www.mnpera.org—it's in there

PERA's website contains a wealth of information that's only a few clicks away. Below is a brief guide to navigating your way through our site.

HOME

This is your starting point when you visit www.mnpera.org. Here you'll find news updates about PERA and retirement. It is also your portal to all our website has to offer.

On the left you'll see a series of **tabs** that take you to other sections of the site (we'll look at each in a moment). On the right you'll find our event calendar and important announcements.

MY PERA

MY PERA is your personal link to the Association. What can you do here?

- Review or update your personal information on file with PERA
- View your contributions over the last year
- Get an estimate of your benefits (just like the annual Personal Benefit Statement)
- Create your own custom estimates
- Register for an individual conference or workshop
- Sign up for e-publications

MEMBERS

Here you'll find general information about your individual retirement plan. Click on your plan and you'll find a drop-down menu you can use to access more specific information. The MEMBERS tab also has information on:

- Combined service
- Deferred members
- Leaves and furloughs
- Pension maximization
- Phased retirement
- Privatization

RETIREES

The RETIREES tab leads to information specifically for our benefit recipients. Things like:

- Direct deposit
- Benefit increases
- Our payment schedule
- Tax withholding
- Working after retirement

EMPLOYERS

As the name implies, EMPLOYERS is our link for all the governmental agencies that report to PERA. Here they'll find:

- Online services
- Reporting requirements
- Our employer manual
- Employer newsletters
- Social Security information

RESOURCES

RESOURCES is where you'll find a wealth of information on retirement and our PERA member services, including:

- PERA forms & publications (if we print it, it's probably here)
- Ballpark Estimate of income in retirement
- Association education programs
- Frequently asked questions
- PERA life insurance
- Links to other resources
- Member newsletters
- Our news archives
- Reference library of retirement studies

ABOUT PERA

Want to learn more about how your retirement system works? ABOUT PERA has resources on:

- PERA's Board of Trustees and board elections
- Financial information, including our annual financial report
- The history of PERA
- Job openings at PERA
- Pension legislation
- Statutes governing PERA

CONTACT US

While our website can answer many of your questions, sometimes you need to CONTACT US. Here you'll find:

- Address, business hours, and phone numbers for PERA's three state offices
- Maps and driving directions to our facilities
- Direct e-mail links for members and employers

General information

Wherever possible, we try to use accepted navigation techniques on our website. If you see text highlighted in blue, it indicates a link to related information or publications, most within our website itself. Simply click on the highlighted text to access the information.

Forms and publications on the web are the most current available from PERA and are often available on line sooner than their printed equivalent.

All of the publications and forms on our website are in .pdf file format and require the use of a .pdf reader, such as Adobe Reader®. This reader is free from Adobe Corp. and links are available on our publications pages.

Save some paper

One of the greatest advantages of the Internet is immediate access to the most up-to-date information available. The latest editions of nearly all our publications are always available on line under *Resources/Forms & Publications*.

PERA also has electronic editions of our newsletters available for members who prefer to get their newsletters on line. If you sign up for e-publications in MY PERA, we will e-mail you whenever a new newsletter or other communication is available. You can also let us know in MY PERA if you wish to access all your estimate information on line rather than receiving your Personal Benefit Statement by mail.

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