



# Leaving before retirement eligibility

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## Requesting a refund from your SCRS, PORS account

- Give up your right to any future service or disability retirement benefit.
- Can generally roll over funds into eligible retirement plan.
- If you do not roll over refund, taxable portion may be:
  - Subject to taxes; and
  - Subject to additional tax penalty if younger than age 59½.
- Consult with tax advisor for more information.
- May submit refund request online through Member Access.
  - Payment may not be issued less than 90 days after you terminate.

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## Leaving funds in your SCRS, PORS retirement account

- Account earns 4% interest annually until account becomes inactive.
  - An account is considered inactive when no contributions have been made to the account in preceding fiscal year and no other active, correlated system or State ORP account exists.
- Can request refund later.
- If leaving employment with enough earned service, can apply for retirement benefit once age requirement is met.
- If returning to covered employment later, can resume making contributions and earning service credit.
- IRS requires annual minimum distributions beginning at age 72.

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### Leaving funds in your State ORP account

- Can leave your funds in your State ORP account until choosing to take withdrawals.
  - If younger than age 59½, must separate from all covered employment before taking a withdrawal.
- Your account balance may:
  - Increase from investment earnings; or
  - Decline from investment losses and administrative fees.
- Can generally roll over funds into eligible retirement savings account.
- IRS requires annual minimum distributions beginning at age 72.

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