

NC Total Retirement Planning Conference For Local Government Employees

How to make the most out of your benefits









January 2021



Introducing Your Retirement Readiness Team...



Today we will cover....

- When can I retire?
- What will I receive?
- Retirement Payment Option s
- The Retirement Application Process



New Employee

- Retirement Readiness
- Check & Update RIC
- Beneficiaries
- Rollovers
- Age 50 catch-up
- Enroll in Supplemental Retirement Plan – NC 401(k), NC 457 or the NC 403(b)

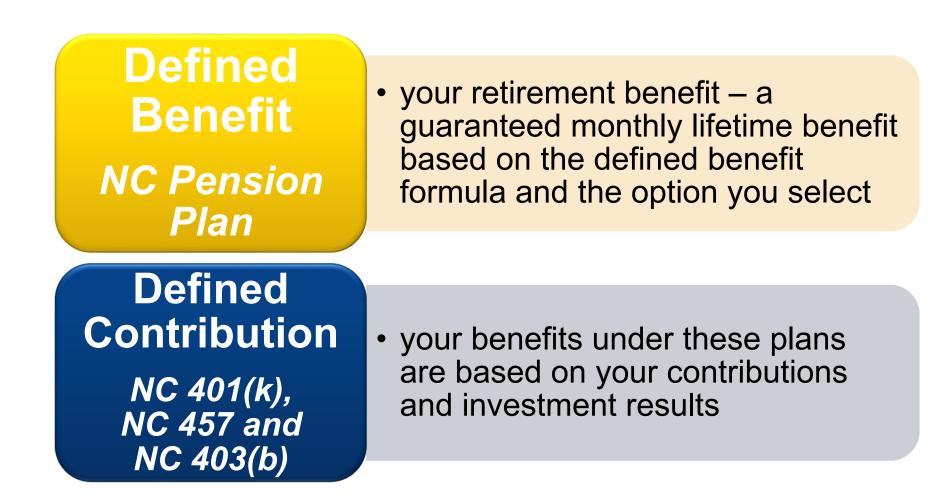
Mid-Career

- Retirement Readiness
- Access ABS
- Check for GAP
- Check & Update RIC
- Beneficiaries
- Rollovers
- Age 50 catch-up
- Service Credits

Nearing Retirement

- Retirement Readiness
- Access ABS, GAP check
- Check & Update RIC
- Social Security
- Beneficiaries
- Calculate Benefits
- Rollovers
- Age 50 catch-up
- Expected Retirement Date
- One-time Contributions
- Payment Options
- Retiree Guaranteed Refund

Retirement Benefits Overview



How is Your Pension Funded?





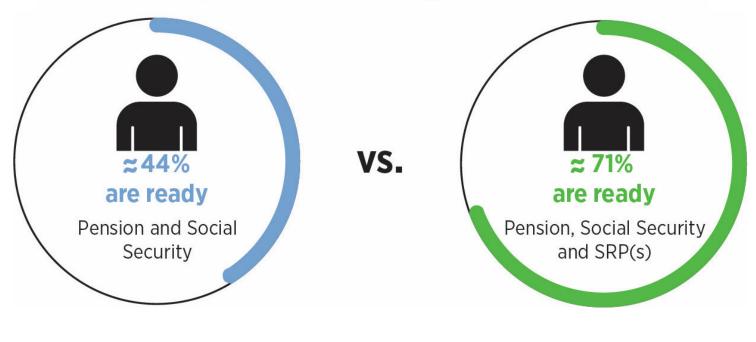
NC Total Retirement Plans Solution for Retirement Readiness

- Many financial experts suggest that retirees will need 80% of preretirement income
- You participate in one of the <u>most</u> secure and responsibly managed defined benefit plans in the nation - LGERS
- You also have the potential to save additional funds by participating in the defined contribution plans, which benefit from very low fees and strong oversight of the Supplemental Retirement Board of Trustees: NC 401(k), NC 457, and NC 403(b)
- These plans, along with your Social Security, are part of the Total Retirement Plans solution that may help you achieve a secure financial future and a more comfortable retirement

Retirement Ready?

Are you retirement ready?

According to industry experts, being "retirement ready" means that you're on track to replace at least 80 percent of your pre-retirement income through retirement.



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Total Retirement Plans

How Old is the Oldest Person You Know?



Retirement Income: Will I have enough?

- Caring for aging parents
- Having a major medical need
- Caring for "boomerang" children



Your NC pension and Social Security benefits might not be enough

Inflation: Will my money last?

- Fixed Income of \$21,953
- Annual Inflation Rate (3.5%)
- Cumulative Effect: 50% reduction in purchasing power over the typical 20-year payout

Year	Annual Pension
1	\$21,953
10	\$15,563
20	\$11,033
30	\$7,821
40	\$5,545

For hypothetical, illustrative purposes only and is not indicative of any particular investment.

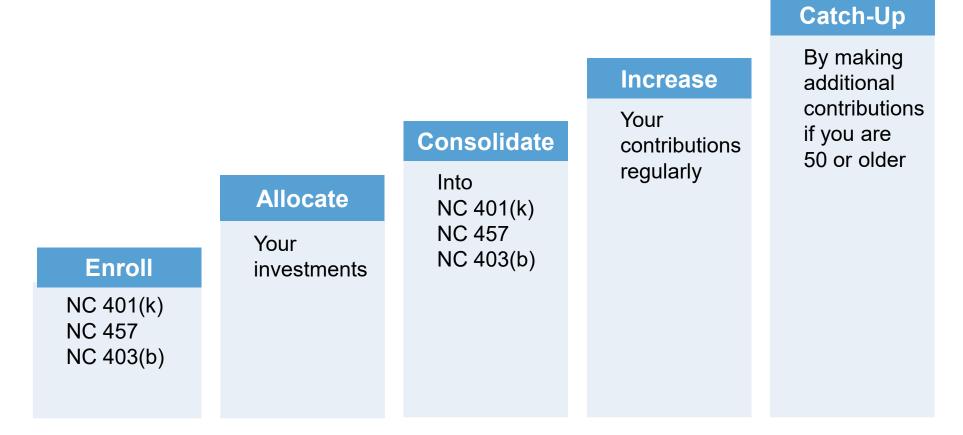
Where will your money come from when you retire?



Understanding the Features of Your NC 401(k), NC 457 and NC 403(b) Supplemental Retirement savings options



5 Steps You Can Take to Help Meet Your Retirement Savings Goals



Rollover assets may be assessed fees or other surrender charges. Please contact current account provider for this information.



When Can I Retire? Qualifying for Your Defined Benefit (NC Pension Plan)

Service Retirement Eligibility for NC Pension Plan: State and Local Government Employees

Unreduced Benefits

Age 65 with 5 years of membership service*

Age 60 and 25 years of creditable service

30 years at any age

Reduced Benefit

60 with 5 years of membership service* 55 - Fire and Rescue

50 with 20 years of creditable service

* Creditable service for Local Government

Service Retirement Eligibility for NC Pension Plan: Law Enforcement Officers

Unreduced Benefits:

Age 55 with 5 years of service

30 years at any age

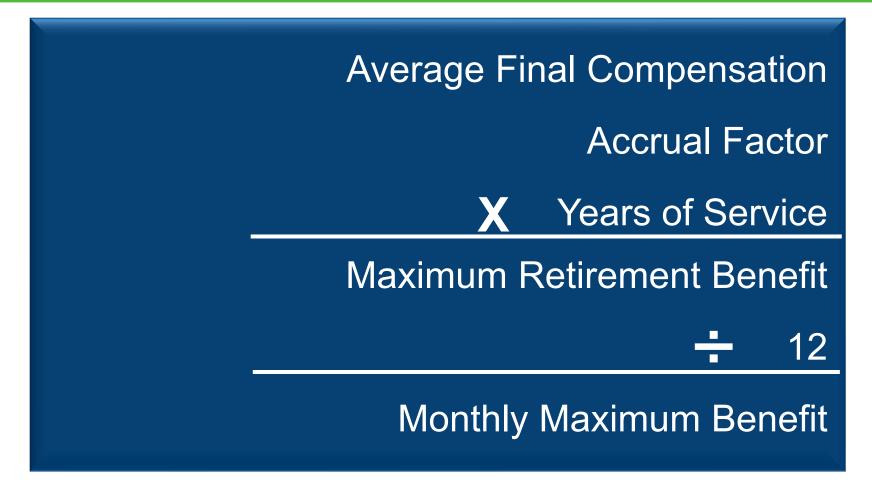
Reduced Benefit

Age 50 or 25 years of service with 15 years as LEO



How Much Will I Receive? Defined Benefit Formula (for the NC Pension Plan)

Defined Benefit Formula



Note: Reduction factors apply for early retirements

Average Final Compensation



Highest consecutive years of salary

Bonus Leave Payouts

Longevity Payouts

Vacation Payouts

Total 4

AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION (AFC)

Accrual Factor: (/əˈkroōəl/ /ˈfaktər/)

The factor used to determine the Participant's Accrued Benefit, which is equal to: one point eighty-five % (1.85%) of each Participant's average final compensation and is determined by the General Assembly.



LGERS 1.85% XAFC X creditable service





Defined Benefit (NC Pension Plan) Creditable Service

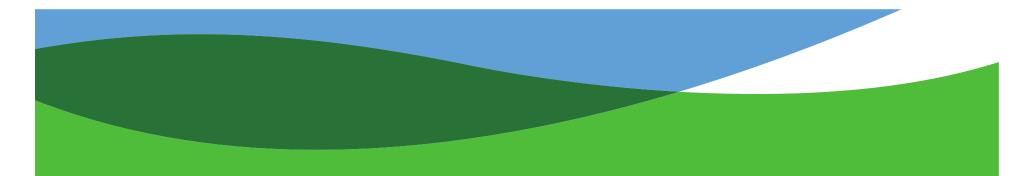
Membership Service



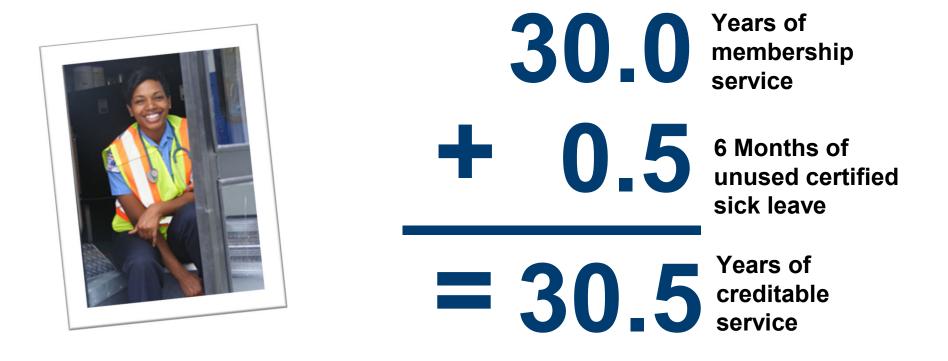
Contributing membership service is the period of time where you contribute 6 percent of your salary into the retirement systems.

Other Types of Creditable Service

- Noncontributory Service
 - Service time for which member receives retirement credit
 - -6% not withheld
- Military service under free provision
- Eligible service purchased
- Unused sick leave as allowed by law



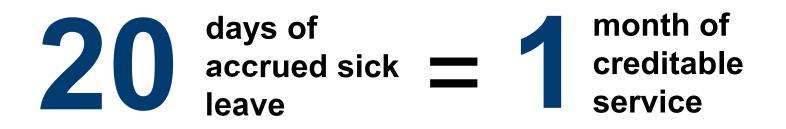
Unused Sick Leave at Retirement



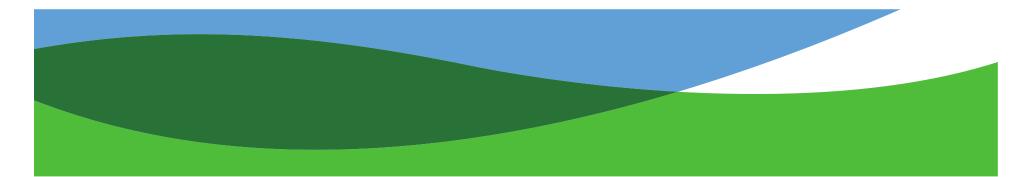
Example: 101 days = 6 months of service



Unused Sick Leave at Retirement



Excess vacation may be converted to sick leave.



Unused Sick Leave at Retirement



Sick Leave CANNOT be used to meet the minimums for:

Deferred benefit

Survivor's alternate benefit

Currently not working – Waiting to Retire

Active Death Benefit only available – Before Retirement

5-year eligibility for retirement and health coverage*

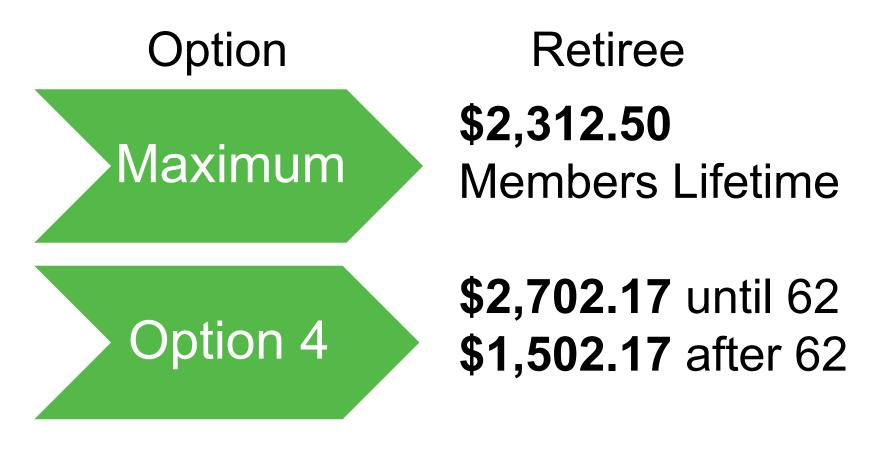
Minimum of 5 years of Creditable Service in LGERS

*5 years of membership service are required for Health Coverage for participating Local Employers



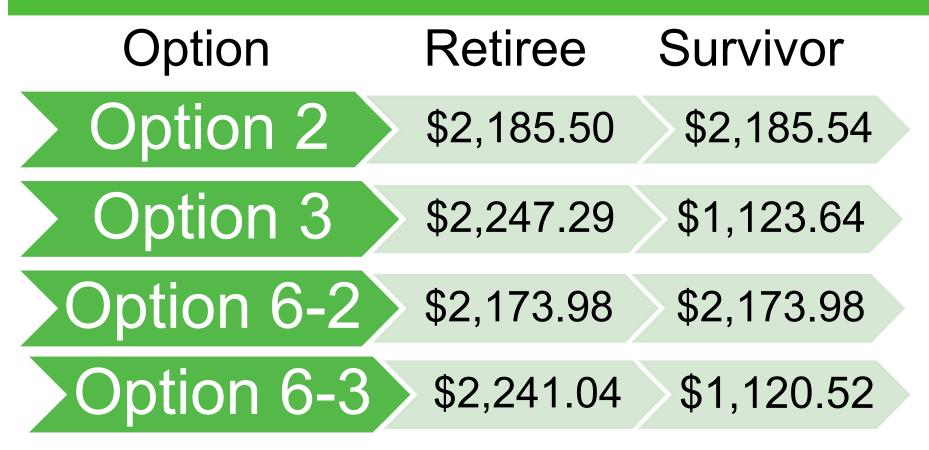
What are my Choices? Retirement Payment Options for Defined Benefit (NC Pension Plan)

Payment Option for Member Only (NC Pension) Plan



Assumptions: Member's Age = **49**, Beneficiary Age = **51** AFC = <u>**\$50,000.00**</u> Service = **30 years** Estimated SS@62 = \$1,200

Payment Option for Member and Survivor (NC Pension) Plan



Optional Pension Payments are for the lifetime of the member – Then the Lifetime of the Survivor



Payment Option Changes in the Defined Benefit (NC Pension) Plan

Retirees cannot change payment option or designated beneficiary once the first retirement check is cashed

EXCEPTIONS	 Divorce from spouse Return to employment in same system in which you retired as a contributing member for at least 3 years Death of spouse: re-designation of spouse provision under Options 2 or 3 within 90 days of remarriage 	}

What Are Your Investment Options in the NC 401(k), NC 457 and NC 403(b) Supplemental Savings Plans?



Put Asset Allocation into Action!

You Have Two Options

- Do it yourself
- Get help with GoalMaker



Get Help with GoalMaker

You Provide

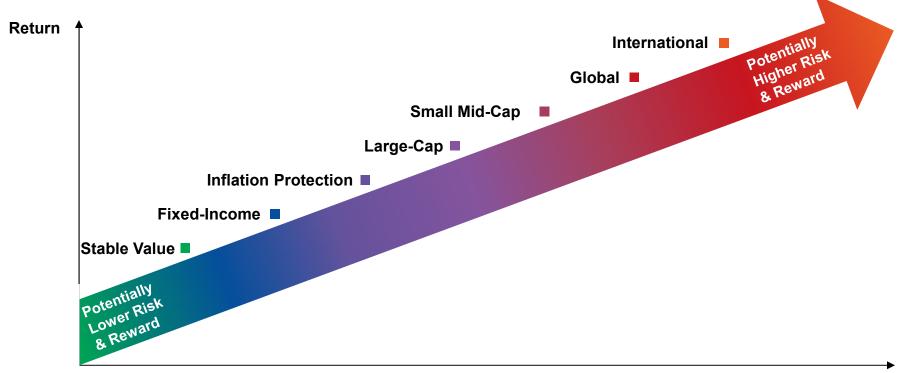
- Your investor Style
- When you plan to access the money



You Get

- Automatic
 asset allocation
- Automatic rebalancing
- Automatic age adjustment (optional)
- All at no additional cost

Risk vs. Reward



Risk

This is a simplified illustration of the relationship between investment risk and potential rate of return. There is no assurance that higher risk investments will provide greater returns over time. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

GoalMaker®

What kind of investor are you?

- Aggressive investors generally seek to maximize investment returns and can tolerate substantial market fluctuations.
- Moderate investors generally are willing to sacrifice safety of principal for potentially greater returns, and can tolerate modest market fluctuations.
- Conservative investors generally are concerned about short-term ups and downs in the market, and want to minimize risk and maintain principal.

GoalMaker is an optional tool and available at no additional cost. GoalMaker's model allocations are based on generally accepted financial theories that take into account the historic returns of different asset classes. Past performance of any investment does not guarantee future results. Prudential Financial encourages participants to consider their other assets, income and investments when enrolling in the GoalMaker program. We also recommend participants periodically reassess their GoalMaker investments to make sure their model portfolio continues to correspond to their investment objectives, risk tolerance and retirement time horizon.

GoalMaker portfolios

Aggressive		YEAP	IS UNTIL	RETIRE	NENT			ARS AFT Etireme	
	26+	21-25	16-20	11-15	6-10	0-5	0-5	6-10	11+
NC Stable Value Fund	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	8%	14%	17%
NC Inflation Responsive Fund	10	10	9	9	7	6	4	3	3
NC TIPS Fund	0	0	0	0	1	3	8	14	17
NC Fixed Income Fund	2	2	7	13	21	27	26	19	19
NC Large Cap Index Fund	34	34	32	30	28	27	25	24	21
NC Small/Mid Cap Core Fund	14	14	14	12	10	10	8	6	6
NC International Fund	40	40	38	36	32	24	21	20	17
Total percent	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

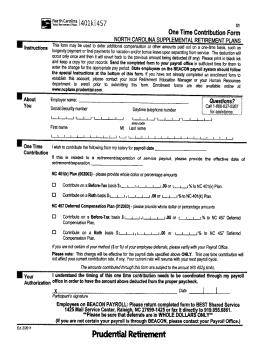
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NC Inflation Responsive Fund	9	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3
NC TIPS Fund	0	0	0	0	2	5	9	16	22
NC Fixed Income Fund	6	13	21	28	33	36	34	27	23
NC Large Cap Index Fund	33	30	27	24	21	19	18	16	14
NC Small/Mid Cap Core Fund	14	12	12	10	8	6	6	4	4
NC International Fund	38	36	32	28	24	19	15	14	12
Total percent	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Conservative		YEAR	RS UNTIL	. RETIREN	NENT			ARS AFT Tireme	
	26+	21-25	16-20	11-15	6-10	0-5	0-5	6-10	11+
NC Stable Value Fund	0%	0%	4%	8%	12%	17%	22%	25%	26%
NC Inflation Responsive Fund	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2
NC TIPS Fund	0	0	0	3	6	10	15	19	24
NC Fixed Income Fund	21	31	37	41	42	41	36	33	29
NC Large Cap Index Fund	27	24	20	17	14	13	11	10	9
NC Small/Mid Cap Core Fund	12	10	8	8	6	4	4	2	2
NC International Fund	32	28	25	18	16	12	9	9	8
Total percent	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

You Can Make a One Time Contribution to the Supplemental Plans

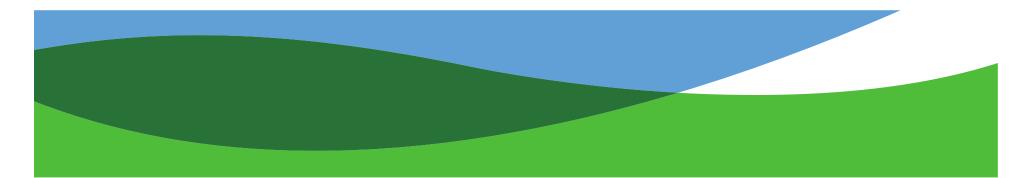
Contribute up to 80% of final payout to your NC 401(k) Plan, NC 457 Plan, and/or your 403(b) Program account:

- Defer taxes while increasing your account value
- Obtain a form at <u>NCPlans.prudential.com</u>
- Need help? Contact HR or your Retirement Education Counselor





Death Benefits in the NC Pension Plans



Survivor's Alternate Benefit

<u>60</u> with **5** years of membership service

Beneficiary chooses OR V Lifetime Return of

20 years of creditable service

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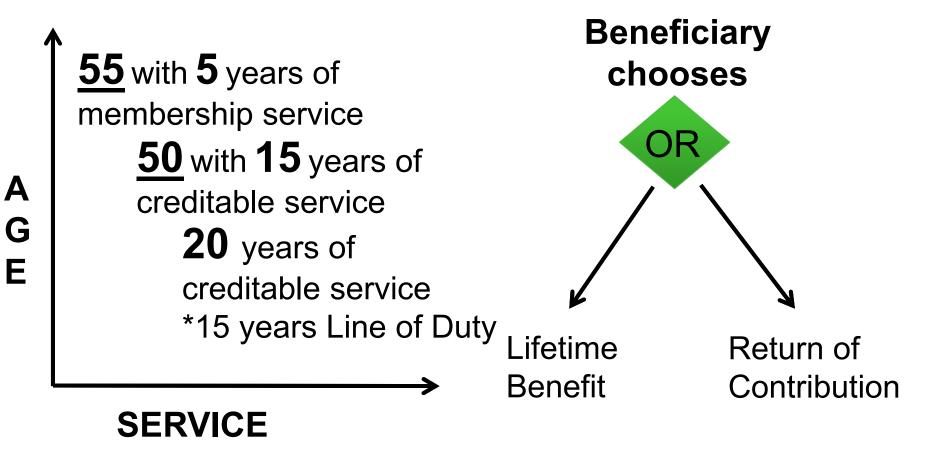
Benefit

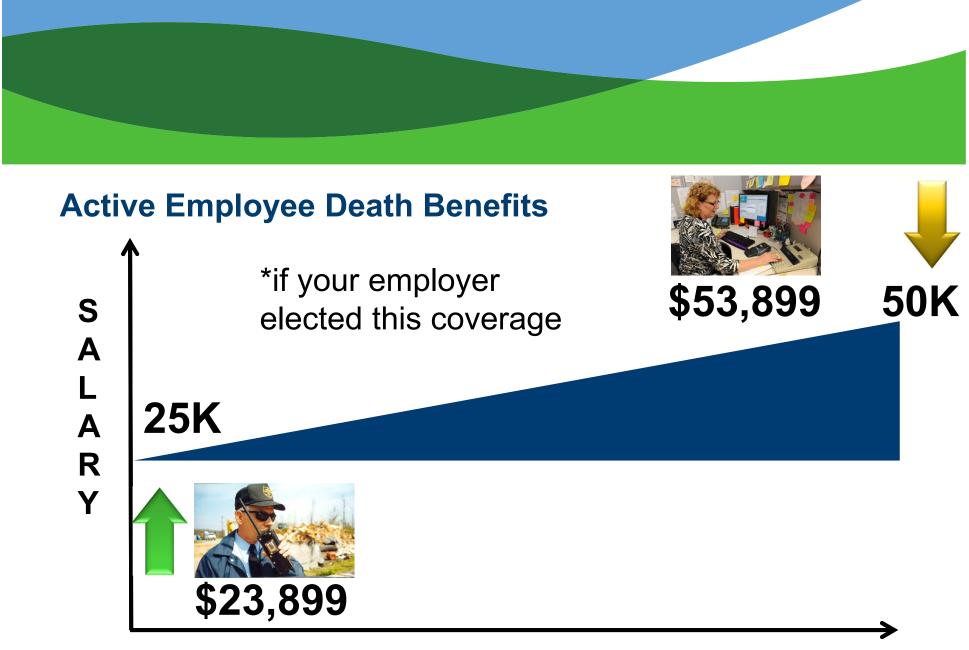
Return of Contribution

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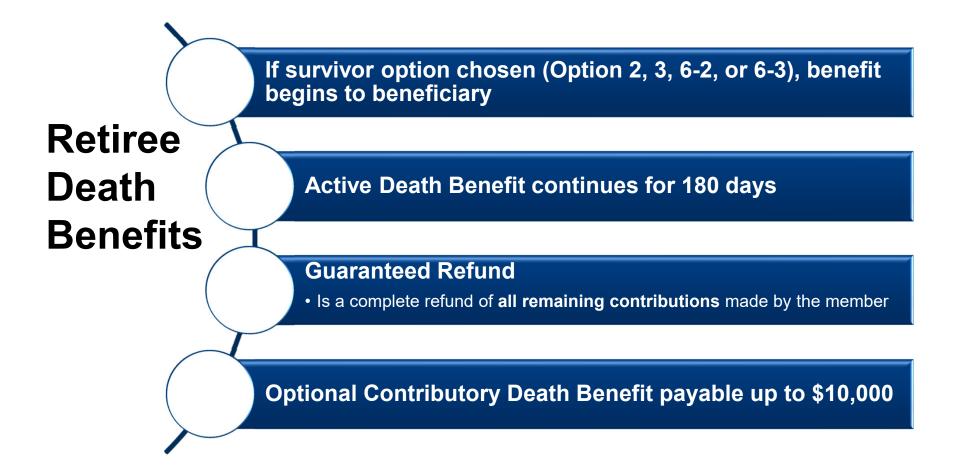
Survivor's Alternate Benefit (LEOs)





Years







How do I Retire? Initiating Retirement

Retirement Online

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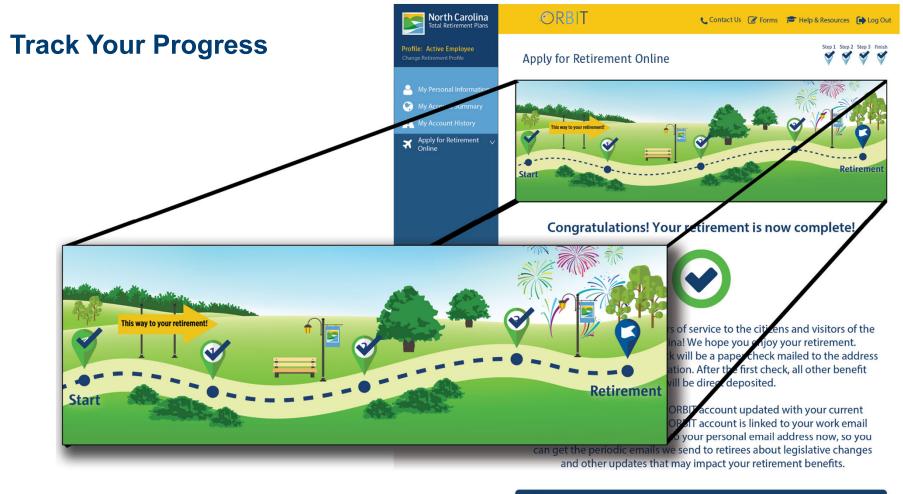




Online Retirement Application Process









REMEMBER: If you're planning to return to work in the future, make sure you understand the Return to Work laws for your retirement system, so you don't jeopardize the retirement benefits you just selected. Learn more



If you are a member of one of the North Carolina Total Retirement Plans: NC 401(k), 457 and 403(b), <u>click here</u> to learn about what you can do with your supplemental retirement account when you retire.



Please note: If you are eligible, the State Health Plan will automatically enroll you into a health plan, even if you did not have coverage as an active employee. You will receive a letter from the State Health Plan outlining your health plan options and any necessary actions. For more information, please read the <u>Planning for Retirement page</u> on the State Health Plan website.





Retirement Processing Reminders









Health Coverage and Optional Insurance



Optional Dental, Vision Insurance and LifeLock

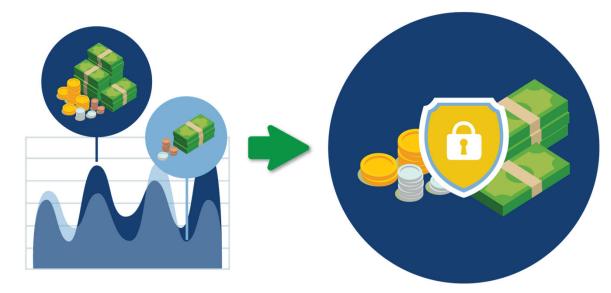
- Enrollment is optional
- Retirees pay full cost
- Premiums will be deducted from monthly retirement benefit

Pierce Insurance Agency 855-627-3847 <u>www.ncretiree.com</u>



Optional Transfer Benefit for NC 401(k) and NC 457 Plans

Transfer Benefit (NC Lifetime Income)



Transfer all or a portion of your NC 401(k)/NC 457 funds to your pension account. Learn more about transfer benefits from these helpful resources.

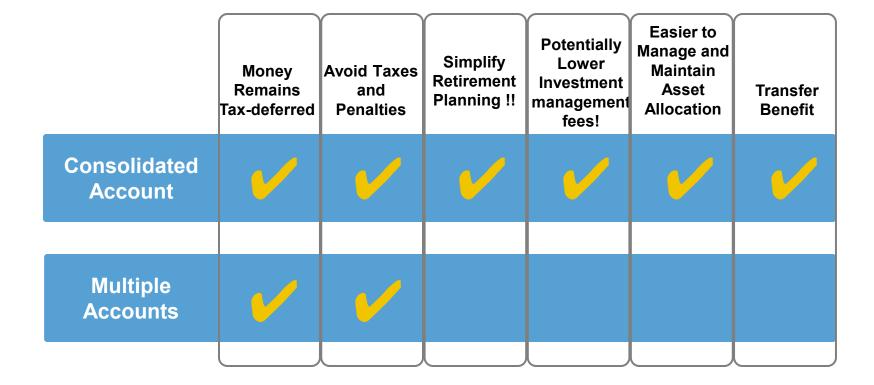
State Employees' Credit Union www.nclifetimeincome.org North Carolina Retirement Systems

www.myncretirement.com

Prudential Retirement www.ncplans.prudential.com



Move Outside Retirement Savings Into NC 401(k), NC 457 Plan, and/or NC 403(b) account(s)



Rollover assets may be assessed fees or other surrender charges. Please contact current account provider for this information.

Plan Withdrawal Options from NC 401(k), NC 457 or NC 403(b)



*Payments are subject to a mandatory 20 percent federal income tax withholding, and for withdrawals from the NC 401(k), 403(b) Plan, may be subject to a 10 percent tax penalty if taken prior to age 59½. Note: if you plan to retire and return to employment with another NC plan sponsor, your options will differ.











Federal IncomeTax

Federal taxable portion of the monthly retirement benefit consists of:

- Contributions made on a "pre-taxed" basis after July 1, 1982
- Additional service credit purchase with "pre-taxed" dollars
- All interest accrued prior to retirement

The Retirement System withholds federal tax based on:

- The taxable portion of the benefit
- The filing status (married, single)
- The number of allowances claimed (0, 1, 2, etc.)



North Carolina Income Tax

Benefit exempt from North Carolina income tax	Benefit <u>not</u> exempt from North Carolina income tax			
8/12/1989	8/13/1989			
Vested Date				



Re-employment



Waiting Period Required

In all Cases:

- During the waiting period, you are prohibited from returning to work in any capacity for any employer that participates in the NC Retirement System, from which you retired, without facing a significant financial penalty (up to and including a repayment of all benefits received).
- Pre-existing agreements for post-retirement employment are prohibited



Re-employment

1. Return as a contributing member

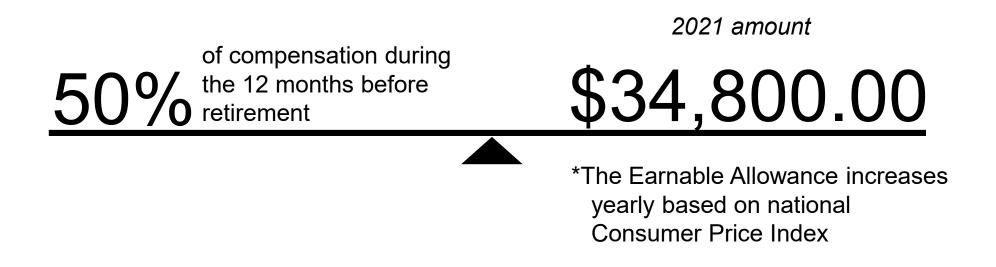
- After the required break in service, member may suspend retirement and become reemployed as a contributing member for Local Goverment
- Retirement benefit payment will be stopped the first day of the month following reemployment



Re-employment

2. Return under an "Earnings Restriction" (after waiting period)

Part-time, interim, temporary, contractual, or any other basis that does <u>not</u> require membership





Penalty for Exceeding Earnable Allowance

Stopped

On the 1st day of the month <u>following the month</u> in which the retiree has exceeded the earnable allowance

State Health Plan coverage is stopped the 1st day of the month following suspension of retirement payments

Online Retirement Benefits

Access from MyNCretirement.com

Active employees

- Retirement estimates (bring estimates to appointments)
- Service purchase cost estimates
- NC 401(k)/457 Transfer Benefit estimates
- Annual Benefit Statements

Retirees

- View account information
- Maintain tax withholdings
- View 1099-R
- Generate Income Verification letters

ORBIT



Login to manage your retirement account and gain access to the full features of the ORBIT, including prefilled forms, retirement calculations and more.

A Passwords are case-sensitive.

Forgot your Password

Are you a first-time user? If so, you will need to register to create your account.

User Name		
Password		
	Log in	
6	Register	

Estimators

If you would like to calculate benefits without pre-filled personal information, use the options below. To calculate benefits with your information pre-filled, please login.

Retirement Benefit NC 401(k)/457 Transfer Benefit Service Purchase

Forms and Applications

Need to download forms without any pre-filled information? ORBIT provides convenient access to forms for printing without logging in.

NOTE: To access forms with your information pre-filled, please login.

Forms and Applications





Home

Profile : Active Select Account +

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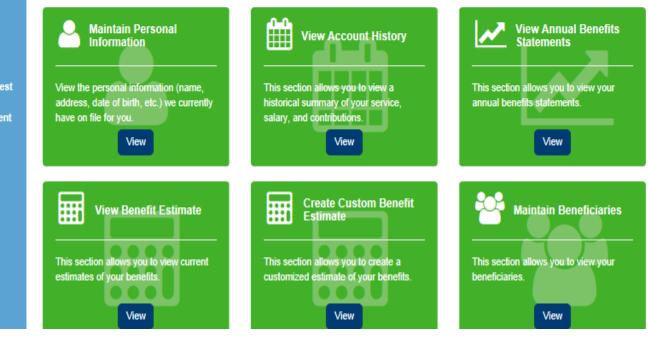
Welcome to the redesigned ORBIT for members! ORBIT is an online tool that provides you with full, secure access to your personal retirement account information 24 hours a day. Our staff has worked diligently to make ORBIT more responsive for those on mobile devices such as cell phones and tablets. In addition, we have enhance ORBIT's security features to help protect your personal information.

Lastly, we incorporated our N.C. Total Retirement Plans' branding to maintain a consistent look and feel with our Retirement Systems website. We hope you like the new look and our comprehensive approach to retirement planning for our members.

The Department of State Treasurer is committed to providing you with information that will help you make informed decisions about your future. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with your account information, understand your savings options, and utilize the education and planning resources available on our website. Please contact the North Carolina Retirement Systems at 1-877-NCSECURE (1-877-627-3287) if you have additional questions.

Thank you for your service to North Carolina.

- Dale R. Folwell, CPA North Carolina State Treasurer



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	Estimated Bonus Payout	S	0
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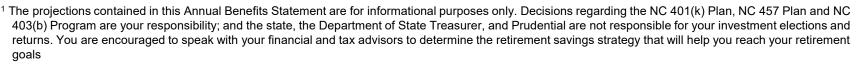
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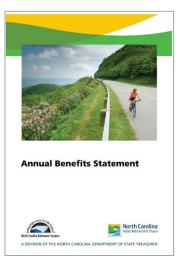
Annual Benefits Statement from Dept. of State Treasurer

- Reviews your projected total monthly income at retirement age (retirement age = 62):
 - ✓ North Carolina Retirement System(s) pension plans
 - ✓ NC 401(k), NC 457 & NC 403(b)
 - ✓ Social Security
 - ✓ Outside Assets (if applicable)
- Personal Gap Analysis
- Provides Designated Beneficiaries

Plan name P	Projected Monthly Income			
Teachers' and State Employees' Retiremen	t System \$1,425			
North Carolina 401(k) Plan	\$ 375			
Social Security	\$1,700			
Total	\$3,500			

	When we compare your projected monthly income to your projected monthly need, it seems that you may have a gap that needs to be closed in order to reach your retirement income goal.	A Gap of \$850		\$4,150 Monthly Income in Retirement \$5,000 Monthly Need
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Your Tools, Your Way

- NC 401(k), NC 457 and 403(b) Quarterly Statements
- Annual Benefits Statement
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Toll-free number 866-NCplans or 866-627-5267
- NCPlans.prudential.com

Talk to a Prudential Counselor: View a list of counselors by county along with the link to schedule a virtual consultation with them: https://ncplans.retirepru.com/counselors.html



Retirement Income Calculator

Know how much you may need. Monitor your progress. See if you've saved enough.





Participants using the Retirement Income Calculator should consider other assets, income and investments (e.g. equity in a home, Social Security benefits, individual retirement plan investments, etc.) when assessing the adequacy of the estimated income stream as provided by this tool. The Retirement Income Calculator is hypothetical and for illustrative purposes only and is not intended to represent performance of any specific investment, which may fluctuate. There is no assurance that retirement income objectives will be met. It is possible to lose money by investing in securities.

Resources

- Member handbooks
- MyNCRetirement.com

Understanding Your

Beneficiary Options

North Carolina

Total Retirement Plans

• ORBIT Help

Inderstanding Your Beneficiary Options

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• Video tutorials





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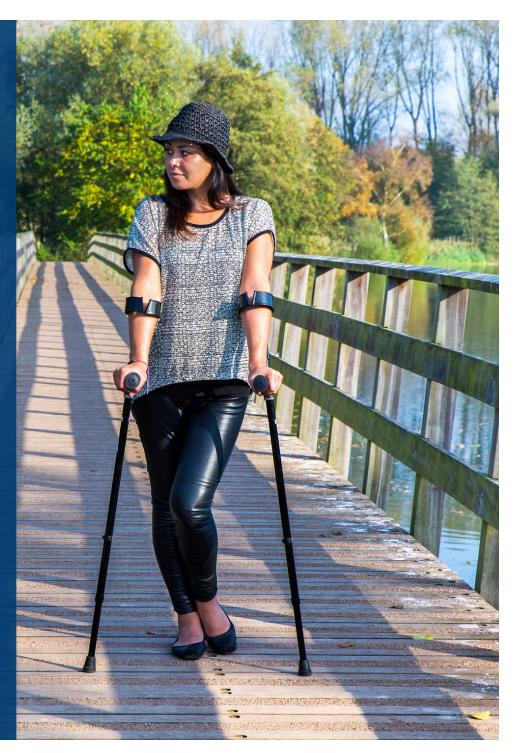




Fund your future. Fund your everyday.

An NC ABLE account helps people with disabilities dream, plan, save and invest without jeopardizing disability benefits.

Learn more at <u>NC.SaveWithABLE.com</u>.



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Questions

