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North Carolina Retirement Systems

*A Newsletter for Public
Employees in North Carolina*

Are You Thinking About Retirement? Start Preparations Early

If you are thinking about retirement, be sure to take advantage of the information that is on the Retirement Systems Web site to help you plan.

When you are just three years away from retirement, check out the Retirement Countdown Checklist to guide you through the process. The checklist is found on the Active Employee section of the Retirement Systems Web site at www.myncretirement.com.

One to Three Years Before Retirement

- Review your annual statement from your Retirement System, which is available in your ORBIT account, accessible at www.myncretirement.com, to ensure it is correct. If you feel it is not correct, please contact the Retirement System at 877-627-3287 (toll-free) or 919-807-3050 (in the Raleigh area) to request a review of your account.
- Attend a retirement planning conference held across the state year-round.
- Familiarize yourself with your benefits by reviewing the benefits handbook found on the Web site.

120 Days Before Retirement

- To help insure you get your benefit on time you should submit your application a full 120 days prior to your retirement date as allowed by state law. Complete and sign your Form 6, *Claiming Your Monthly Retirement Benefit*, and submit it to your Human Resources office to complete the employer certification section. Your employer will then submit your completed application to the Retirement System.
 - Then complete and return the forms provided by the Retirement Systems Division, including the Form 6E, *Choosing Your Retirement Payment Option*. Reminder: Your retirement can only begin after your completed Form 6E is received by the Retirement Systems Division.

Numbers and Websites to Know

Retirement Systems Division:
1-877-627-3287 (Toll-free)
(919) 807-3050 (Raleigh area only)
www.myncretirement.com

NC 401(k) and Deferred Compensation Plan
1-866-NCPlans (1-866-627-5267)
www.ncplans.prudential.com

Department of State Treasurer's Unclaimed
Property Program
www.nccash.com

If the retirement payment date passes before all paperwork is completed, the Retirement Systems Division will process and mail a supplemental check on the first Tuesday or Thursday after the completed Form 6E has been received and approved.

The Retirement Systems also works closely with the State Health Plan to ensure that there is no lapse in the health insurance of Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System members.

2010 Retirement Planning Conferences Schedule

The Educational Retirement Group of the Retirement Systems Division with the Department of State Treasurer conducts retirement conferences for members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) and the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS).

The conferences provide an orientation for new members, pre-retirement planning information for members closer to retirement and educational information for personnel officers and others who handle retirement matters. The sessions also offer information on the N.C. 401(k) and N.C. Deferred Compensation (457) plans. Registration is not required. Some locations may charge a parking fee.

For members unable to attend their local conferences and who would still like to receive the information provided, the PowerPoint presentations shown at the conferences are available at www.myncretirement.com on the [Active Employees](#) section under "Retirement Planning Resources."

Below is the schedule of Retirement Planning Conferences for 2010. TSERS sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. and LGERS sessions start at 1:30 p.m. The schedule also is available on the Retirement Systems Web site at www.myncretirement.com. Please check the Web site regularly for schedule updates.

City	Date	Location
Kenansville	Jan. 12	James Sprunt Community College, Monk Auditorium/Hoffler Building, 265 James Sprunt Cr
Rocky Mount	Jan. 20	Nash Community College, Business and Industry Center, 522 N Old Carriage Rd
Raleigh	Jan. 21	Dept. of Transportation, Highway Building Auditorium, 1 S Wilmington St
Kannapolis	Jan. 27	Kannapolis Train Station, Council Meeting Room, 201 S Main St
Goldsboro	Jan. 28	Wayne Community College, Moffatt Auditorium, 3000 Wayne Memorial Dr
Wilmington	Feb. 3	New Hanover County Gov't Center, Training Rooms A and B, 230 Government Center Dr Suite 135
Carthage	Feb. 4	Moore County Agriculture Center, 707 Pinehurst Ave,
Asheville	Feb. 10	A-B Technical Community College, Ferguson Auditorium, 340 Victoria Rd
Albemarle	Feb. 16	The Commons, Commissioners Meeting Room, 1000 North First St
Wentworth	Feb. 17	Rockingham Community College, Advanced Technologies Building, Hwy 65W County Home Rd
New Bern	Mar. 3	Craven Community College, Orringer Auditorium, 800 College Ct
Elizabeth City	Mar. 10	Elizabeth City State University, Kermit E White Graduate Center, Room 117, 1704 Weeksville Rd
Greensboro	Mar. 16	Greensboro Coliseum Complex, Odeon Theatre, 1921 W Lee St
Hamlet	Mar. 25	Richmond Community College, Cole Auditorium, 1042 West Hamlet Ave
Salisbury	Mar. 31	Salisbury Civic Center, 315 S Martin Luther King St

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