



## The Pensioner: *Looking Forward*

Welcome to the digital MPERS newsletter! *The Pensioner: Looking Forward* contains news, updates, and important information for active employees of the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and MPERS.

### 2024 Legislative Update



The 2024 legislative session began on January 3. Currently, no bills have been filed that are specific to MPERS; however, several bills, if passed, could affect pension plans, including MPERS.

For a complete, up-to-date listing of retirement-related legislation, please visit the [Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement](#).



### Join Us Virtually in February!

If you are currently eligible to retire or within five years of retirement eligibility, please join us for the first pre-retirement webinars of 2024.

#### **Closed Plan/Year 2000 Plan**

February 7, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Webinar topics include, but are not limited to:

- BackDROP payment option
- Plan and payment options offered by MPERS and how they affect your benefit
- When you can make your retirement election
- What you need to consider before selecting a plan and payment option
- Service purchases and transfers and how they may impact your future benefit
- Re-employment information
- Updates on current legislative changes to MPERS benefits

#### **2011 Tier**

February 22, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Webinar topics include, but are not limited to:

- Payment options offered by MPERS and how they affect your benefit
- When you can make your retirement election
- What you need to consider before selecting a payment option
- Service purchases and transfers and how they may impact your future benefit
- Re-employment information
- Updates on current legislative changes to MPERS benefits

Register here for a webinar listed above

## Still Haven't Watched the 2023 State of the System?

That's okay. The holidays are a busy time, we understand. If you would still like to watch it, you can do so on our MPERS Vimeo channel at <https://vimeo.com/mpersonline> or click the video below.



## Retirement Deadlines

Intended Date of Retirement	Step 1 <i>Notice of Retirement</i> Due at MPERS	Step 2 <i>Retirement Election Form</i> Due at MPERS
January 1	September 1-November 30	December 31
February 1	October 1-December 31	January 31
March 1	November 1-January 31	February 28
April 1	December 1-February 28	March 31
May 1	January 1-March 31	April 30
June 1	February 1-April 30	May 31
July 1	March 1-May 31	June 30
August 1	April 1-June 30	July 31
September 1	May 1-July 31	August 31
October 1	June 1-August 31	September 30
November 1	July 1-September 30	October 31
December 1	August 1-October 31	November 30

## February Events

- 7 - Pre-Retirement webinar for Closed Plan and Year 2000 Plan members, [register here](#)
- 12 - Lincoln's Birthday, office open

- 16 - Board meeting
- 19 - Presidents' Day, office closed
- 22 - Pre-Retirement webinar for 2011 Tier members, [register here](#)
- 28 - Deadline to submit step 1 -*Notice of Retirement* for April 1 retirement



We value your feedback!

What would you like to see in ***The Pensioner: Looking Forward?***

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