report Unit: Select your District
   For example: District 90 Payroll & HR Staff must select 43190
- 2. Click on the **Terms and Conditions** link at the bottom of the registration page.
- 3. Complete the forms below:
  - Secure Employer Website Access Request Form
  - Information Security Office (ISO) Form 1949
- 4. Print and fax both forms to (916) 414-6963.

## IMPORTANT:

The completed forms must be received by CalSTRS before the account can be authorized by DBAS.

#### NOTE:

- Upon successful registration, County Administrator's approval, and receipt of the faxed forms, your SEW account will be activated.
- If you have any questions, contact CalSTRS Employer Help at (877) 277-5778 or <u>https://sew.calstrs.com.</u>

# STRS SEW/REAP User Manual

CALSTRS	Secure Employer Web Site
Employer Login Enter a valid username and pass	word. Passwords are case sensitive.
Username: Password:	
Forge	ot your Password?
	Login
	login, please contact your Employer call CalSTRS Employer Help at 877-277-5778 (S.com)

#### From the home page click on REAP



# STRS SEW/REAP User Manual (cont'd)

## Enter Tax ID (employee's SSN) then click Search

Home	REAP	Single Person/Account		
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## If DB Status is Member, then no action is required

Retirement Formula : 2% at 60							
Gender: F	Birth Date: 09/25/1961	Death Date:	Coverage: B				
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Person							
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	11/22/2005						

If DB Status is **Non-Member** or **Refund**, click on the <u>Update</u> tab from the drop-down menu, select **Transaction Code 11** for **Mandatory Membership**, or select **Transaction Code 81** for **Permissive Election** and enter Effective Date, click on <u>Submit</u> to save

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	DB Status: NONMBR	DB Date: 08/25/200	1	CB Status:
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Retirement Formula : 2% at 62						
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	DB Status: NONMBR	DB Date: 09/01/2015	CB Status:			
Γ	Person / Account DB Contribution Lines Service Credit Balance					

# STRS SEW/REAP User Manual (cont'd)

If Person not found, enter Tax ID, click on Mass Update

REAP Single Person/Account		
Person not found		
● Search by ID ○ Search by DB Exception	Mass Update	
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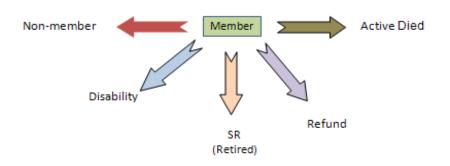
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# **SEW Inquiry and Report Feature**

- > A new member account was established and a change in status
- This report will provide a list of employees with the most updated status at one glance rather than one-by-one inquiry.

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# Which status changes create a notification?



# **STRS Membership Codes for W4 Screen**

## Primary RS: The district determines depending on the eligibility

- 01 = STRS Member 2% at 60
- 11 = STRS Member 2% at 62
- 03 = STRS Retiree
- 05 = STRS Non-Member

## SMF Status: STRS Match File (This field gets updated automatically weekly)

- 01 = Member
- 02 = Non-Member
- 07 = Refunded (Non-Member)
- 21 = Retired (SR)
- 42 = Disabled Retired (DR)

## STRS Contribution Rates for 2024-25

•	2% at 60:	EE 10.25%	ER 19.10%	•	DBS 2% at 60:	EE 8.00%	ER 8.25%
•	2% at 62:	EE 10.205%	ER 19.10%	•	DBS 2% at 62:	EE 9.00%	ER 8.25%
•	RWP 2% at 60:	EE 10.25%	ER 19.10%	•	RWP 2% at 62:	EE 10.205%	ER 8.25%

**Reference:** Ed Codes 22901, 22950, 22951, and Government Code 7522.30

# STRS St-Ded for W4 and PR Screen

## TFNSR - STRS Non-Member RS: 05

T: State & Federal
F: Social Security & Medicare
N: No SDI
SR: STRS Report Only, No Contribution

#### TMNSR - STRS Retiree RS: 03

T: State & Federal
M: Medicare
N: No SDI
SR: STRS Report Only, No Contribution

# TMNSRW - STRS Member RWP RS: 01

T: State & Federal
M: Medicare
N: No SDI
SRW: STRS Contributions are based on Ret. Base (Pay Rate) instead of Earnings.

#### TMNS - STRS Member RS: 01 or 11

T: State & Federal
M: Medicare
N: No SDI
S: STRS Contributions

#### TMNN - Non-Reportable

Used for Specific Circumstances:

- Vacation Pay Off
- Retirement Incentives Paid AFTER Retirement

#### TFNN - Non-Reportable

Used for Specific Circumstances:

 Classified Position that does Not meet the requirements for CalSTRS Election

# STRS AC-P-C Codes for W4 and PR Screens

# <u>AC = Assignment Code</u>

- 36 = Reduced Workload Program, Board & STRS Approval Required (RWP)
- 44 = Substitute Year Round School ONLY
- 45 = Part-Time, Hourly/Daily Rate or Adult Ed Year Round School ONLY
- 46 = Sabbatical Year Round School ONLY
- 47 = Full or Part-Time Contract Year Round School ONLY
- 54 = Substitute Hourly/Daily
- 55 = Part-Time Hourly/Daily or Adult Ed
- 56 = Sabbatical
- 57 = Full or Part-Time Contract
- 58 = Hourly/Part-Time Community College ONLY
- 61 = Retired Teacher
- 62 = Exchange/Sojourn Teacher Must have a contract with the foreign country's education department
- 71 = Defined Benefit Supplemental (DBS) 2% at 60
- 72 = Defined Benefit (DB) 2% at 62

## P = Pay Code

- 0 = Annual Member or Special Compensation
- 1 = Twelve Month Contract
- 2 = Eleven Month Contract
- 3 = Ten Month Contract
- 4 = Hourly Rate Non-Member or Retiree
- 8 = Daily Rate **Non-Member or Retiree**

Service Credit Calculation					
Pay Code Service Credit Formula					
0	Earnings ÷ Pay Rate				
1	Earnings ÷ Pay Rate ÷ 12				
2	Earnings ÷ Pay Rate ÷ 11				
3	Earnings ÷ Pay Rate ÷ 10				

## **<u>C = Contribution Code</u>**

- 0 = No Contributions: Non-Member, Retiree, or IRC Limit CAP
- 1 = On-Time Reporting/Current: Member with Contributions, Retiree SPC
- 2 = Contributions Only: RWP Member working ½ school term
- 3 = Arrears: Prior Period EARNINGS Adjustment, DOES Generate Service Credit
- 5 = Retro: Ret. Base (Pay Rate) Change, DOES NOT Generate Service Credit
- 6 = Special Compensation (SPC): Member, Non-Member, DOES NOT Generate Service Credit

# STRS Guide to AC-P-C Codes for Members

## Members "Conventional School" RS: 01 or 11 & St-Ded: TMNS

	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>ARREARS</b>	<u>RETRO</u>	<u>Ret. Base (Pay Rate)</u>
10 Month Contract	57-3-1	57-3-3	57-3-5	Monthly
11 Month Contract	57-2-1	57-2-3	57-2-5	Monthly
12 Month Contract	57-1-1	57-1-3	57-1-5	Monthly
SPC DB 2% at 60	57-0-6	57-0-6	57-0-6	Rate = Ret. Base Always
Substitutes	54-0-1	54-0-3	54-0-5	Annual
Part-Time/Adult Ed	55-0-1	55-0-3	55-0-5	Annual
SPC DBS 2% at 60	71-0-6	71-0-6	71-0-6	Rate = Ret. Base Always
SPC DB 2% at 62	72-0-6	72-0-6	72-0-6	Rate = Ret. Base Always

# Members "Year Round School" RS: 01 or 11 & St-Ded: TMNS

Luther Burbank ONLY	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>ARREARS</b>	<u>RETRO</u>	<u>Ret. Base (Pay Rate)</u>
10 Month Contract	47-3-1	47-3-3	47-3-5	Monthly
11 Month Contract	47-2-1	47-2-3	47-2-5	Monthly
12 Month Contract	47-1-1	47-1-3	47-1-5	Monthly
SPC DB 2% at 60	47-0-6	47-0-6	47-0-6	Rate = Ret. Base Always
Substitutes	44-0-1	44-0-3	44-0-5	Annual
Part-Time/Adult Ed	45-0-1	45-0-3	45-0-5	Annual
SPC DBS 2% at 60	71-0-6	71-0-6	71-0-6	Rate = Ret. Base Always
SPC DB 2% at 62	72-0-6	72-0-6	72-0-6	Rate = Ret. Base Always

# Members on "Reduced Workload Program" RS: 01 & St-Ded: TMNSRW

	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>ARREARS</b>	<u>Ret. Base (Pay Rate)</u>	<u>RETRO*</u>
10 Month Contract	36-3-1	36-3-3	Monthly for NML	36-0-5*
11 Month Contract	36-2-1	36-2-3	Monthly for NML	36-0-5*
12 Month Contract	36-1-1	36-1-3	Monthly for NML	36-0-5*
RWP ½ School Term**	36-x-2	(x = pay code	used for the other ½ school term)	
SPC DB 2% at 60	36-0-6	36-0-6	Pay Rate @ 100%, Earnings as per FTE	36-0-6
SPC DB 2% at 62	72-0-6	72-0-6	Pay Rate and Earnings both @ 100%	72-0-6
(paid every pay period)				
Limited-Term Payments	71-0-6	71-0-6	Pay Rate and Earnings both @ 100%	
(Reportable for DB 2% at 60 only)				

## **IMPORTANT**:

- \*RWP Retro Payrate: (New Rate Old Rate) x Number of months
- \*RWP Retro Earnings: (New Earnings Old Earnings) x Number of months
- \*\*RWP ½ School Term: If a member completes their RWP contract in one half of the school term, report the other half of the school term with zero earnings and the same payrate used during the first half of the school term with AC 36 and CC 2, along with full contributions (ER paid for EE)
  - Create a penny payline and enter contributions due to STRS under:

Vol-Ded 8112 EE (-) and ER (+), and Vol-Ded 7308 EE (+) to collect one penny

- In the second half of the school term, recuperate the contributions paid by the district with:
  - Vol-Ded 7308 EE (+) and ER (-)

# **Reduced Workload Program (RWP)**

RWP is an optional program to help members reduce their workload in a position from full-time to part-time duties to ease into retirement while still earning a full year of service credit and their full-time annualized pay rate for final compensation. To be eligible, a member must:

- > Be at least age 55 or older before the start of the school term
- > Have at least 10 years of CalSTRS service credit in the Defined Benefit Program
- > Employed on a full-time basis for five years before RWP, without a break in service
- Not exceed the maximum salary of the principal at that employer
- Agree to work at least 50% of full-time
- May not participate in the program for more than 10 years total
- > Remit employee and employer contributions based on the full-time annualized pay rate
- RWP requires Board and STRS approval before the start of the RWP assignment
- > RWP agreement will be voided if any of the following occur before the end of the school term:
  - •Termination of employment •Death •Retirement or refund
  - •Member goes on disability •EE & ER mutually agree to terminate participation
  - •Member does not meet the 50% of full-time employment requirement
- > District must notify STRS within 30 days if RWP is voided due to any of the reasons listed above
- > District must back out RWP reporting and re-report all earnings using non-RWP assignment code

**<u>NOTE</u>**: Reporting examples for RWP members  $\rightarrow$ 

2% at 60: Prorate the master's stipend from \$1,000 to \$800 for 80% contract, report as:

Pay Rate \$1,000 Earnings \$800 ACPC 36-0-6

2% at 62: Paid every pay period, prorate the master's stipend from \$1,000 to \$800 for 80% contract for a 10-month school term, report as:

Pay Rate \$100 Earnings \$100 ACPC 72-0-6

- Enter first payline as \$100 TMNS, enter second payline as -\$20 TMNN
- This will ensure employee gets paid \$80 only but pays contributions on \$100

# Limited-Term Payments <u>2% at 60 Only</u>: Prorate retirement bonus from \$1,000 to \$800 for 80% contract, report as:

Pay Rate \$1,000 Earnings \$1,000 ACPC 71-0-6

- Enter first payline as \$1000 TMNS, enter second payline as -\$200 TMNN
- This will ensure employee gets paid \$800 only but pays contributions on \$1000

Reference: EIC Vol. 26 Issue 3 and Vol.27 Issue 3, Ed Code 22713, Employer Directive 2013-03, 2022-02

# STRS Guide to AC-P-C Codes for Community Colleges

## Members "Community College" RS: 01 or 11 & St-Ded: TMNS

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### NOTE:

For **Part-time Faculty Members and Non-Member (AC: 58)**, use Classification Codes and Base Hours on the pay line.

Reference EIC09-1 Volume 25 Issue 8: Reporting Requirements for Community Colleges.

# Non-Members "Community College" RS: 05

	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>ARREARS</b>	<u>RETRO</u>	<u>Ret. Base (Pay Rate)</u>
10 Month Contract	57-3-0	57-3-3	57-3-5	Monthly
11 Month Contract	57-2-0	57-2-3	57-2-5	Monthly
12 Month Contract	57-1-0	57-1-3	57-1-5	Monthly
SPC	57-0-6	57-0-6	57-0-6	Rate = Ret. Base Always
Substitutes	54-4-0	54-4-3	54-4-5	Hourly
Substitutes	54-8-0	54-8-3	54-8-5	Daily
Part-Time Faculty	58-4-0	58-4-3	58-4-5	Hourly
Part-Time Faculty	58-8-0	58-8-3	58-8-5	Daily

### NOTE:

Districts that offer Alternative Retirement Plans for **Non-Members**, use PAR, ING or APP as your 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> character option for St-Ded. These plans require 8XXX Vol-Ded

### **Reference:**

*EICO9-12 Vol. 25 Issue 12: Community College Reporting to the Defined Benefit Program for Part-time Faculty & Employer Directive 2009-03 Community College Reporting Assignment Codes.* 

# STRS Guide to AC-P-C Codes for Non-Members

# Non-Members "Conventional School" RS: 05 & St-Ded: TFNSR

	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>ARREARS</b>	<u>RETRO</u>	<u>Ret. Base (Pay Rate)</u>
10 Month Contract	57-3-0	57-3-3	57-3-5	Monthly
11 Month Contract	57-2-0	57-2-3	57-2-5	Monthly
12 Month Contract	57-1-0	57-1-3	57-1-5	Monthly
SPC	57-0-6	57-0-6	57-0-6	Rate = Ret. Base Always
Substitutes	54-4-0	54-4-3	54-4-5	Hourly
Substitutes	54-8-0	54-8-3	54-8-5	Daily
Part-Time/Adult Ed	55-4-0	55-4-3	55-4-5	Hourly
Part-Time/Adult Ed	55-8-0	55-8-3	55-8-5	Daily

# Non-Members "Year Round School" RS: 05 & St-Ded: TFNSR

Luther Burbank ONLY	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>ARREARS</b>	<u>RETRO</u>	<u>Ret. Base (Pay Rate)</u>
10 Month Contract	47-3-0	47-3-3	47-3-5	Monthly
11 Month Contract	47-2-0	47-2-3	47-2-5	Monthly
12 Month Contract	47-1-0	47-1-3	47-1-5	Monthly
SPC	47-0-6	47-0-6	47-0-6	Rate = Ret. Base Always
Substitutes	44-4-0	44-4-3	44-4-5	Hourly
Substitutes	44-8-0	44-8-3	44-8-5	Daily
Part-Time/Adult Ed	45-4-0	45-4-3	45-4-5	Hourly
Part-Time/Adult Ed	45-8-0	45-8-3	45-8-5	Daily

# NOTE:

Districts that offer Alternative Retirement Plans for **Non-Members**, use PAR, ING or APP as your 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> character option for St-Ded. These plans require 8XXX Vol-Ded

# STRS Guide to AC-P-C Codes for Exchange/Sojourn

## Non-Members Exchange/Sojourn RS: 05

	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>ARREARS</b>	<u>RETRO</u>	<u>Ret. Base (Pay Rate)</u>
10 Month Contract	62-3-0	62-3-3	62-3-5	Monthly
11 Month Contract	62-2-0	62-2-3	62-2-5	Monthly
12 Month Contract	62-1-0	62-1-3	62-1-5	Monthly
SPC	62-0-6	62-0-6	62-0-6	Rate = Ret. Base Always
Substitutes	62-4-0	62-4-3	62-4-5	Hourly
Substitutes	62-8-0	62-8-3	62-8-5	Daily
Part-Time/Adult Ed	62-4-0	62-4-3	62-4-5	Hourly
Part-Time/Adult Ed	62-8-0	62-8-3	62-8-5	Daily

- The district must have a contractual agreement with the foreign country's education department
- Must be board-approved

#### **IMPORTANT**:

Any teacher employed by school district through a process established in Education Code 44853 or 44856 is considered an "exchange" or "sojourn" teacher irrespective of their visa status.

Persons serving as exchange teachers or sojourn teachers from outside of California are excluded from both membership in the Defined Benefit Program (DB) and participating in the Cash Balance Benefit Program (CB) pursuant to Education Code 22601.

## **Reference:**

Ed Code 22601, 44853, and 44856 CalSTRS Employer Information Circular Volume 23; Issue 13 IRS Publication 15 (Circular E) page 41 and IRS Publication 515 page 36, 37 IRS Alien Liability for Social Security and Medicare Taxes of Foreign Teachers, Foreign Researchers, and Other Foreign Professionals

# **STRS Guide to AC-P-C Codes for Retirees**

# Retired RS: 03 & St-Ded: TMNSR

	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>ARREARS</b>	<u>RETRO</u>	<u>Ret. Base (Pay Rate)</u>
10 Month Contract	61-3-0	61-3-3	61-3-5	Monthly
11 Month Contract	61-2-0	61-2-3	61-2-5	Monthly
12 Month Contract	61-1-0	61-1-3	61-1-5	Monthly
SPC (2%@60 & 2%@62)	61-0-1	61-0-3		Rate = Ret. Base Always
Substitutes	61-4-0	61-4-3	61-4-5	Hourly
Substitutes	61-8-0	61-8-3	61-8-5	Daily
Part-Time/Adult Ed	61-4-0	61-4-3	61-4-5	Hourly
Part-Time/Adult Ed	61-8-0	61-8-3	61-8-5	Daily

## Working After Retirement:

If retirees return to work after service retirement in a position with the California public schools system as an employee, an employee of a third party, or an independent contractor, the following restrictions apply:

- Retirees cannot work in a classified position except, under certain circumstances such as a teacher's aide
- Retirees cannot earn more than the annual postretirement earnings limit without affecting their CalSTRS retirement benefit.
  - The earnings limit for 2023-24 is \$50,655
  - The earnings limit for 2024-25 is \$74,733
  - > If the earnings go over the limit, their benefit will be reduced dollar by dollar
- A 180-calendar Day Wait Period\* is required for a retiree to return to work.
  - If retirees return to work before the 180-calendar day waiting period, their benefits will be reduced dollar by dollar

## **Reference:** Ed Code 24214 & 24214.5

## NOTE:

CalSTRS Retired Annuitants are entitled to receive sick leave under Healthy Workplace Healthy Family Act of 2014 (but NOT CalPERS Retired Annuitants).

**Reference:** Employer Directive 2024-02

## Notification and Reporting of Post-Retirement Earnings by Employer:

In accordance with Education Code Section 22461, upon retaining the services of a retired CalSTRS member, the employer is required to:

- Notify the retired member of all earnings limits and the retirement incentive employment restrictions, if applicable, and maintain accurate records of the retired member's earnings.
- Report those earnings to the retired member and CalSTRS monthly, using Member Code 2 and Assignment Code 61, regardless of the method of payment or the fund from which the payments were made.

# STRS Guide to AC-P-C Codes for Retirees (cont'd)

# <u>Reporting postretirement earnings of retired CalSTRS member who performs services as an Independent</u> <u>Contractor</u>

**District Responsibilities:** 

- When hiring independent contractors who are also CalSTRS retirees, note the requirements of Education Code 22461.
- Notify the independent contractor of their responsibility for retired CalSTRS members' earnings limitations and any retirement incentive employment restrictions that may be applicable (CalSTRS Employer Directive 2018-01).
- If hiring an independent contractor, maintain accurate records of the retired member's earnings.
- Report the earnings of independent contractor retirees to CalSTRS each month.
- For retired CalSTRS members who perform services as independent contractors, report the earnings with Member Code 2 and Assignment Code 61 to CalSTRS each month using the following steps:
  - 1. Create a Demographic (MA) for an independent contractor or an employee of a third party in the QCC Employee Maintenance screen.
    - Last Name
    - First Name
    - Mailing Address
    - Hire Date
    - Date of Birth
  - 2. Maintain an Excel spreadsheet to report the monthly earnings to CalSTRS. The template should be similar to the one below.

DISTRICT NAI		uary 2019									
SS#	CalSTRS ID	Retirees (Last, First Name)	Member Code	Acct Code	Units	Pay Rate	Pay Code	Earnings	Contribution Code	Service Began	Service Ended
XXX-XX-XXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	Example, One	2	61	Hours	Hourly	4	Hourly Rate x Units	0	1/1/2019	1/31/2019
xxx-xx-xxxx	xxxxxxxxx	Example, Two	2	61	Days	Daily	8	Daily Rate x Units	0	1/1/2019	1/31/2019
xxx-xx-xxxx	xxxxxxxxx	Example, Three	2	61	1	Lump Sum	0	Lump Sum	0	1/1/2019	1/31/2019

3. Email the spreadsheet to your assigned DBAS accounting specialist by 5:00 PM on the closing day of the "End of Month" payroll.

DBAS Responsibilities:

• DBAS accounting specialists will manually input the retired CalSTRS member's earnings information from the spreadsheet provided by each district to the QCC Retirement module each month.

# STRS Coding for Creditable Compensation Normal Salary

Salary and other earnings are paid by the employer under a publicly available written contractual agreement (Salary Schedule) to everyone in the same class of employees and paid to perform creditable service.

# Reporting Full–Time Contract for 12-month employee:

- Monthly Ret. Base/Pay Rate for 12-month contract report with Pay Code 1 paying from July to June
   For example, the annual salary for a Principal in High School is \$144,196.83 ÷ 12 = \$12,016.40
- **DO NOT** add or combine additional duties or outgrowth activities to Normal Salary (57-1-1)

## **Reporting Part–Time Contract for 12-month employee:**

 Monthly Ret. Base/Pay Rate for a 12-month contract should ALWAYS reflect 100% FTE regardless of the FTE the employee is contracted with

## PR Screen Pay Line Sample:

## AC-P-C 57-1-1, Pay Type NML, Pay Schd EOMREG, Ret. Base Monthly

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## Sample of Salary Schedule:

		2015-2016 Certificated Manageme Salary Schedule (Effective July 1, 2015)												
	Required	Months	Range	Yearly										
	Days	***												
Position				Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6					
Associate Superintendent	225	12	93	\$152,670.93	\$153,616.16	\$158,830.75	\$164,065.21	\$164,065.21	\$166,996.66	\$16				
Assistant Superintendent-Business	225	12	1	\$161,441.36	\$167,509.30	\$173,553.55	\$179,621.34	\$179,621.34	\$182,850.17	\$18				
Assistant Superintendent	225	12	88	\$143,246.95	\$148,401.83	\$153,536.59	\$158,691.34	\$158,691.34	\$161,434.32	\$16				
Director I (Bond)	225	12	77	\$131,427.51	\$136,640.90	\$141,855.23	\$147,049.83	\$147,049.83	\$149,583.46	\$14				
Director 1	225	12	78	\$130,007.51	\$135,220.90	\$140.435.23	\$145.629.83	\$145,629.83	\$148,163.46	\$14				
Principal, High School	225	12	79	\$128,574.51	\$133,787.90	\$139,002.23	\$144,196.83	\$144,196.83	\$146,730.46	\$14				
Dringing Middle School	225	12	71	\$121 408 20	\$126 562 17	\$121 607 02	\$126 852 82	\$126 952 92	\$120 242 12	\$12				

# STRS Coding for Creditable Compensation Normal Salary (cont'd)

### **Reporting Full–Time Contract for 11-month employee:**

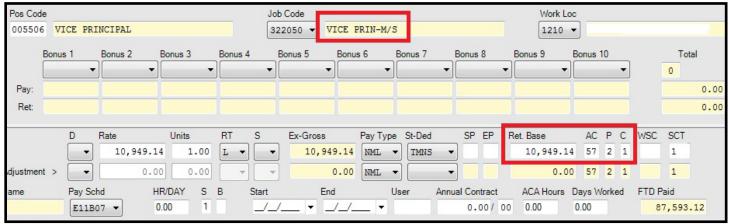
- Monthly Ret. Base/Pay Rate for 11-month contract report with Pay Code 2 paying from August to June
  - For example, the annual salary for Vice Principal in Middle School is \$120,440.57 ÷ 11 = \$10,949.14
- DO NOT add or combine additional duties or outgrowth activities to Normal Salary (57-2-1)

#### Reporting Part-Time Contract for 11-month employee:

 Monthly Ret. Base/Pay Rate for an 11-month contract should ALWAYS reflect 100% FTE regardless of the FTE the employee is contracted with

### PR Screen Pay Line Sample:

#### AC-P-C 57-2-1, Pay Type NML, Pay Schd E11BO7 or E11R07, Ret. Base Monthly



#### Sample of Salary Schedule:

	2015-2016 Certificated Management Salary Schedule (Effective July 1, 2015)												
	Required	Months	Range	Yearly	r – – – – – – – – – – – – – – – – – – –	1		1	1	T			
	Days	***											
Position				Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6				
Associate Superintendent	225	12	93	\$152,670.93	\$153,616.16	\$158,830.75	\$164,065.21	\$164,065.21	\$166,996.66	\$10			
Assistant Superintendent-Business	225	12	1	\$161,441.36	\$167,509.30	\$173,553.55	\$179,621.34	\$179,621.34	\$182,850.17	\$1			
Assistant Superintendent	225	12	88	\$143,246.95	\$148,401.83	\$153,536.59	\$158,691.34	\$158,691.34	\$161,434.32	\$1			
Director I (Bond)	225	12	77	\$131,427.51	\$136,640.90	\$141,855.23	\$147,049.83	\$147,049.83	\$149,583.46	\$1.			
Director 1	225	12	78	\$130,007.51	\$135,220.90	\$140.435.23	\$145,629.83	\$145,629.83	\$148,163.46	\$1			
Principal, High School	225	12	79	\$128,574.51	\$133,787.90	\$139,002.23	\$144,196.83	\$144,196.83	\$146,730.46	\$1			
Principal, Middle School	225	12	71	\$121,408.29	\$126,563.17	\$131,697.93	\$136,852.82	\$136,852.82	\$139,243.12	\$1			
Principal, Continuation HS	225	12	71	\$121,408.29	\$126,563.17	\$131,697.93	\$136,852.82	\$136,852.82	\$139,243.12	\$1			
Assistant Director	225	12	70	\$122,841.29	\$127,996.17	\$133,130.93	\$138,285.82	\$138,285.82	\$140,676.12	\$1			
Director II	225	12	69	\$121,972.60	\$127,206.79	\$132,421.25	\$137,635.97	\$137,635.97	\$139,980.51	\$1			
Coordinator	225	12	68	\$119,011.60	\$124,245.79	\$129,460.25	\$134,674.97	\$134,674.97	\$137,019.51	\$1			
Principal, Ed Options	220	11.75	69	\$114,784.37	\$120,274.06	\$125,707.63	\$130,517.05	\$130,517.05	\$132,812.74	\$1			
Coordinator @ 210	210	11.25	69	\$111,684.94	\$116,591.99	\$121,480.54	\$126,369.35	\$126,369.35	\$128,567.35	\$1			
Principal, Elementary	210	11.25	69	\$111,684.94	\$116,591.99	\$121,480.54	\$126,369.35	\$126,369.35	\$128,567.35	\$1			
Vice Principal, High School	210	11.25	65	\$107,811.81	\$112,681.88	\$117,551.69	\$122,440.25	\$122,440.25	\$124,562.86	\$1			
Assistant Principal, High School	200	10.75	62	\$100,486.13	\$105,119.45	\$109,776.53	\$114,421.91	\$114,421.91	\$116,393.77	\$1			
Vice Principal, Middle School	210	11.25		\$103,841.99	\$108,693.31	\$113,544.75	\$118,395.95	\$118,395.95	\$120,440.57				
Assistant Principal Middle	200	10.75	59	\$95 815 36	\$100.469.10	\$105 122 36	\$109 793 76	\$109 793 76	\$111 710 07	T \$1			

# STRS Coding for Creditable Compensation Normal Salary (cont'd)

## **Reporting Full-Time Contract for 10-month employee:**

- Monthly Pay Ret. Base/Rate for 10-month contract report with Pay Code 3 paying from August to May <u>or</u> September to June
  - ✤ For example, the annual salary for a Teacher is \$96,297 ÷ 10 = \$9,629.70
- DO NOT add or combine additional duties or outgrowth activities to Normal Salary (57-3-1)

# Reporting Part-Time Contract for 10-month employee:

• Monthly Ret. Base/Pay Rate for a **10-month contract** should ALWAYS reflect 100% FTE regardless of the FTE the employee is contracted with

## PR Screen Pay Line Sample:

# AC-P-C 57-3-1, Pay Type NML, Pay Schd E10BO6, E10R06 or E10B07, E10R07, Ret. Base Monthly

Pos Code	Pos Code					_	Job Code 113002 V TEACHER MUSIC K/5			Work Loc						
ľ	Bonus	1	Bonus 2	Bonus 3	Bonu	s 4 I	Bonus 5	Bonus 6	Bonus 7	Bo ▼	nus 8	Bonus 9	Bonus 1	0		Total
Pay: Ret:																0.0
		D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Typ	e St-Ded		SP EP	Ret. Base	AC	ΡC	WSC	SCT
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ame		Pay Sch			S B	Start	End		User		Contract	ACA Hours	Days W 0.00	orked	FTD F	Paid 6,105.50

## Sample of Salary Schedule:

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	Col. VII	Col. VIII	Col. IX	Col. X	Col. XI	Col. XII		
	60 Units	65 Units	70 Units	75 Units	80 Units	85 Units	90 Units	(market and the second
Step A	63,668	65,103	66,539	67,976	69,412	70,849	72,283	Step A
Step B	64,356	65,801	67,244	68,689	70,138	71,581	73,026	Step B
Step C	65,239	66,693	68,146	69,600	71,056	72,510	73,963	Step C
Step D	66,165	67,629	69,091	70,554	72,016	73,481	74,944	Step D
Step E	70,646	72,117	73,589	75,061	76,534	78,005	79,477	Step E
Step F	72,095	73,577	75,056	76,539	78,020	79,501	80,983	Step F
Step G	73,769	75,259	76,749	78,239	79,730	81,220	82,710	Step G
Step H	76,269	77,767	79,267	80,765	82,266	83,766	85,263	Step H
Step I	79,259	80,767	82,274	83,784	85,291	86,801	88,307	Step I
Step J	83,779	85,296	86,813	88,331	89,849	91,366	92,883	Step J
Step K	87,142	88,667	90,194	91,720	93,245	94,774	96,297	Step K
Step L	88,668	90,193	91,721	93,246	94.772	96,298	97,825	Step L
Step M	90,194	91,720	93,247	94,774	96,297			
Stop N	01 721	02 246	04 775	06 209	07 925		100 977	

# STRS Coding for Various Compensation Types

Section 27401 of the regulations clarifies compensation that is considered remuneration in addition to salary. The compensation must be paid in cash in accordance with a publicly available written contractual agreement, and the compensation is not associated with the performance of additional service. Remuneration in addition to salary is compensation that meets a qualification or requirement on the list below.

## **Compensation Types:**

- Possession or attainment of a certificate, license, special credential
- Master's degree and/or Doctoral
- Career or service longevity

These stipends are ongoing, permanent, and paid monthly as earned.

## When is it allowable to keep these stipends built into the NML pay line?

- Whenever there is a COLA increase to the base salary (Base Ret), the compensation types outlined above MUST receive an increase at the same time of negotiations for the same percentage amount.
- Whenever you have a class of employees where the salary, degree, and/or longevity are all part of the written contractual agreement.

#### PR Screen Pay Line Sample: Base Ret + Bonus 1 + Bonus 2 = Ret. Base in QCC (at CalSTRS it's Pay Rate)

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$\left[ \right]$	Bonus 1 CE MA 🔻		Binus 3 Boni	us 4 Bonus 5	Bonus 6	Bonus 7	Bonus 8	Bonus 9	Bonus 10	Total
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Ret:	221.00	1,105.00	<b>)</b>							1,326.00
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# STRS Coding for Various Compensation Types (cont'd)

# When is it NOT allowable to keep these stipends built into the NML pay line?

If the stipends are ongoing, permanent, and paid monthly, **BUT** will **NOT** receive a COLA increase during regular base salary (Base Ret) negotiations, then it should be reported as a separate Pay Line to Defined Benefit as a special compensation.

These stipends do not generate service credit; however, they do remain in the DB account and are factored into the members' final compensation at the time of retirement.

## AC-P-C codes for these stipends:

- For Members 2% at 60 Report as 57-0-6
- For Members 2% at 62 Report as 72-0-6

## PR Screen Pay Line Sample: Rate = Ret. Base in QCC

1/1-N	1/1-NML 2/2-SPC 3/3-RET 4/4-DLY 5/5-HR 6/6-DEGN 7/7-LOGN											
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Pos Code Job Code Work Loc 113000 TEACHER-SPECIAL EDUCATION 0063 STONEGATE SCHOOL												
	Bonus 1	Bonus 2	Bonus 3 Bon	us 4 Bonus 5	Bonus 6	Bonus 7 Bonus 8	Bonus 9 Bon	us 10	Total	Pct		
	MASTER -	•][	-		▼	• [ ]	• •	-	1	0.00		
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The following NML-like pay types are available for these types of compensation and they are encumbered:

- > CREN for Possession or Attainment of a Certificate, License, or Special Credential
- > **DEGN** for Master's degree and/or Doctoral
- LOGN for Career or Service Longevity

#### **IMPORTANT:**

When a member's CC6 lines total exceeds \$15,000.00 the system will flag with edit code MO-B109. These lines will need to be approved by the employer. STRS will request documentation to support validity of CC6.

# STRS Coding for Various Compensation Types (cont'd)

# **Additional Duties**

If the additional assignment (extra duty) is for performance in a position that **requires a credential/certificate and is determined to be creditable by itself**, then that position should have it's own annual earnable established in accordance with Ed Code 22138.5

Additional Duties generate service credit; service credit in excess of 1.000 gets automatically transferred to the DBS account at the end of the fiscal year.

For 2% at 60 & RWP members performing additional duties and 2% at 62 members, report with ACPC 55-0-1

# Additional Duties include but are not limited to:

- Teaching an Extra Period
- Attending Trainings
- Summer School
- Professional Development

- Teacher In Charge
- Mentor Teacher
- Preparing for a Class or Workshop

Non-time-based assignments are NOT based on hours or days. These are lump-sum payments:

- > The Ret. Base/Pay Rate for these stipends should be the annual earnable assigned.
- For 2% at 62, lump-sum payments paid at the conclusion of the assignment are NOT reportable to CalSTRS.

PR Screen Pay Line Sample: Non-Time-Based

D Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type St-Ded	SP EP	Ret. Base A	AC Ρ C
<ul><li>1,222.91</li></ul>	1.00	$L \sim$	P ~	1,222.91	$\rm SPC$ $\sim$ TMNS	~	67,258.95	55 0 1

## NOTE:

The appropriate pay type must be used to report the additional duties correctly. If this is a one-time payment, remember to use **LZ**, instead of **L**.

**Time-based** assignments are based on certain numbers of days or hours required to do the additional assignment:

- The Ret. Base/Pay Rate should be annualized hourly or daily rate based on assignment (reference pages 115 116)
  - To calculate the annualized pay rate, multiply the hourly rate by the base hours or the daily rate by the base days for the teaching position. If there is no full-time equivalent, use the full-time minimum standards.

#### PR Screen Pay Line Sample: Time-Based

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Рау Туре	St-Ded	SP EP	Ret. Base	AC	Ρ	С
-	25.00	1.00	H •		25.00	HR 🔻	TMNS 🔻		27,750.00	55	0	1

# STRS Coding for Various Compensation Types (cont'd)

# **Outgrowth Activities**

Outgrowth activities **DO NOT** require a credential/certificate.

They are **ONLY** creditable (reportable) when being performed by a member who is already performing creditable service (normal salary or substitute position) at your district.

## **Reference:**

Chapter 782 amends Ed Code 22119.5 and 26113

Outgrowth activities generate service credit; service credit in excess of 1.000 gets automatically transferred to the DBS account at the end of the fiscal year.

## Outgrowth Activities include but are not limited to:

- Coaching Activity
- Camps/Clinic
- Department Chair
- Music/Band Director

- Noon Duty Supervision by Certificated Staff
- Science Fair Coordinator
- Yearbook Editor

Non-time-based assignments are NOT based on hours or days. These are lump-sum payments:

- The compensation earnable must be the lowest Ret. Base/Pay Rate the member earned for the same employer within the same fiscal year.
  - If the lowest Ret. Base/Pay Rate changes within the same fiscal year for the same employer, then the OLD (higher) Ret. Base/Pay Rate for the outgrowth activity must be reversed and reported with the NEW (lower) Ret. Base/Pay Rate.
    - For example: a member earning \$50,000 a year also performs an outgrowth activity. The employer would report the outgrowth activity with Ret. Base/Pay Rate of \$50,000. If the member later performs substitute service with Ret. Base/Pay Rate of \$18,000 within the same fiscal year for the same employer, the outgrowth activity previously reported with a \$50,000 Ret. Base/Pay Rate needs to be reversed and reported with Ret. Base/Pay Rate of \$18,000.
  - Outgrowth activities **usually** fall under the Non-Time-Based assignment category.
  - However, the reporting regulations are different for 2% at 60 and 2% at 62.

**Time-based** assignments are based on certain numbers of days or hours required to perform outgrowth activities:

Ret. Base/Pay Rate should be annualized hourly or daily rate based on assignment (reference pages 115 – 116)

# STRS Coding for Various Compensation Types (cont'd)

For Members 2% at 60 – Report to CalSTRS even if the compensation is not paid as earned.

Lump sums paid at the conclusion of the assignment ARE reportable to CalSTRS.

#### PR Screen Pay Line Sample: Non-Time-Based

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type	St-Ded	SP EP	Ret. Base	AC	ΡC	2
	- 1,000.00	1.00	LZ 🔻		1,000.00	ССН 🔻	TMNS 🔻		50,158.00	55	0 1	1

PR Screen Pay Line Sample: Time-Based

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type	St-Ded	SP EP	Ret. Base	AC	Ρ	С
-	25.00	1.00	H •		25.00	HR 🔻	TMNS 🔻		27,750.00	55	0	1

For Member 2% at 62 – Report to CalSTRS ONLY if the compensation is paid at each period in which the creditable service is performed.

### PR Screen Pay Line Sample: Non-Time-Based, Paid as earned

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type St-Ded	SP EP	Ret. Base	AC P C	5
-		500.00 1.00	LZ 🔻		500.00	CCH - TMNS -		50,000.00	55 0 1	ı
-		0.00 0.00	-		0.00	CCH - TMNS -		0.00	55 0 1	1
Pay So EOMS		HR/DAY S 0.00 1	В	Start	End	User Annu	ual Contract 0.00/	ACA Hours D	ays Worked	

## PR Screen Pay Line Sample: Time-Based

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Рау Туре	St-Ded	SP	EP	Ret. Base	AC	Ρ	С
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Lump sums paid at the conclusion of the assignment are **NOT** reportable to CalSTRS.

#### PR Screen Pay Line Sample: Non-Time-Based, Paid as lump sum payment

D Rate	e Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type	St-Ded	SP EP R	et. Base	AC	P	С
<b>_</b>	1,500.00 1.00	LZ 🔻	-	1,500.00	ССН 🔻	TMNN 🔻		50,000.0	0 00	0	0
<b>-</b>	0.00 0.00	-	-	0.00	ССН 🔻	TMNN 🔻		0.0	0 00	0	0
Pay Schd	HR/DAY S 0.00 1		Start 02/01/2	End 017 - 04/30/20	Use 017 👻	er Annu	al Contract	ACA Hours 0.00	Days W 0.00	/orke	d

# STRS Coding for Various Compensation Types (cont'd)

# **Compensation Paid a Limited Number of Times**

Education Code section 22905 requires contributions on certain types of compensation to be credited to the Defined Benefit Supplemental (DBS) Program. Section 27602 of the regulations clarifies contributions on compensation that is not ongoing and is contingent upon either the availability of funds or meeting specified qualifications or requirements. These compensations are creditable to the DBS Program only.

Keep in mind that **reporting these stipends/bonuses incorrectly to the Defined Benefit Program instead of the DBS Program** will have a significant impact on the member's final compensation. As a result, a retired member will be overpaid in service retirement benefits from the retirement date to the date the corrections are made by the employer.

> **IMPORTANT:** This is one of the most common Employer Audit Finding by STRS.

# Stipends/Bonuses include but are NOT limited to:

- Retirement Incentives
- Retention Bonus
- Recruitment/Signing Bonus (Paid after service is performed)
- Off the Salary Schedule Payment
- Twenty Years of Service
- Achievement of a Performance Benchmark

If the bonus is **not ongoing** (it has an end date), **not permanent** (there are a maximum number of total payments), and **a one-time payment** (it is not scheduled to continue) report as follows:

## AC-P-C codes for these Stipends/Bonuses are:

For Members 2% at 60 report as 71-0-6, this will post directly to DBS

For Members 2% at 62 use AC-P-C 00-0-0, this is NOT reportable

PR Screen Pay Line Sample: **Rate = Ret. Base** for Members 2% at 60

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type St-Ded	SP	EP	Ret. Base	AC	РС	WSC	SCT
-	1,000.00	1.00	LZ 🔻	-	1,000.00	DBS 🔻 TMNS 🔻			1,000.00	71	06		
-	0.00	0.00	-	-	0.00	DBS 🔻 TMNS 🔻			0.00	71	06		

## PR Screen Pay Line Sample: Rate = Ret. Base for Members 2% at 62

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type St-Ded	SP EP	Ret. Base	AC	ΡC	WSC	SCT
	1,000.00	1.00	LZ 🔻		1,000.00	SPC 🔻 TMNN 🔻		1,000.00	00	0 0	J	
	0.00	0.00	-	-	0.00	SPC - TMNN -		0.00	00	0 0		

DBS RATE Assignment Code 71 EE 8.00% ER 8.25%

# STRS Coding for Various Compensation Types (cont'd)

# **Class Size Overload**

Compensation that is paid when the number of students enrolled exceeds the contractual class size maximum. This can fall under Salary (full time based on non-time-based) or Special Pay (full time based on time-based).

- Salary is compensation paid directly for creditable service in a position or for the performance of additional creditable service.
  - Employers that measure full-time assignment using credits or number of students. This is most common with community colleges and some charter schools.
  - Must be paid in cash, paid each pay period, and used as the basis for future pay increases
  - Reportable for both 2% at 60 and 2% at 62 with ACPC 55-0-1, annualized pay rate
- Special Pay is compensation paid in addition to salary for meeting specific criteria and not for the performance of additional service.
  - Employers that measure full-time using days or hours worked
  - Paid each month the excess occurs is considered ongoing payment
  - Report 2% at 60 with ACPC 57-0-6; Report 2% at 62 with ACPC 72-0-6

# **Non-Creditable Compensation**

Education Code Section 22119.2(c) defines compensation that is not creditable. Sections 27501 and 27505 of the regulations define fringe benefit as an expense paid or reimbursed by an employer. Below are types of compensation that are **NOT** creditable and non-reportable:

# For Both Members 2% at 60 and 2% at 62:

- Car allowance (TRV)
- Cash-in-lieu of any fringe benefits provided by an employer
- Housing allowance
- Employer Paid Member Contributions
- Payments to Section 125, 403(b), 457(b) by an employer
- Professional Dues
- Expenses paid or reimbursed by an employer
- Vacation
- Moving Classrooms Stipend
- Cell Phone allowance (CELL)

## PR Screen Pay Line Sample: Rate = Ret. Base for Travel Allowance

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type St-Ded	SP EP	Ret. Base	AC F	γС	WSC S	СТ
-	200.00	1.00	L	-	200.00	TRV 🔹 TMNN 👻		200.00	00	0 0		

## PR Screen Pay Line Sample: **Rate = Ret. Base** for Cell Allowance

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type St-Ded	SP	EP	Ret. Base	AC	ΡC	2	WSC	SCT
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# Internal Revenue Code Section (IRC) 401(a)(17) Compensation Limit

IRC section 401(a)(17) limits creditable compensation that may be counted toward a CalSTRS retirement benefit for all persons who became a CalSTRS DB member on or after July 1, 1996. Once a member's earnings have exceeded the limit, earnings and pay rates must be adjusted to reflect the limit.

- Employees who became members **before July 1, 1996,** are **exempt** from this compensation limit CAP;
  - The district will notify DBAS to employer approve F496 edit MO-B082 with the annotation "Member prior to 07/01/1996, exempt from IRC Limit" before transmitting the final file to STRS.
- Employees who became members on or after July 1, 1996, report as follows:

## For Members 2% at 60:

- Compensation Limit from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 is \$330,000
- Compensation Limit from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 is \$345,000
- 1. At the start of the fiscal year, report earnings according to the contracted salary agreement.
  - The district will receive F496 edit MO-B047 for a member whose contract rate is over the IRC 401(a)(17) limit. The district will provide an employee contract to DBAS to request STRS to bypass MO-B047 edit on the final file.
- 2. When the member reaches the IRC Limit, F496 edit MO-B082 will appear on the error report. Please reach out to STRS immediately for further assistance.
- 3. At the end of the fiscal year, the member has fulfilled their contracted salary agreement. On June EOM Payroll, the district will need to reverse and re-report pay lines for full-year service credit.
  - If the Contract is less than IRC:
    - Back out all stipends, bonuses, and additional duties/part-time assignments that bring the DB earnable over the IRC limit, including DBS payments (AC 71).
      - Lines should be reversed in order: first **57-0-6**, then **55-0-1**, and last **71-0-6**.
    - Ensure all salary lines are reported so members can get 1.0 service credit
  - If the Contract is more than the IRC:
    - Back out all pay lines reported throughout the fiscal year.
    - Re-report salary lines using the IRC limit as both the pay rate and the earnings.
      - Divide the IRC limit by the number of payments required for the member's contract (Example: Divide IRC limit by 12 for a 12-month contract, etc.)
    - The correction will generate P&I (penalties and interest) which can be appealed because the correction is done to comply with the IRC Limit law.

# Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 401(a)(17) Compensation Limit (cont'd)

# For Members 2% at 62:

- Compensation Limit from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 is \$176,614
- Compensation Limit from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 is \$182,266
  - 1. At the start of the fiscal year report earnings according to the contracted salary agreement.
  - 2. When the member reaches the IRC limit CAP in the middle of the month, split the pay line, and report up to the IRC limit CAP.
  - 3. Continue to report the remaining earnings without contributions for full-year service credit. AC-P-C  $\rightarrow$  57-1-0 (12-month contract), St-Ded  $\rightarrow$  TMNSR
  - 4. DBAS will switch the zero contribution pay lines to the *"C" indicator* before transmitting the final file to STRS.

	As	Pay			Сог	ntrib	ution	Service	Period	Service	Report	Type of	QCC Pa	ay Line
MC	Cd	Rate	Cd	Earnings	Rate	Cd	Amount	Start	End	Credit	Period	Compensation	St-Ded	AC-P-C
1	57	25,075.00	1	25,075.00	10.205%	1	2,558.90	07/01/2020	07/31/2020	0.0833	MO01	Salary+Degree	TMNS	57-1-1
1	57	25,075.00	1	25,075.00	10.205%	1	2,558.90	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	0.0833	MO02	Salary+Degree	TMNS	57-1-1
1	57	25,075.00	1	25,075.00	10.205%	1	2,558.90	09/01/2020	09/30/2020	0.0833	MO03	Salary+Degree	TMNS	57-1-1
1	57	25,075.00	1	25,075.00	10.205%	1	2,558.90	10/01/2020	10/31/2020	0.0833	MO04	Salary+Degree	TMNS	57-1-1
1	57	25,075.00	1	25,075.00	10.205%	1	2,558.90	11/01/2020	11/30/2020	0.0833	MO05	Salary+Degree	TMNS	57-1-1
1	57	25,075.00	1	25,075.00	10.205%	1	2,558.90	12/01/2020	12/31/2020	0.0833	MO06	Salary+Degree	TMNS	57-1-1
1	57	25,075.00	1	1,387.00	10.205%	1	141.54	01/01/2021	01/31/2021	0.0046	MO07	Salary+Degree	TMNS	57-1-1
1	57	25,075.00	1	23,688.00	10.205%	0	-	01/01/2021	01/31/2021	0.0787	MO07	Salary+Degree	TMNSR	57-1-0
1	57	25,075.00	1	25,075.00	10.205%	0	-	02/01/2021	02/28/2021	0.0833	MO08	Salary+Degree	TMNSR	57-1-0
1	57	25,075.00	1	25,075.00	10.205%	0	-	03/01/2021	03/31/2021	0.0833	MO09	Salary+Degree	TMNSR	57-1-0
1	57	25,075.00	1	25,075.00	10.205%	0	-	04/01/2021	04/30/2021	0.0833	MO10	Salary+Degree	TMNSR	57-1-0
1	57	25,075.00	1	25,075.00	10.205%	0	-	05/01/2021	05/31/2021	0.0833	MO11	Salary+Degree	TMNSR	57-1-0
1	57	25,075.00	1	25,075.00	10.205%	0	-	06/01/2021	06/30/2021	0.0833	MO12	Salary+Degree	TMNSR	57-1-0
				151,837.00			15,494.97			1.0000				

#### Reporting Sample for STRS Members 2% at 62 only:

**Reference:** CalSTRS Employer Information Circular Volume 39; Issue 01 & Employer Directive 2023-02

# **Compensation NOT Reportable to CalSTRS**

## Exclusions for both 2% at 60 and 2% at 62:

- Compensation is not paid in cash to all persons in the same class and compensation is paid for service that is not creditable.
- Compensation that is paid in addition to salary or wages, if it is not paid to all persons in the same class and the same dollar amount or percentage.
- Compensation is paid in exchange for the relinquishment of unused accumulated leave.
- Payments made by an employer, include but are not limited to, participation in a deferred compensation plan; to purchase of an annuity contract, tax-deferred retirement plan, or insurance program; and contributions to a plan that meets the requirements of Section 125, 401(a), 401(k), 403(b), or 457(f) of Title 26 of the United States Code.
- Cash in lieu of Fringe Benefits, expenses paid or reimbursed by an employer.
- Severance pay, including lump-sum and installment payments, or money paid in excess of salary or wages to a member as compensatory damages or as a compromise settlement.
- Any other payments determined to not be "creditable compensation".
- An employer-provided allowance, reimbursement, or payment, including, but not limited to, one made for housing, vehicle, uniform, or a bonus.

#### Additional Exclusions for 2% at 62:

- Compensation is not paid each pay period in which creditable service is performed for that position.
- Payments determined to have been made to enhance a member's contribution benefit.
- One-time or ad hoc payments.

Reference: Employer Directive 2014-01 Release on March 14, 2014

# **Converting Hourly/Daily Rates to Annual Full Time Equivalent**

Once a Non-Member mandatorily qualifies or permissively elects membership, you must report the Ret. Base/Pay Rate as Full Time Equivalent (100% FTE) *Ed Code: 22138.6, 22503, 22504* 

# When to Annualize Ret. Base/Pay Rate:

- STRS Members working in Substitute daily or hourly positions
- STRS Members working in Part-Time daily or hourly positions
- STRS Members working in Adult Education hourly position

# **Converting Daily Rate to Annual:**

Daily		# of	Annual	Рау
Pay Rate	Х	Base Days	= Pay Rate	Code
125.00	Х	185	= \$23,125.00	0
		Based on		
		Your school calen	dar	

## This formula applies to AC-P-C codes:

- 54-0-1 Substitutes
- 55-0-1 Part-Time (Additional Duties) or Adult ED
- 58-0-1 Community College ONLY
  - > Please use the number of days or hours that pertain to your district and assignment
  - > Please use the appropriate Pay Type that best applies to the rate and assignment

## PR Screen Pay Line Sample: Ret. Base is annualized

		Job Code 110101 - K-8	SUBSTITUTE TEACHE	IR	Work Loc	
Bonus 2 Bonus 2	3 Bonus 4	Bonus 5 Bo	nus 6 Bonus 7	Bonus 8 Bon	us 9 Bonus 10	•
D Rate	Units RT	S Ex-Gros		t-Ded SP EP	Ret. Base 23,125.00	AC P C 54 0 1

# Converting Hourly/Daily Rates to Annual Full Time Equivalent (cont'd)

## **Converting Hourly Rate to Annual:**

Hourly		# of		# of		Annual	Рау
Pay Rate	Х	Base Hours	Х	Base Days	=	Pay Rate	Code
34.40	Х	8	Х	220	=	\$60,544.00	0
		Based on you					

## This formula applies to AC-P-C Codes:

- 54-0-1 Substitute
- 55-0-1 Part-Time (Additional Duties) or Adult ED
- 58-0-1 Community College ONLY
  - > Please use the number of days or hours that pertain to your district and assignment
  - Before annualizing hourly rates for Adult Ed, please verify whether the employee is working a 10, 11, or 12-month assignment/position and then annualize accordingly
  - Please use the appropriate Pay Schedule that corresponds to the assignment/position
  - > Please use the appropriate Pay Type that best applies to the rate and assignment

#### PR Screen Pay Line Sample: Ret. Base is annualized

				lob Code 711000 ~ 1	EACHER ADUL	T ED		Work Loc 0000 V District
: 1	Bonus 2	Bonus 3	Bonus 4	Bonus 5	Bonus 6	Bonus 7	Bonus 8	Bonus 9 Bonus 10
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D	Rate	Units	RT S	Ex-Gross	Pay Typ	e St-Ded	SP EP I	Ret. Base AC P C
~	34.4	0.00	H ~ U	~	0.00 HR	V TMNS V		60,544.00 55 0 1
$\sim$	0.0	0.00	$\sim$	~	0.00 HR	V TMNS V	~	0.00 55 0 1

# STRS – When to Issue a RETRO

When an employee's Ret. Base/Pay Rate changes due to:

- An approved and ratified collective bargaining agreement between School District Boards and Collective Bargaining Units
- A change in Step and Column

**Example:** A 10-month employee is receiving a 5% pay increase in January 2014 that Retro's from September 2013 to December 2013

New Rate - Old Rate = RET Amount X # of Months = RET Amount to be issued 5,730.00 - 5,491.25 = 238.75 X 4 months = 955.00 Retro Amount

# ✤ <u>AC-P-C code 57-3-5 with the NEW Ret. Base/Pay Rate</u>

#### **IMPORTANT**:

- Retro increases the Ret. Base (Pay Rate) but it does not generate service credit
- Date should always cover the pay period for which the retro is being issued
- Keep in mind your late/change/term contracts and add the date accordingly
- Confirm that Pay Schedule corresponds to Pay Code:
  - Example: E10B07 with Pay Code 3 for 10 month contract
- Separate retro lines by pay rate/AC-P-C, do not combine different rates into one retro line
- Retro amount is driven by earnings received (FTE %)

#### PR Screen Pay Line Sample: Ret. Base includes an increase (New Pay Rate) and it's always at 100% FTE

	D	Rate	Unit	s	RT	S	Ex-Gross		Pay Type	St-Ded	SF	P EP	Ret. Base	AC	Ρ	C \
	-		955.00	0.00	LZ 🔻	P -		0.00	RET 🔻	TMNS	-		5,730.00	57	3	5
Adjustment >	-		0.00	0.00	-	-		0.00	RET -	TMNS	•		0.00	57	3	5
	Name		Pay Schd		HR/DAY	S	B Sta	rt	End		User		Annual Contract	FTD	Paid	1
			E10B07 -	]	0.00	1	09	/01/201	3 🔻 12	/31/2013	-		0.00/ 00		1,	250.0

## Calculation Sample:

Рау	Rate				
NEW	OLD	EARNINGS	FTE	RETRO	Service Period
5,730.00	5,491.25	5,491.25	.100	238.75	SEPT
5,730.00	5,491.25	5,491.25	.100	238.75	OCT
5,730.00	5,491.25	5,491.25	.100	238.75	NOV
5,730.00	5,491.25	5,491.25	.100	238.75	DEC
		Total Retro	Amount	955.00	

# **STRS** – When to Issue ARREARS

When there is a change in FTE% (paid at higher or lower earnings amount NOT DUE to change in Ret. Base/Pay Rate), contribution code 3 is used to report corrections to prior period earnings.

- It DOES generate service credit and there is no change in Ret. Base/Pay Rate
- Should always be reported with a contribution code 3

# Example:

- When processing the February 2014 EOM payroll an employee's start date is January 24, 2014. Payroll was scheduled to close that same day. This employee is working as an 11-month 100% FTE with a Ret. Base (Pay Rate) of \$8,723.45. The Arrears amount owed to the employee for January 2014 is \$2,273.85. This is considered a late-start contract adjustment.
- > Paying late timesheets are considered arrears payments as well.

# AC-P-C code: 57-2-3 Ret. Base (Pay Rate) does NOT change

## **IMPORTANT:**

- Date should always cover the pay period for which the arrears are being issued
- Keep in mind your late/change/term contract and add the date accordingly
- Confirm that Pay Schedule corresponds to Pay Code:
  - > Example: E11B07 with Pay Code 2 for 11 month contract

## PR Screen Pay Line Sample: Ret. Base should always reflect 100% FTE

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type S	St-Ded SP	EP Ret.	Base	AC	P C I
-	2,273.85	0.00	LZ 🔻	P •	0.	00 ARR 🔻	TMNS 🔻		8,723.45	57	23
-	0.00	0.00	-	-	0.	00 ARR 🔻	TMNS 🔻		0.00	57	2 3
Name	Pay Scho	l .	HR/DAY	S	B Start	End	User	Annua	I Contract	FTD P	Paid
	E11B07	7 👻	0.00	1	01/24	2014 👻 01/31	1/2014 👻		0.00/ 00		1,250.0

## NOTE:

California Education Code section 45048 (c) states that if salary payment is not made timely as required by this section, the amount of the salary payment due shall be increased by the amount of interest on the unpaid amount for each day of delay. Please refer to all section of Ed Code 45048 for all explanations.

# **Refund of CalSTRS Excess Contributions**

Employees who work in multiple positions for the same employer or more than one employer during a school year or have earnings due to extra-pay assignments may earn service credit in excess of one year. Since members cannot receive more than one year of service in the Defined Benefit (DB) Program, the excess service credit is transferred to their Defined Benefit Supplement (DBS) Program.

Excess contributions are the result of the DBS program having contribution rates that are lower than that of the DB program. Earnings transferred from DB to DBS accounts result in an overpayment of contributions by school districts and their employees.

CalSTRS will notify all members who should receive a refund through their annual member statements and excess contributions (refunds) will be listed as a separate line item in the statement.

# **Process for Refunding Contributions:**

DBAS will transfer the total amount of excess contributions (employer and employee) to each school district via cash transfer. The fund will be transferred to:

٠	Dependent Scl	nool Districts	010-9920

Fiscally Accountable/Independent School Districts 010-9920

Charter Schools
 Payments through ACH

## IMPORTANT:

- The refund of the employer portion for prior fiscal year expenditures should be accounted for as a revenue in the current fiscal year. District are responsible to re-class the refund of the employer portion to an appropriate revenue object code.
- Returned pre-tax contributions will be considered taxable income in the year employees receive them regardless of when the contributions were initially paid.
- Districts should process both active and terminated employees' refunds through the payroll system using <u>Vol-Ded code 8113 STRS Prior Period Adjustment</u>. To refund a terminated employee, Districts need to:
  - Create a penny (.01) pay line using **<u>Stat-Ded NNNN</u>** and **<u>AC-P-C code 00-0-0</u>**
  - Select '<u>YES</u>' to the option '<u>OK to pay</u>' in Termination (TE) screen
- Refund in a negative amount will be displayed as STRS Prior Period Adjustment on the employee's pay stub.

## NOTE:

If there is an adjustment to reduce an employee's excess service credit from a prior year, employer and/or employee contributions may be due back to CalSTRS.

# **STRS Common Errors**

- Not using the same Ret. Base (Pay Rate) as the original pay line when making negative adjustments to prior period earnings.
- When doing negative earnings adjustments, the negative amount should not exceed what was originally issued.
- Incorrect Date range on Retro or Arrears pay lines *or* leaving the date range blank.
- The misuse of Retro code 5 for Arrears payment instead of code 3 or vice-versa.
- Using incorrect Ret. Base (Pay Rate) on retro and also combining different Pay Rates into one retro pay line.
- Using the earnings as the Ret. Base (Pay Rate) on positions that are not 100% FTE. Ret Base must always be at 100% FTE.
- Not using the same Ret. Base/Pay Rate *and* Rate/Earnings for special compensation.
- Late start contract will not receive full-year service credit.
  - It is illegal to accommodate the employee by altering earnings and pay codes to purposely reflect full-year service credit.
  - > The pay code must agree with the assignment the employee is hired to perform.
- The Ret. Base (Pay Rate) and Pay Code should always relate to each other:
  - 12 Month Contract Rate = PC 1
    Annual Rate = PC 0
  - 11 Month Contract Rate = PC 2
    Hourly Rate = PC 4
  - 10 Month Contract Rate = PC 3
    Daily Rate = PC 8
- The Pay Type and Contribution Code should always relate to each other:
  - $\blacktriangleright$  ARR = CC3  $\blacktriangleright$  RET = CC 5
- Not using the correct Assignment Code:

Substitutes = 54
Part-time = 55

# **Common Error: Choosing CalPERS or CalSTRS**

This error occurs when a member of CalPERS accepts employment to perform a service that requires membership in CalSTRS but elects to continue coverage with CalPERS.

Upon CalPERS reviewing ES 372, the member does not meet the criteria to qualify to continue with CalPERS retirement coverage and CalPERS rejects the right of election.

## **Error Resolution**

## Step 1: Back out pay lines that were reported to CalPERS in error

D	Rate	Units	RT S	S	Ex-Gross	Рау Туре	St-Ded	SP	EΡ	Ret. Base	AC	Ρ	C WS
		-581.10 1.00	LZ 🔻	•	-581.10	ARR 🔻	TFSPT	•		2,743.00	08	1	3
-		0.00 0.00		-	0.00	ARR 🔻	TFSPT	-		0.00	<mark>08</mark>	1	3
Name		Pay Schd	HR/DAY	S B	Start	End		User		Annual Contract	FTD	Paid	
		TENSUP -	0.00	1	10/01/201	3 🔻 10/	31/2013 👻			0.00/ 00			0.00

### Step 2: Report it to CalSTRS

D	Rate	Units	RT	S	Ex-Gross	Pay Type	St-Ded	SP	EP	Ret. Base	AC	ΡC	WS
		581.10 1.00	LZ 🔻	-	581.10	ARR 🔻	TMNS 🔻			2,743.00	57	3 3	
-		0.00 0.00		-	0.00	ARR 🔻	TMNS -			0.00	57	3 3	
Name		Pay Schd	HR/DAY	S E	Start	End	U	Jser		Annual Contract	FTD	Paid	
		TENSUP -	0.00	1	10/01/20	13 🛨 10/	/31/2013 👻			0.00/ 00			0.00

## Step 3: Refund OASDI & SDI taken from St-Ded of TFSPT, CalSTRS members do not pay OASDI or SDI

Ln	DS	Code	Code Name	Plan	Employee	Employer	Т	RL	В	F	S	vb	Minimum	Maximum	Balance	Limit
1	01	8310	ADD OASDI		-25.77	-25.77							0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	01	8900	EXCESS STATE DISABILITY INS		-4.16	0.00							0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

# Common Error: Choosing CalPERS or CalSTRS (cont'd)

# **CTD Totals From Payroll History**

# **BEFORE Correction**

History for: KIM R - 000000	CTD Amount
Gross	\$4,340.76
Net Pay	\$3,310.39
Other Non-Tx Gross	\$531.69
Imputed Gross	\$0.00
TSA	\$0.00
Federal Tax	\$0.00
State Tax	\$0.00
OASDI	\$25.77
Medicare	\$55.23
SDI	\$4.16

# **AFTER Correction**

History for: R - 000000	CTD Amount
Gross	\$4,340.76
Net Pay	\$3,334.51
Other Non-Tx Gross	\$531.69
Imputed Gross	\$0.00
TSA	\$0.00
Federal Tax	\$0.00
State Tax	\$0.00
OASDI	\$0.00
Medicare	\$55.23
SDI	\$0.00

# **Common Error: Change of Contract Adjustments**

**Not reporting a Change of Contract properly:** Terminated and Late Start Contracts should be paid on separate pay lines with corresponding AC-P-C codes, Ret. Base/Pay Rate & Pay Schedule.

1/2-5	UM 2/3	3 - SPC	3/	/ 4 - SPC	4/6-H	R 5/7	- MISC	6 / 8 - MISC	7/9	) - NML	8/10	- NML	9/1-	NML*									
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# PR Screen Pay Line: Terminated 10-month Contract for Teacher Position

# PR Screen Pay Line: Late Start 12-month Contract for Vice Principal Position

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Placemer	nt •	-	FTE 1.0000		M	Adj 0.00		Hr Rt 0.00	Base F 8,719.	-	Base Ret 8,719.08	-		Mo/Yr 0.00	Da/Yr 0.00	Hr/Da	у	Work	: Ca
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# Common Error: Change of Contract Adjustments (cont'd)

# Sample of Change of Contract

	Santa Clara County Office of Education						
	CHANGE OF CONTRACT						
Emple	oyee Name: CLAY MATTHEWS	Ext Ref:	12345				
Eff	ective Date: 03/10/2014	Paid on:	3/31/2014			7 000 60	9aa
Cala	nden Hands, Grann Davi Darkern					7,089.60	
Cale	ndar Used: Green Bay Packers		Term	Late		7,089.60	
	B B.		Term		l	7,089.60	
	Base Ret	-	6,939.60 0.00	8,719.08		7,089.60	
	Bilingual Stipend			0.00		7,089.60	
	Longevity/Degree Flat		150.00	125.00		7,089.60	
	Ret.Base at 100% FTE	monuny	7,089.60	8,844.08		7,089.60	
1	Annual Contract Amount at 100% FT	re l	70,896.00	106 100 06			TERM 10 Month Adj LATE 12 Month Adj
2	Annual Contract Days		185	106,128.96 210		8.844.08	-
3	Daily Rate (Line 1 Divided/Line 2)		383.22	505.38	Total	8,844.08	
4	Number of Days For Pay		129.00	72.00	Amount	8,844.08	
5	Percentage of Time FTE		123.00	100.00	Authorized	8,844.08	•
6	Amount Authorized (Line 3 x Line 4 x	v Line 5)	49,435.59	36,387.07	85.822.66	85,822.66	Jun
7	Pay Frequency	A Line 37	10.00	12.00	05,022.00	Verification	
, 8A	Amount Paid-To-Date		42,537.60	12.00		Vermeation	
8B	Months Remaining in the Year		42,001100	4.00			
9	Amount To Be Normally Paid This M	lonth	7,089.60	8,844.08			
10 Contract Adjustment to NML			(191.61)	1,010.75			
11	Amount Actually Paid on Current		6,897.99	9,854.83			
	2	•		,			
Pr	epared By: DIo			<u>16,752.82</u>			
Dat	Date Prepared: 3/28/2014						

# NOTE:

This change of contract is just a sample. Districts should have their own change of contract, because all districts are unique.

### **Reference:**

Employer Directive 2013-04 CalSTRS No Longer Performs Change of Base Calculations.

Upon review of Ed Code sections 22701, "Computation of service to be credited", 22115, "Compensation earnable", and 22138.5, "Full-time minimum standards", CalSTRS does not have the authority to grant service credit for which service has not been performed, no compensation paid. Therefore, CalSTRS has discontinued processing the change of base request.

# **STRS Cheat Sheet**

CalSTRS: Creditable Compensation			CalS	TRS			
e Compensation Type		Classic Member (2%	at 60)	PEPRA Member (2% at 62)			
Compensation Type	DB Pla	n DBS Plan	AC-P-C Code Used in QCC	DB Plan	DBS Plan	AC-P-C Code Used in QCC	
Compensation Type	v		57-1-1 57-2-1	٧		57-1-1 57-2-1	
E Longevity that is built into salary	٧		57-3-1 57-1-1 57-2-1 57-3-1	٧		57-3-1 57-1-1 57-2-1 57-3-1	
Longevity NOT built into salary (ongoing, perm paid monthly as earned) (LOGN)	anent, and V		57-0-6	٧		72-0-6	
Doctoral or Master Degree (ongoing, permane monthly as earned) (DEGN)	nt, and paid V		57-0-6	٧		72-0-6	
Class size overload for K-12 (ongoing, permane	ent, and paid V		Time Based 57-0-6	٧		Time Based 72-0-6	
Class size overload for K-12 (ongoing, permane as lump sum at conclusion of assignment)	ent, and paid V		Non-Time Based 55-0-1			Non-Time Based 55-0-1	
Source of the second of the se	d paid monthly V		57-0-6	٧		72-0-6	
Special Education Certification (ongoing, perm paid monthly as earned) (CREN)	anent, and V		57-0-6	۷		72-0-6	
and one-time payment)		۷	71-0-6			00-0-0	
Bonus: (NOT ongoing, NOT permanent, and or payment) Off-Salary schedule payment Parity pay (community colleges) Lottery	ne-time	٧	71-0-6			00-0-0	
Payments to Section 125, 403(b), 457(b) by an	employer		00-0-0			00-0-0	
Car (TRV)/Cell/Internet Allowance			00-0-0			00-0-0	
Professional Dues			00-0-0			00-0-0	
Expenses paid or reimbursed by an employer			00-0-0			00-0-0	
Vacation			00-0-0			00-0-0	
Cash-In-Lieu of any fringe benefits provided by	an employer		00-0-0			00-0-0	
Outgrowth Activities: (paid as earned) Coaching Activity Science fair coordinator Camps/clinics Music/band director Noon duty supervision by certificated staff Department chair Yearbook editor	v		55-0-1	٧		55-0-1	
Outgrowth Activities (lump sums paid at the o the assignment	onclusion of V		55-0-1			00-0-0	
Music/band director Noon duty supervision by certificated staff Department chair Yearbook editor Outgrowth Activities (lump sums paid at the o the assignment Additional Duties: Teaching an extra period Attending training Professional Development Summer School Teacher In Charge	v		33-0-1	٧		55-0-1	
Mentor Teacher Preparing for a Class or Workshop							

\*Between the annualized ret base of the outgrowth activity performed and the contract salary ret base, always use the lower ret base.

# **APPENDIX**

## Benefits-only (BEN) Payroll – Bulletin #29

QSS offers the ability to process a "benefits-only" payroll. It is designed to produce health and welfare benefits for those employees who are retired or are in a non-paid status. We have outlined the possible scenarios that might fit an employee's circumstances along with the specific screen setups. Basically, benefits-only payroll includes a) retirees with paid benefits, b) employees who are no longer working for the district but are entitled to paid benefits, c) terminated employees who have been rehired and have paid benefits, and d) retirees who are back working intermittently, and have paid benefits.

Each of the employee scenarios are described below along with the appropriate screen changes that you will need to make. We have included this in a chart format, too.

#### Case A - Normal employee who retires with paid benefits

Screen TE – Termination reason code; Termination date; OK to rehire? Y or N; OK to pay? Y – pay one more time then code will change to N, or B – benefits only W4 – Pay code=99 (this will trigger the benefits charged to 37XX); Ret system=03 or 04; Pay schedule=BEN PR – Rate=1.00; Unit=1.00; R=L; S=P; Type=NML; Pay Sched=BEN; Pcnt=Total 100.00 for all lines with applicable account strings

PD - Ded Schedule=98 for employer-paid benefits

#### Case B - Normal employee who terminates with paid benefits

Screen TE – Termination reason code; Termination date; OK to rehire? Y or N; OK to pay? Y – pay one more time then code will change to N, or B – benefits only W4 – Pay code=01, 02, 11,12 (this will trigger the benefits charged to 34XX); Ret system=01 or 02; Pay schedule=BEN

PR – Rate=1.00; Unit=1.00; R=L; S=P; Type=NML; Pay Sched=BEN; Pont=Total 100.00 for all lines with applicable account strings

PD - Ded Schedule=98 for employer-paid benefits

#### Case C - Terminated employee who returns to work

Note: This will remove the employee from the benefits only payroll.

Screen TE – Remove termination reason code, termination date, OK to rehire? flag and OK to pay? flag. Optional – enter the record change date and comments W4 – Pay code= 01,02,11,12 (this will trigger the benefits charged to 34XX); Ret

system=01 to 05; Pay schedule="regular" type PR – Inactivate BEN payline and add new payline to generate pay

PD – Ded Schedule 98 change to 12 to 71 as applicable for employer-paid benefits

# Case D – Retired employee who returns to intermittent work, but district also wants to maintain paid benefits

Screen **TE** – Remove termination reason code, termination date, OK to rehire? flag and OK to pay? flag. Optional – enter the record change date and comments

W4 – Pay code 99 (this will trigger the benefits charged to 37XX); Ret system=03 or 04; Pay schedule="supplemental" type, i.e. EOMSUP or TENSUP
 PR – Make no changes to BEN payline. Add a new payline to generate pay, but

PR – Make no changes to BEN payline. Add a new payline to generate pay, but be sure to code the pay type as NML or NML-like AND enter a supplemental pay schedule, EOMSUP, for example. This coding will assure the benefits will only be charged to the district once.

PD - Ded Schedule=98 for those employer-paid benefits

Note: If the employee has deductions or benefits related to their intermittent pay, those vol-deds must have deduction schedule=97.

In order to verify if your benefits-only employees are coded correctly, you can run a group of reports from the Pay Prelists Reports menu. Select the "Request Non-Pay Benefits Prelist Report", entering a report title, fiscal year, payroll name of BEN, and the posting date =last day of the month. Once you press ENTER, the system will display report choices. You must enter a Y or N by each report. The system will display an optional selection/sort screen. Once completed, press ENTER to launch. You may view the reports in LSPOOL by typing a P in the menu prompt and pressing ENTER. You should also check your end-of-month pre-lists to verify these benefits are not being processed.

# Benefits-only (BEN) Payroll – Bulletin #29 (cont'd)

	Guide to Benefitsonly Payroll Entries							
wil	Employee scenarios:       A – Normal employee who retires with paid benefits.         B – Normal employee who terminates with paid benefits.         C – Terminated employee who returns to work. Note: This will remove the employee from the benefits-only payroll.         D – Retired employee who returns to intermittent work, but district also maintains paid benefits.							
	TE screen	W4 screen	PR screen	PD screen				
A	Termination reason code Termination date OK to rehire? Y or N OK to pay? B (if a final payment is required, enter Y, then after the payroll runs, change to B)	Pay code = 99 (triggers benefits charged to 37xx) Ret system = 03 or 04 Pay schedule = BEN	Rate = 1.00 Unit = 1.00 R = L S = P Type = NML Pay Sched = BEN Pcnt = 100.00 (total for all lines with applicable account strings)	Ded Schedule = 98 (for employer- paid benefits)				
в	Termination reason code Termination date OK to rehire? Y or N OK to pay? B (if a final payment is required, enter Y, then after the payroll runs, change to B)	Pay code = 01, 02, 11, 12 (triggers benefits charged to 34xx) Ret system = 01 or 02 Pay schedule = BEN	Rate = 1.00 Unit = 1.00 R = L S = P Type = NML Pay Sched = BEN Pcnt = 100.00 (total for all lines with applicable account strings)	Ded Schedule = 98 (for employer- paid benefits)				
с	Remove <b>Termination</b> reason code Termination date OK to rehire? flag OK to pay? flag Optional: enter the record change date and comments	Pay code = 01, 02, 11, 12 (triggers benefits charged to 34xx) Ret system = 01 to 05 Pay schedule = "regular" type	Inactivate BEN r payline Add new payline to generate pay	Ded Schedule = change to 12 to 71 as applicable for employer-paid benefits				
D	Remove Termination reason code Termination date OK to rehire? flag OK to pay? flag Optional: enter the record change date and comments	Pay code = 99 (triggers benefits charged to 37xx) Ret system = 03 or 04 Pay schedule = "supplemental" (i.e. EOMSUP, TENSUP)	No changes to BEN payline Add new payline to generate pay <b>Type</b> = NML or NML-like Enter supplemental pay schedule (i.e. EOMSUP)	Ded Schedule = 98 (for employer- paid benefits) Use Ded Sched 97 if intermittent pay has related deductions or benefits.				

# **Liability Payrolls in July**

The July TENTH payroll is designated as a "Liability Payroll." It is different from all other payrolls because the postings are split between two fiscal years:

- The prior fiscal year
- The new fiscal year

Any payments on July 10th are actually for the prior year's expenses (usually payments for substitutes for the period of June 1 – June 30). The payroll expenses are reflected as of June 30 in the prior year. The cash will go out on July 10th (the new fiscal year).

# **Payroll Liabilities**

Payroll liabilities are amounts owed but are not yet paid. These liabilities include payroll tax amounts that have been withheld from employees or that are owed as a result of payrolls. Payroll taxes withheld from employees' wages and salaries are liabilities of the employer. They are a liability until the money is remitted to the government. The liability is comprised of payroll taxes, plus the amount of any Social Security and Medicare taxes that are withheld from the pay of employees. Because the July TENTH payroll consists of money owed to employees as of June 30th, it is considered a liability payroll for Employer Burdens.

# **Employer Burdens**

Employer Burdens consists of two components:

- Accounts Payable Prior Year Salaries (1xxx, 2xxx)
  - Object Code 9545
- Accounts Payable Burdens Prior Year (OASDI, Medicare, PERS, STRS, Workers Comp)
  - Object Code 9509

# Prior Year Salaries – Object Code 9545

The July TENTH payroll is posted to the prior year's detailed general ledger (Report GLD110) with a Date of 6/30/XX, a reference of PY-0630XX, and amounts shown in the credit column. The total amount shown in the credit column of the **prior year General Ledger** Prior Year Salaries - Object Code 9545 must match the total amounts shown in the debit column of the **current year General Ledger** Prior Year Salaries - Object Code 9545. The amounts shown in the **current year General Ledger** Prior Year Salaries – Object Code 9545 in the debit column are relieving liabilities set up in the prior year and net to zero. *The prior-year tax table must be used when setting up the Prior Year Salaries Liability for the Prior Year.* 

# Liability Payrolls in July (cont'd)

# Accounts Payable-Burdens Prior Year – Object 9509

The July TENTH payroll is posted to the prior year's detailed general ledger (Report GLD110) with a Date of 6/30/XX, a reference of PY-0630XX, and amounts shown in the credit column. The total amount shown in the credit column of the **prior year General Ledger** Accounts Payable-Burdens Prior Year – Object Code 9509 must match the total amounts shown in the debit column of the **current year General Ledger** Accounts Payable Burdens Prior Year – Object Code 9509. The amounts shown in the current year Accounts Payable-Burdens Prior Year – Object Code 9509. The amounts shown in the current year Accounts Payable-Burdens Prior Year – Object Code 9509 in the debit column are relieving liabilities set up in the prior fiscal year and net to zero. *The prior year's tax table must be used when setting up the Burdens for the Prior Year.* 

Classified Support Salaries PERS DASDI/Medicare			(2,400.00)	2,400.00		
		r	(240.00)			
DASDI/Medicare			(240.00)	(150.00)	٦	
	OASDI/Medicare			(125.00)		
Health and Welfare - Medical			(600.00)	(200.00)		
Health and Welfare - Dental	1,155.00		(120.00)			725.00 Total
Health and Welfare - Vision	Total ER		(10.00)			EE deductions
Jnemployment Insurance	contribution		(10.00)			
Workers' Compensation			(50.00)			
ederal Tax				(100.00)		
State Tax				(50.00)		
Voluntary Deduction				(100.00)		
TOTAL COST/NET CHECK			(3,555.00)	1,675.00	$\mathbf{i}$	
	ealth and Welfare - Vision nemployment Insurance /orkers' Compensation ederal Tax :ate Tax oluntary Deduction OTAL COST/NET CHECK	and welfare - Vision       1,155.00         ealth and Welfare - Vision       Total ER         nemployment Insurance       contribution         /orkers' Compensation       ederal Tax         eate Tax       oluntary Deduction	and and Welfare - Vision     1,155.00       ealth and Welfare - Vision     Total ER       nemployment Insurance     contribution       /orkers' Compensation     ederal Tax       ederal Tax     ederal Tax       oluntary Deduction     other CHECK	and and weight of the control     1,155.00     (120.00)       ealth and Welfare - Vision     Total ER     (10.00)       nemployment Insurance     contribution     (10.00)       /orkers' Compensation     (50.00)       ederal Tax     (10.00)       cate Tax     (10.00)       oluntary Deduction     (3,555.00)	Interview	Interview of the end of the

Below is an illustration of how monies would be accounted for.

All the 1000, 2000, and 3000 accounts that are generated by this payroll need to be recorded in the prior year. The credit to cash in July (\$1,675.00) will be offset by a debit to a liability account (95xx) that is set up by the liability payroll in June.

# Liability Payrolls in July (cont'd)

Normal Payroll Ent	Normal Payroll Entries for a Regular Payroll (Non-Liability)- District Ledger:					
1xxx, 2xxx, 3xxx Obj	iects (Employer) De	ebit \$3,555.0	0			
District Contributio	n to PERS/STRS/H&W etc (99xx)		Credit \$1,155.00			
Employee Contribu	tion to PERS/STRS/H&W etc (99xx)		Credit \$725.00			
Liability Payroll Ent	ries in June – District Ledger:					
1xxx, 2xxx, 3xxx Ob	iects (Employer)	ebit \$3,555.0	10			
		2011 93,333.0	Credit \$1,155.00			
	n to PERS/STRS/H&W etc (99xx) tion to PERS/STRS/H&W etc (99xx)					
	ee = LIABILITY (95xx)		Credit \$725.00			
			Credit \$1,675.00			
Liability Payroll Ent	ries In July:					
Payable to Employe	ee (95xx)	ebit \$1,675.0	0			
Cash (9110):		2011 91,07 3.0	Credit \$1,675.00			
	July 10th Liability Payroll Po	sting - Prior Ye	ar Entries			
		D. L.I. (D.D.)	a (k) (ap)			
	Salalry Expenses Salaries	Debit (DR) 1xxx - 2xxx	Credit (CR)			
	Prior Year Salaries		9545			
	Employer Accurred Expense					
	Benefit Expenditures	Зххх				
	Burdens		9509			
	Balance Sheet Balances (95xx objects) are roll	od forward from	a the prior year to the pow	fiscal year		
	balance sheet balances (35xx objects) are for	ed forward from	in the prior year to the new	liscal year		
	July 10th Liability Payroll Post		Year Entries			
		p. 14. (pp)	a (k) (ap)			
	Salalry Expenses Prior Year Salaries	Debit (DR)	Credit (CR)			
		9545				
	Cash		9110			
	Employer Accurred Expense					
	Accts Payable Burdens - Prior Year	9509				

Payments made in July will cause negative account balances until the ending balances from the Prior Fiscal Year are rolled into the New Fiscal Year.

Cash

9110

# Liability Payrolls in July (cont'd)

## Examples of prior year payroll expenses for Districts are as follows:

- 1) Object Code 1xxx Certificated Salaries
- 2) Object Code 2xxx Classified Salaries
- 3) Object Code 31xx STRS
- 4) Object Code 32xx PERS
- 5) Object Code 33xx OASDI/Medicare
- 6) Object Code 34xx Health and Welfare Medical
- 7) Object Code 34xx Health and Welfare Dental
- 8) Object Code 34xx Health and Welfare Vision
- 9) Object Code 35xx Unemployment Insurance
- 10) Object Code 36xx Workers' Compensation

## Ledger #92 – Payroll Revolving:

- 1) Object Code 9920 STRS
- 2) Object Code 9921 PERS
- 3) Object Code 9923 OASDI
- 4) Object Code 9924 Medicare
- 5) Object Code 9925 Federal Income Tax
- 6) Object Code 9927 State Income Tax
- 7) Object Code 9928 State Disability Insurance
- 8) Object Code 99xx Voluntary Deductions

The **Pay 320 Report (Employer Paid Benefit History Report)** can be run to 7/10/xx payroll, which displays details for each employee paid on 7/10/xx, including the following:

- Gross Pay
- STRS
- PERS
- PERSPLUS
- OASDI
- Medicare
- H&W
- SUI
- WORKERS COMP

The total of the above deductions should equal the total Employer Burdens listed in the general ledger for object code 9509.

# **Correcting Prior Year Payroll Errors**

## Common Error: Compensation NOT Reported to PERS

This employee is working in both classified and certificated substitute positions. In 2014, the employee qualified to be in the CalPERS retirement system but was not brought into membership. This District does not participate in the State Disability System. The employee's record showed that the classified earnings were reported with the following code in the payroll system:

- AC-P-C = 00-0-0
- Stat DED = TMNN

To correct reporting for retirement, follow the steps below:

- Collect OASDI for current and prior years
  - o 2018 current year
  - o 2014-2017 prior years
- Report Retirement to CalPERS for current and prior years
  - o 2018 current year
  - o 2014-2017 prior years

#### Step 1. Accounting Specialists Review - Process for correcting the CURRENT YEAR (2018) Earnings

- Back out all the earnings for the <u>current year</u> using the following: AC-P-C = 00-0-0 STAT DED = TMNN
- Re-report all the earnings for the <u>current year</u> using the following: AC-P-C = 08-4-3 STAT DED = TFNP

	AC-P-C	Stat Ded
Prior Reporting	00-0-0	TMNN
Correct Reporting for Retirement	08-4-3	TFNP

3) Notify the Payroll Tax Team when making corrections to Prior Year Earnings and provide supporting documentation.

# Correcting Prior Year Payroll Errors (cont'd)

# Step 2. Payroll Tax Team Review - Process for correcting the PRIOR YEAR (2014-2017) Earnings

- 1) Correct employee's record for OASDI for calendar years 2014-2017:
  - The district will need to process a W2C for each year 2014-17 to fix the OASDI for the prior years that were not collected and paid to the social security on behalf of the employee.
  - The accounting Specialist will review the W2C prepared by the district and provide an account string to the Payroll Tax Team to collect OASDI from the district.
- 2) The Payroll Tax Team will need to do the following:
  - Prepare an amended return 941X to correct the quarterly earnings from 2014-2017 (one for each quarter).
  - Collect the employee and employer share of the OASDI to pay the IRS. Payroll Tax Team will process a cash transfer using the account string provided by the district. The district may need to collect the money from the employee.

# Step 3. Accounting Specialists Review – <u>Active Employee</u> Process for correcting the PRIOR YEAR (2014-2017) Retirement

- Back out each line for the *prior years* from 2014 to 2017 using the following: AC-P-C = 00-0-0 STAT DED = TNNN
- Re-report all lines for the *prior years* from 2014-2017 using the following: AC-C-PC = 08-4-3 STAT DED = TNNP
- 3) This step reduces the employee's taxable income by the amount of the contributions. Therefore, the district will need to determine who will be paying for the employee and the employer contributions.
  - <u>The employer is paying the PERS contribution</u>: If the employee was not set up correctly in the payroll system because of the employer's error and the **employer** is paying the PERS contribution on behalf of the employee then the following needs to happen:
    - Refund the employee the total amount of the contribution using vol-ded 8212 in the PD screen so that the employee's taxable income is correct.

PD Screen	EE	ER
8212	-\$0.00	+\$0.00

# **Correcting Prior Year Payroll Errors (cont'd)**

- <u>The employee is paying the PERS contribution</u>: If the employee has agreed on a payment plan to pay for the PERS contribution then the following needs to happen:
  - Employer will advance the total amount of the contributions on the employee's behalf using vol-ded 7308 (on the employee's side).

PD Screen	EE
7308	-\$0.00

When the employee pays back the amount agreed on the payment plan (whatever the terms of the arrangement), this deduction is taken using Vol-Ded 7308 (on the employee's side).

PD Screen	EE
7308	\$0.00

## Step 4. Process for correcting an Employee who is Not Active in the district

- 1) The employee earnings and contributions should be reported via the retirement module. The district will provide the information to the Accounting Specialists to make this correction.
- 2) Accounting Specialists will provide an account string to TEAM 5 to process the cash transfer for the amount of the contributions.

# **Glossary of School Business Terms**

## Adult Education

Classes for students 18 or older are offered by local high school districts. State law requires certain courses, including citizenship and English, to be offered at no charge. Other classes may carry a fee.

## California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)

Is an agency in the California executive branch that "manages pension and health benefits for more than 1.6 million California public employees, retirees, and their families".

#### California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS)

Provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits for California's 852,316 prekindergarten through community college educators and their families. CalSTRS was established by law in 1913 and is part of the California State and Consumer Services Agency.

#### **CalSTRS Match File Program**

This program provides the employer with a systematic, method for confirming CalSTRS membership data contained in the employer's payroll record. This is done each month, before the finalization of employer payroll, before sending the Monthly Report of Retirement Contributions (F496) to CalSTRS. Using the Match File allows employers to minimize reporting errors and the extra work that results from incorrect membership data.

### **Certificated Employees**

Employees who are required by the state to hold teaching credentials, including full-time, part-time, substitute, or temporary teachers, and most administrators.

### **Classified Employees**

School employees who are not required to hold teaching credentials, such as secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, and some management personnel are referred to as classified employees and are paid through a 2### object code.

#### Collective Bargaining SB 160 (1975)

A California law that sets out the manner and scope of negotiations between school districts and employee organizations. The law also mandates a regulatory board.

## Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

Is there an increase in funding for LCFF or categorical programs? Current law ties COLAs to the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchase of Goods and Services for the United States, although different amounts are appropriated in some years.

# Glossary of School Business Terms (cont'd)

## **Deferred Pay**

Employees who work less than a 12-month fiscal year may elect to split their net pay over twelve months. This does not affect their gross wages or their taxable income.

# **Defined Benefit Account (DB) CalSTRS**

An employer-sponsored retirement plan where employee benefits are sorted out based on a formula using factors such as salary history and duration of employment.

# **Defined Benefit Supplemental Program Account (DBS) CalSTRS**

Assembly Bill 1509 (Chapter 74, Statutes of 2000) established the Defined Benefit Supplement Program. This is an additional benefit for active CalSTRS Defined Benefit Program members. It is designed to provide a lumpsum cash or monthly annuity benefit in addition to benefits from the DB program at no extra cost. AB 1509 required that 1/4 of an employee's 8 percent CalSTRS contribution be allocated to a new account from January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2010. At retirement, disability, death, or six months following termination of CalSTRS-covered employment, the funds will be available to the employee or beneficiary, whichever is applicable.

## **Disposable Wages or Net Pay**

The term Disposable Wages pertains to your net payroll after all Statutory Deductions have been deducted.

## **Education Code**

The Education Code, along with additional regulations such as the California Administrative Code (Titles 5 and 8), the Government Code, and general statutes regulate public education in California.

## **Employee Benefits**

Amounts paid by the school system on behalf of employees; these amounts are not included in the gross salary, but are over and above. They are fringe benefit payments and, while not paid directly to employees, they are still part of the cost of salaries and benefits. Examples are group health or life insurance payments; Social Security taxes; contributions to employee retirement; Workers' Compensation payments; and payments made to personnel on sabbatical leave.

#### **Employer Circular E**

The Employers Tax Guide is published by the Internal Revenue Service to communicate relevant tax information.

## **Employer Information Circular (EIC)**

The method of communication published by the California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS)

# **Glossary of School Business Terms (cont'd)**

# **Employer Paid Member Contributions (EPMC)**

Effective October 22, 1999, California Public Retirement System (CalPERS) announced regulation sections 569 and 571 to include the new hire "time-in-grade" exception for the payment of Employer Paid Member Contributions (EPMC), and paying and reporting the value of EPMC, as requested by contracting agencies. This created a new option for employers of up to a five-year vesting period to pay or report the value of EPMC for newly hired employees. Section 571 also includes a new special compensation item, often utilized by school employers, in the form of negotiated "off-salary-schedule pay" in lieu of pay increases. Section 573 clarifies compensation earnable for optional or elective members.

# Garnishments

The most common type of garnishment is the process of deducting money from an employee's monetary compensation (including salary), sometimes as a result of a court order. Wage garnishments continue until the entire debt is paid or arrangements are made to pay off the debt.

# Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

School districts that have agreed to combine their powers and resources to work on their common problems.

# **Joint School Districts**

School districts with boundaries that cross county lines.

# Local Educational Agency (LEA)

LEAs include school districts, joint powers agencies, county offices of education, community college districts, and other educational agencies that have a separate board of governance.

# **Public Employment Relations Board (PERB)**

Is a five-member Board appointed by the Governor to regulate collective bargaining between school districts and employee organizations.

## **Remote Employer Access Program (REAP) CalSTRS**

Is a valuable tool where all employers can access the CalSTRS database to help resolve membership issues.

# **Regional Occupational Center/Program (ROC/P)**

ROC/P is established by a school district, group of districts, or county offices of education. The centers provide training for entry-level jobs, counseling, and upgrading of skills for youths ages 16-18.

## Secure Employer Website (SEW) CalSTRS

In May 2017 CalSTRS announced a new site, Secure Employer Web Site, which changed the way employers submitted retirement files and received reports from CalSTRS.

# Glossary of School Business Terms (cont'd)

# Standardized Account Code Structure (SACS)

SACS was developed to establish a uniform chart of accounts statewide to improve data collection, reporting, transmission, accuracy, and comparability. SACS also meets federal compliance guidelines and ensures that LEAs comply with generally accepted accounting principles.

## **Statutory Deductions**

The term Statutory Deductions pertains to payroll tax deductions that are taken from an employee's gross income. These taxes are deducted from the gross pay amount before any additional voluntary deductions. The statutory/mandatory deductions taken from your payroll are Federal/State Income Tax Withholdings, Social Security/Medicare Taxes, and retirement (if applicable).

### **Voluntary Deductions**

The amount taken from an employee's net pay after all statutory deductions: Medical/Dental Insurance, Tax Shelter Annuity (TSA), Garnishments, Credit Unions, and Union Dues.

## Workers' Compensation

Workers' Compensation is a form of insurance providing wage replacement and medical benefits to employees injured in the course of employment in exchange for mandatory relinquishment of the employee's right to sue his or her employer for the tort of negligence.

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