

Using Member Access in Retirement



Retirees can access their retirement account 24/7 with Member Access at online.retirement.sc.gov.

- **Review and manage your monthly benefit.** View your monthly benefit payment history. Change the direct deposit account in which you receive your monthly benefit or add a new account.
- **Manage your tax withholdings.** Change the tax withholdings for your monthly benefit.
- **Review your beneficiaries.**
 - A primary beneficiary receives any retirement benefits payable upon your death.
 - Incidental death benefit beneficiaries receive the incidental death benefit payable upon your death. This applies only if you were eligible for the benefit.

You must contact PEBA to update your beneficiaries.

- **Find documentation for your account, including:**
 - Your 1099-R form for filing your income tax return; and
 - Your annuity verification letter.

- **Review your payment option.** When you retired, you chose either a maximum benefit option or a reduced benefit option that provides survivor benefits. You can change your payment option if your marital status changes by completing a *Retired Member Change of Beneficiary Form* and having it notarized. The change must be made within five years of the change in marital status. If you chose Option B or C and all of your beneficiaries predecease you, your benefit will revert to Option A. You can change your payment option only twice, and you must have a separate qualifying event for each change.
- **Update your contact information.** This helps PEBA keep in touch with you in retirement. You can expect occasional email updates about important issues or operational changes.

More information

- peba.sc.gov.
- PEBA's Customer Service: 803.737.6800 or 888.260.9430.