



PERF & 1977 Fund Rates

PERF Hybrid:

Remains 11.2% continuing 7/1/2022

PERF MyChoice:

Local Government/Political Subdivisions

- Employer chooses percentage from 0% up to the normal cost
 - 1/1/2022: normal cost is 3.9%
 - 1/1/2023: normal cost will be 4.4%
- Supplemental Contribution

1/1/2022: 7.3%1/1/2023: 6.8%

1977 Fund & COLA:

Remains 17.5% continuing 1/1/2023

Retired 1977 Fund members will receive a 3% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) effective July 1, 2022. To qualify for the increase the retirement date must be 12/31/2021 or earlier.



Updating Submission Unit Information in ERM

Bank Account Details

- Updated by Payment Administrator
- May take up to 10 days to authenticate bank account information
- If a user for multiple Submission Units, must set up bank accounts for each Submission Unit separately

Authorized Agent

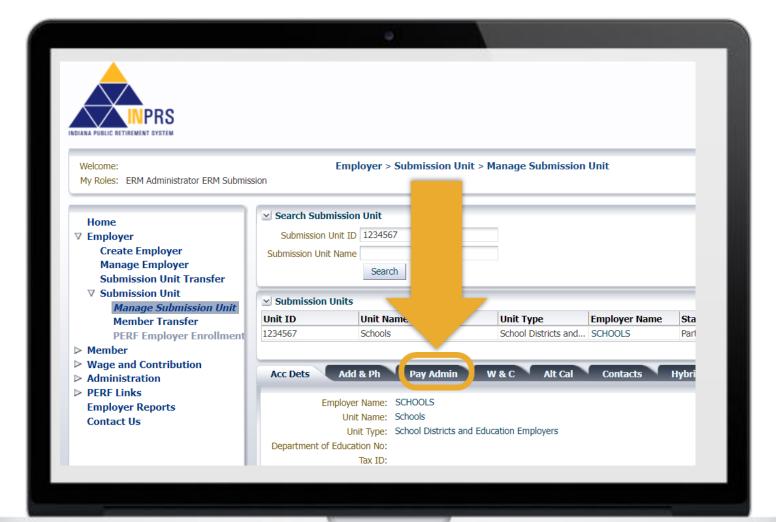
- The contact and/or user is the individual accepting liability for the unit(s)
- Must complete and return Authorized Agent form to INPRS to be set up in the ERM system

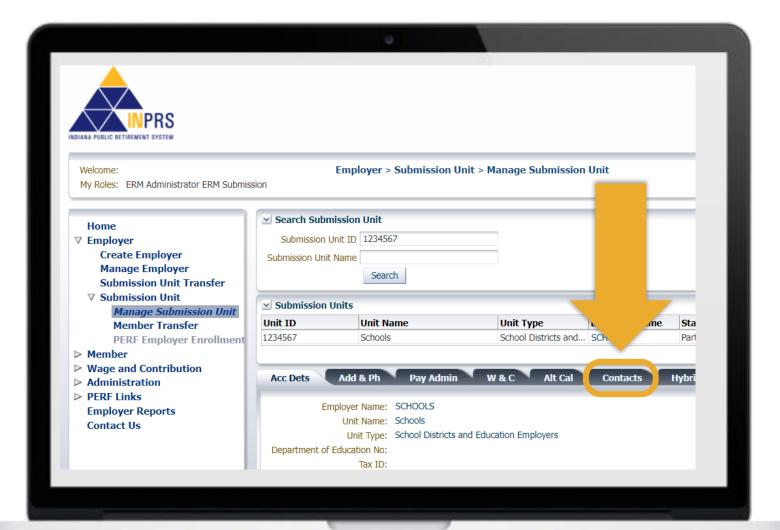
Contacts and/or Users

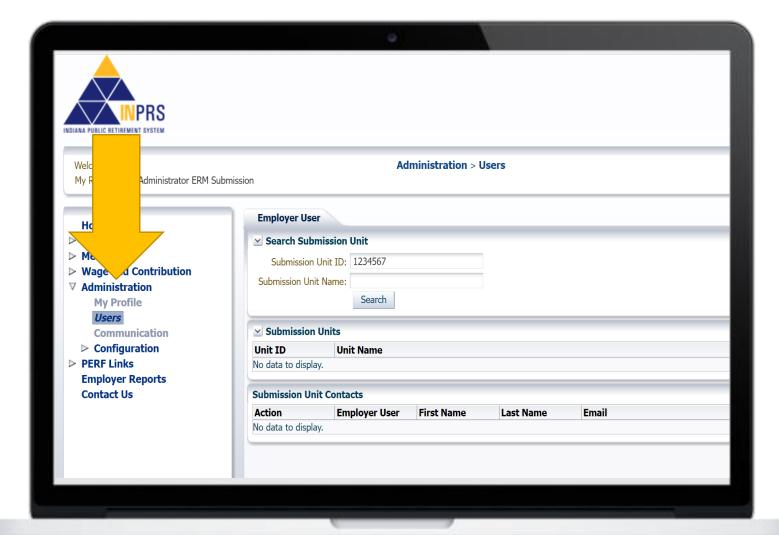
- Each user in ERM must be set up with their own login information for security purposes
- Inactive & disable accounts when no longer active in the unit or in the roles needing access to ERM information









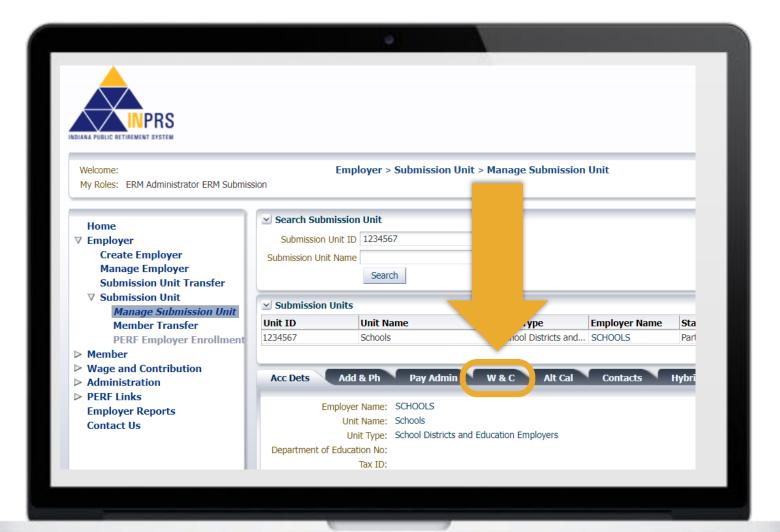




Payroll Dates in ERM

- Wage and Contribution Reporting Due Date
 - Grace period
- Payroll Date Change(s)
 - Written request needed for INPRS records
 - Email: eppa@inprs.in.gov
 - Submission unit name and number(s)
 - Payroll date needed and/or changed
- Off cycle payroll dates
 - Call the Employer Advocate Team
 - **(888) 876-2707**





Member Enrollment & Termination

Timely Member Enrollments

 Member enrollment must be timely in order to allow the members adequate time for decision-making if unit offers PERF MyChoice and PERF Hybrid.

Social Security Number

- Verify SSN is accurate
- If a member with the same name and DOB but different SSN is already enrolled, you will receive a pop-up to confirm this is the same member. If so, do not continue prior to confirming the SSN.
- If an SSN is incorrect, do not re-enroll with the correct SSN. Contact the Employer Advocate team for an SSN change prior to completing the enrollment.

Termination

- Any reason an employee leaves the unit, must add a Termination life event in ERM
- Timely termination updates needed for retirements





Severance Reporting

When a PERF member is paid in a lump sum for accrued time off (vacation, sick, personal days), it should be reported to INPRS as severance wages on the final payroll report instead of regular wages.

According to 35 IAC 1.2-5.5, these wages should be reported to us in this way because they are not considered by INPRS to be regular wages.

1977 Fund members are only reported with Certified Salary Wages.





1977 Fund Pension Relief

▶ What is Pension Relief? 1925 Fund for Police & 1937 Fund for Firefighters

	Member in Pension Relief?	Definition & Payment
Non- Covertees	yes	Did not convert to the 1977 Fund Rules. Paid based on 1925 Fund for Police or the 1937 Fund for Firefighters. Do not get COLAs but get salary and longevity increases when the unit's 1977 Fund members get increases. Benefits paid by the individual city.
Convertees	yes	Did convert to the 1977 Fund Rules and are paid based on 1925 Fund for Police or the 1937 Fund for Firefighters. COLAs are paid by individual city if/when approved by legislation July of each year. Benefits are paid by the individual city.
Transferred and Converted	no	These members are treated as if they are 1977 Fund members. All benefits and COLAs, are paid by INPRS.



1977 Fund Pension Relief Payments

- Payments to Unit(s)
 - June & October
- Reporting a death of a pensioner and/or a survivor
- Payments after a pensioner and/or survivor death
- Overpayments







1977 Fund Pension Relief Reminders & Updates

- Reporting Pension Relief
 - Link in ERM
 - Deadline
- Updates to Reporting Coming Soon
 - New input field
 - Payee zip code requirement
 - New Summary Page
 - Summary report page similar to W&C reporting
 - Revalidating is easier
 - when editing a single record, the new Save and Revalidate button will immediately validate the input data and will show the user any errors that result
 - Updated "Revoke" Process
 - INPRS will be able to mark single records are "Revoked"
 - Only need to resubmit single records, not the entire report

INPRS Employer Audits - FAQ

Why has INPRS decided to conduct Employer Audits?

In an effort to comply with GASB 67 & 68, and based on the recommendations of the AICPA, INPRS Internal Audit Staff has begun testing member census data, including active data at the employer level. The effective implementation of these standards requires your help and participation.

Why was my Employer/Submission Unit selected to be audited?

GASB 67 & 68 requires that employer's data is audited including a suggested number to be done every year. The goal is to audit all employers within 10 years. These audits can be performed by INPRS Internal Audit staff or the external auditors for INPRS, RSM LLP.

What is the purpose of the Employer Audits?

The objective of the testing is to verify that INPRS has the correct data on which to base the pension calculations, especially the total pension liability. This data is provided to the Actuaries to perform these necessary calculations.

INPRS Employer Audits – FAQ (cont.)

What information will be reviewed and/or verified during the Employer Audit?

A member of INPRS Internal Audit Staff or RSM, LLC will provide you a list of the sampled employees for your submission unit. Dates of hire, years of service, age, eligibility, birth date, and employee status will be verified. In addition to census/demographic information, payroll data will also be reviewed to ensure wages & contributions submitted to INPRS during the audit period were accurate. Therefore, payroll registers, employee payroll details, approved salary, etc. will need to be verified for the employees selected.

Aside from providing employee documentation is there anything else required of the Employer?

Selected employers will also be required to prepare a Payroll Reconciliation. A Payroll Reconciliation template will be provided and will include the total annual payroll you reported to INPRS. INPRS Internal Audit Staff or RSM, LLC will do their best to assist and answer any questions you may have regarding the reconciliation; however, it may be necessary to seek the assistance of your Controller, Clerk-Treasurer, Payroll Company, and/or designated person/firm responsible for preparing your financial statements.

INPRS Employer Audits – Common Errors

<u>Dates of Hire</u> = make sure the correct date of hire is in ERM. Should be the date they became a full-time/covered employee. If part-time prior, date of hire again is date they became covered. Also, if hired, terminated, and re-hired, ensure all dates are accounted for to ensure service credit is calculated correctly.

<u>Job title/Covered positions</u> = makes sure the covered positions identified in ERM are accurate and current. Many times job classification may change but do not get updated with INPRS through a board/council approved resolution.

<u>Probationary Periods</u> = PERF does not allow for probationary periods. Under state law (IC <u>5-10.3-7-1</u>), a person hired in a PERF-covered position is required to become a PERF member on the first day of employment. No waiting period or probationary period is allowed by PERF; therefore, wages should be reported and contributions paid from the date of hire.

<u>Wages</u> = W-2/Gross Wages should be reported and contributions based on. If a member received any type of a bonus that is taxable and included in their W-2 wages, it should be reported to INPRS and contributions paid accordingly.

<u>'77 Fund Certified Salary</u> = At the beginning of each calendar year, make sure you adjust your reporting to reflect the correct certified salary. Many times employers continue to report the prior year certified salary only to find later that adjustments have to be made and more contributions submitted.

<u>Member Status</u> = Review Missing Member report in ERM. Make sure all that are no longer being reported by means of wages & contribution are put in an "inactive" status providing their date of termination.

Employer Advocate Team Contact Information



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Workshops & Counseling

Workshops

- General information for everyone:
 - How your retirement plan works
 - How your plan works for families
 - Options for receiving a benefit
 - Other sources of retirement income

Counseling

- Education and service tailored to you:
 - How your retirement plan works for you
 - How your plan works for your family
 - Selecting a benefit option that works for you and your family
 - Retirement income management



PERF and TRF Retirement Plans

Hybrid Plan-Two parts

- Defined Benefit-10 years service to be fully vested
- Defined Contribution Account
 - Always 100% vested

My Choice: Retirement Savings Plan

- Fixed Contributions-Defined Contribution Account
 - Always 100% vested
- Variable Rate Contributions, 5-year vesting schedule
- Plan began 7/1/2013



My Choice: Retirement Savings Plan

Fixed contributions

- Mandatory 3% fixed contribution
- Always belongs to you/fully vested
- No loan or hardship withdrawals available



Variable contributions

- Funded by the employer
- Amount received is determined by years of participation





DC Plan Investing

Do It For Me

 Target Date Funds. Default fund for new members based on the year in which the member would turn 65.

Do It Myself

- Money Market Fund
- Stable Value Fund
- Fixed Income Fund
- Inflation-Linked Fixed Income Fund
- Large Cap Equity Fund
- Small/Mid Cap Equity Fund
- International Equity Fund

NOTE: Allocations must be made in whole increments of 1% or more among the investment options. Your total for all fund investments must equal 100%.

Allocations can be changed daily online by using www.myinprsretirement.org or by calling toll-free (844) GO-INPRS



My Choice: Retirement Savings Plan Benefits

Vesting in the variable rate contribution of your My Choice: Retirement Savings Plan is based on years of participation:

- 1 year = 20%
- 2 years = 40%
- 3 years = 60%
- 4 years = 80%
- 5 years = 100%

Full vesting occurs at 5 years of service



DC Payment Options

- Defer Payment
- Annuitization with/without Cash Refund
- Lump Sum Distribution
- Systematic Withdrawal Plan (SWP)
- Rollover
- Split the DC balance



Hybrid Plan Retirement Structure – 2 Parts

Defined Benefit (Pension)

- Lifetime benefit must meet eligibility
- Funded by employers
- Formula used to determine benefit
- Benefit determined by age, salary, service, and retirement option chosen

Full vesting occurs at 10 years of service.

Defined Contribution (DC)

- Mandatory 3% contribution
- Always belongs to you/fully vested
- No loan or hardship withdrawals available
- Post-tax voluntary contributions up to 10% of your gross wages if allowed by your employer



Normal (unreduced) Retirement Eligibility

- 1. Age **65** with **10** or more years of creditable service;
- 2. Age *60* with *15* or more years of creditable service;
- 3. Rule of 85: Minimum age 55, age plus years of service must equal 85 or more.

For example: age 55+30 yrs= 85; or age 58+29 yrs= 87.



Early Retirement with a Reduced Pension

- 1. A member who has 15 or more years of creditable service, and,
- is between the ages of 50 and 59 can retire with a reduced pension...

Retirement Age	Percentage of Pension
<i>50</i>	44%
59	89 %

(Percentage increases 5% per year between ages 50-59)

Please note that if you choose to take early retirement, your pension benefits will remain at a reduced level even after you reach 60 years of age



Retiring and Continuing to Work

- 1. Millie Morgan: Minimum age 70 with 20 or more years of creditable service (while working in a PERF-covered position)
- 2. Elected officials: Minimum age 55 with 20 or more years of creditable service (while serving in their elected position). If the member is younger than age 60, a reduced benefit would apply



^{*}Benefits will be effective the first of the month following your submitted application

Hybrid Plan Monthly Pension Formula

- Final Average Salary x creditable service x 1.1% = Annual Pension Benefit
- Final Average Salary is the average of your 20 highest quarters in groups of 4 consecutive quarters

Examples

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($30,000 \times 20 \text{ yrs } \times .011)/12 = $550/\text{month (before taxes)}
($40,000 \times 25 \text{ yrs } \times .011)/12 = $915/\text{Month (before taxes)}
($45,000 \times 30 \text{ yrs } \times .011)/12 = $1235/\text{Month (before taxes)}
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You can run an estimate for yourself at www.myinprsretirement.org



Hybrid Plan Retirement Options

Defined Benefit: Pension

Lifetime Monthly Benefit

Beneficiary and Survivorship Options



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DC In-Service Withdrawals



SEA 10 – effective 1/1/2021

- Are you 59 ½ and currently eligible for a regular retirement benefit?
- You can elect to take in-service distributions from your DC account without having to leave your position

** Please consider the tax and retirement consequences when deciding to take distributions prior to retirement



DC Payment Options

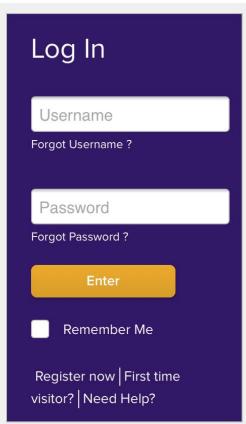
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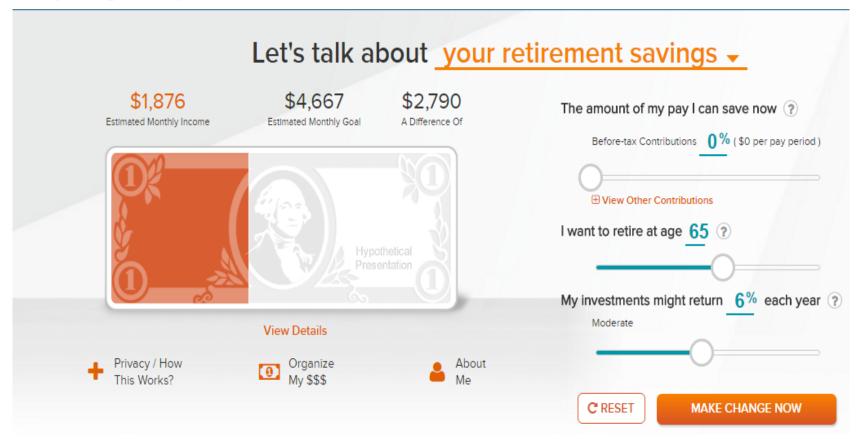






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