# myCalPERS Retirement Contract

Student Guide

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# Introduction

This student guide will assist you with reviewing and amending your retirement contract.

# **Disclaimer**

As a security safeguard, business partner and participant information has been masked within the figures in this procedure guide.

# **System Access**

If myCalPERS does not allow you to perform these scenarios, contact your agency's system access administrator to update your myCalPERS access.

# **Training Opportunities**

Prior to taking a myCalPERS training, new users should review the <u>Introduction to myCalPERS for</u> <u>Business Partners (PDF)</u> student guide and take a Business Rules class. Business Rules summarize the laws defined by the California Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL).

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# Unit 1: Review Your Agency's Retirement Contract

Within this unit, you will review your contract benefits and employer rates by member category and benefit level.

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# **Scenario 1: Review Your Contract Benefits**

# **Step Actions**

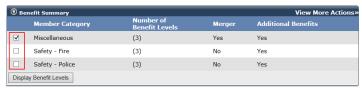
- Step 1 From the homepage, select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



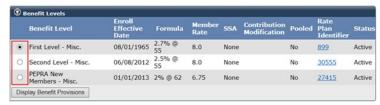
Step 3 Within the Retirement Contract Information section, select the **View Benefit**Information link.



Step 4 Within the Benefit Summary section, select the appropriate **Member Category** check box(es).



- Step 5 Select the **Display Benefit Levels** button.
- Step 6 Within the Benefit Levels section, select a **Benefit Level** radio button.



- Step 7 Select the **Display Benefit Provisions** button.
- Step 8 Review the Provision Details section.



Step 9 Repeat steps 4-8 to review another benefit level's provisions.

# **Scenario 2: Review Retirement Contract Merger Information**

# **Step Actions**

- Step 1 From the homepage, select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



Step 3 Within the Retirement Contract Information section, select the **View Benefit**Information link.



Step 4 Within the Benefit Levels section, review the merger information.



Step 5 Select a **Benefit Level** radio button.



Step 6 Select the **Display Benefit Provisions** button to review the details.

# **Scenario 3: Review Your Employer Rate**

Employer contributions are determined by annual valuations. These valuations are based on the benefit formulas the agency provides and the employee groups covered. Refer to unit 2 on how to access your valuation report. Visit the <a href="Public Agency Required Employer Contributions">Public Agency Required Employer Contributions</a> page to review your agency's contribution rate(s).

# **Step Actions**

- Step 1 From the homepage, select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



Step 3 Within the Rate Summary section, select the **View More Records>>** link.

Rate Summar	ту						View N	lore Records Rate Summar
Member Category	Benefit Level	Effective Date	Rate Plan Identifier	Effective Employer Rate	Employee Rate	Employee Rate Modifier	Net Employee Rate	Total Rate
Miscellaneous	First	08/01/1965	899	11.302%	8%	0%	8%	19.302%
Miscellaneous	Second	06/08/2012	30555	11.302%	8%	0%	8%	19.302%
Miscellaneous	PEPRA	01/01/2013	27415	11.302%	6.75%	0%	6.75%	18.052%
Safety - Fire	First	07/01/1976	30556	14.151%	9%	4%	13%	27.151%

Step 4 Within the Rate Summary section, review the employer rates for each member category and benefit level.

<b>▼</b> Rate Summary								
Member Category	Benefit Level	Effective Date	Rate Plan Identifier	Effective Employer Rate	Employee Rate	Employee Rate Modifier	Net Employee Rate	Total Rate
Miscellaneous	First	06/01/1948	161	7.783%	7%	0%	7%	14.783%
Miscellaneous	PEPRA	01/01/2013	26088	7.783%	6.25%	0%	6.25%	14.033%
Safety - County Peace Officer	First	06/01/1948	30266	16.959%	9%	0%	9%	25.959%
Safety - County Peace Officer	Second	01/09/1982	30265	16.959%	9%	0%	9%	25.959%
Safety - County Peace Officer	Third	11/05/2011	30267	16.959%	9%	0%	9%	25.959%
Safety - County Peace Officer	PEPRA	01/01/2013	25137	16.959%	10.75%	0%	10.75%	27.709%
Safety - Fire	First	06/01/1948	162	16.959%	9%	0%	9%	25.959%

Step 5 Do you want to review the employer rate history?

**Yes:** Select the appropriate **rate** link under the Effective Employer Rate column and continue to step 6.

# Step 6 Review the Rate History section.

Rate History		Total Foreign	recontinu	V-1	D-4-
Rate Effective Date	Rate Type	<u>Total Employer</u> <u>Rate</u>	Effective Employer Rate	Valuation Report	Rate Replaced
07/01/2018	Annual	<u>7.972</u>	7.972	<u>View</u>	No
07/01/2017	Annual	<u>7.783</u>	7.783	<u>View</u>	No
07/01/2016	Annual	<u>13.257</u>	13.257	<u>View</u>	No
07/01/2015	Annual	12.846	12.846	<u>View</u>	No
07/01/2014	Annual	<u>11.776</u>	11.776	<u>View</u>	No
07/01/2013	Annual	10.926	10.926	<u>View</u>	No
07/01/2012	Annual	10.769	10.769	<u>View</u>	No
07/01/2011	Converted Rate	10.856	10.856		No
07/01/2010	Converted Rate	10.125	10.125		No
07/01/2009	Converted Rate	9.87	9.87		No
07/01/2008	Converted Rate	<u>9.841</u>	9.841		No
09/01/2007	Converted Rate	9.916	9.916		No
07/01/2007	Converted Rate	<u>9.9</u>	9.9		No
07/01/2006	Converted Rate	9.716	9.716		No
07/02/2005	Converted Rate	0.0	0.0		No
07/01/2004	Converted Rate	7.004	7.004		No
07/01/2003	Converted Rate	2.219	2.219		No
07/01/2002	Converted Rate	0.0	0.0		No
07/01/2001	Converted Rate	0.0	0.0		No
12/16/2000	Converted Rate	0.0	0.0		No
07/01/2000	Converted Rate	0.0	0.0		No
07/01/1999	Converted Rate	0.0	0.0		No
07/01/1998	Converted Rate	3.055	3.055		No
07/01/1997	Converted Rate	<u>4.673</u>	4.673		No
07/01/1996	Converted Rate	<u>5.005</u>	5.005		No
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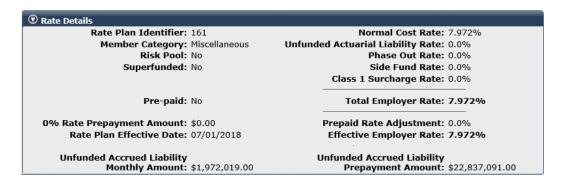
# Step 7 To view more history, select the **View Max** link at the bottom right.

# Step 8 Do you want to review more details for each rate?

**Yes:** Select the appropriate **rate** link under the Total Employer Rate column to review rate details and continue to step 9.

No: You have completed this scenario.

# Step 9 Review the Rate Details section.



## **Scenario 4: Review Your Exclusions**

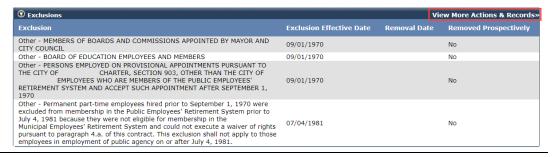
The Exclusions section displays classification(s) or groups of employees not covered by your retirement contract.

# **Step Actions**

- Step 1 From the homepage, select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



Step 3 Within the Exclusions section, select the **View More Actions & Records>>** link.



Step 4 Review the expanded Exclusions section.



# Unit 2: Annual Actuarial Valuation Report

Actuarial valuation reports are available in August for the following fiscal year.

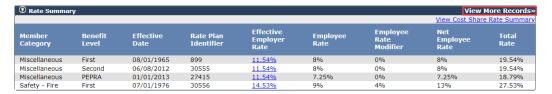
Your agency's actuarial valuation reports can be accessed on the <u>Public Agency Actuarial</u> <u>Valuation Reports</u> page.

# **Step Actions**

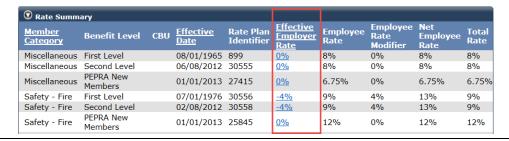
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- Step 2 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



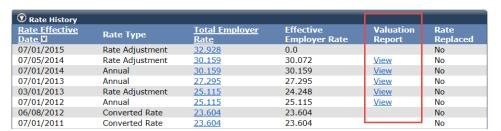
Step 3 Within the Rate Summary section, select the **View More Records>>** link.



Step 4 Select the appropriate **rate** link under the Effective Employer Rate column.



Step 5 Select the valuation report **View** link for the appropriate rate effective date.



# Unit 3: Cost Share

Your agency may add cost sharing to your retirement contract based on member categories, bargaining units, or benefit levels. As a contracting agency, cost sharing permits employees to share a portion of their employer's pension cost.

Access the Public Agency & Schools Reference Guide (PDF) for more information.

Contact <u>CalPERS</u> by sending an email to **pensioncontracts@calpers.ca.gov** before following the steps in this unit. A pension contract analyst will contact you to provide further instructions.

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# Scenario 1: Add a Collective Bargaining Unit (CBU)

# **Step Actions**

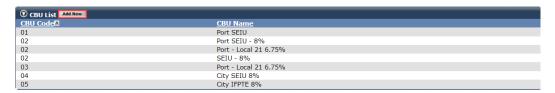
- Step 1 Select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



Step 3 Select the **Maintain CBU** left-side navigation link.



Step 4 Select the **Add New** button in the CBU List section.



Step 5 Complete the CBU Details section.



Step 6 Do you need to add another collective bargaining unit?

Yes: Select the Save & Add Another button and return to step 5.

No: Continue to step 7.

Step 7 Select the **Save** button.

# Scenario 2: Associate an Employee to a Collective Bargaining Unit (CBU)

# System Logic

Each employee within a CBU that will have cost sharing must be associated to that CBU in myCalPERS.

# **Step Actions**

Step 1 From the homepage, select the **Person Information** global navigation tab.



Step 2 Complete the Person Search section.



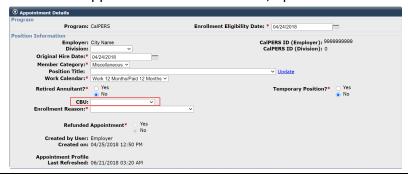
- Step 3 Select the **Search** button.
- Step 4 Within the Appointment History section, select the appropriate active employer link.



Step 5 Select the radio button of the most recent New Appointment or Appointment Change event.



- Step 6 Select the **Correct Event** button.
- Step 7 Within the Appointment Details section, update the CBU field.



Step 8 Select the **Save** button.

# Scenario 3: Submit Cost Share Adjustment Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

# System Logic

- This optional benefit does not require an approved actuarial valuation before amending the retirement contract.
- Ensure copies of the **Cost Share Adjustment Cover Letter** and the **Cost Share Adjustment MOU** are uploaded separately.

# **Step Actions**

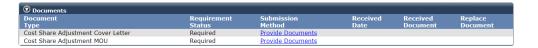
- Step 1 From the homepage, select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



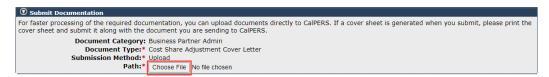
Step 3 At the bottom of the page within the Available Actions section, select the Submit Cost Share Adjustment option from the drop-down list.



- Step 4 Select the **Submit** button.
- Step 5 Within the Documents section, select a **Provide Documents** link.



Step 6 Within the Submit Documentation section, select the **Choose File** button.



- Step 7 Select your cover letter or MOU.
- Step 8 Select the **Open** button.
- Step 9 Select the **Submit** button.
- Step 10 Repeat steps 5-9 to upload your other document (cover letter or MOU).

Step 11 Within the Available Actions section, select the **Submit Cost Share Adjustment** radio button.



- Step 12 Select the **Submit** button.
- Step 13 Within the Contract Event Summary section, verify that the cost share adjustment displays Submitted under the Status column.

O Contract Event Summary					View Mo	ore Actions & Records»
Contract Event	Status	Member Category	Submission Date	Effective Date	Requested By	Amendment Status
Cost Share Adjustment	Submitted		08/12/2021			

Step 14 A CalPERS pension contract analyst will contact you for the next steps in the process.

# Unit 4: Review Retirement Contract Amendment Documents

After you have worked with a pension contract analyst to amend your contract, your initial contract amendment documents will be created and in myCalPERS within 30 calendar days.

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# Scenario 1: Download and Submit Initial Contract Amendment Documents

CalPERS will notify your agency (based on your agency's preferred communication method) that the Initial Contract Amendment documents are available through myCalPERS.

- 1. Download the Amendment Resolution of Intention Letter which provides instructions on completing a list of required documents and uploading them in myCalPERS.
- 2. Do not upload the cost share ballot(s) but save them at your agency in case of a future CalPERS review.
- 3. Complete and upload the Certification of Employee Election Cost Share document.

# **Step Actions**

#### **Download Required Documents**

- Step 1 From the homepage, select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



Step 3 Within the Contract Event Summary section, select the appropriate Contract Event **Amendment** link.

<b>⊙</b> Contract Event Summary View More Actions & Records							
Contract Event	Status	Member Category	Submission Date	Effective Date	Amendment Status		
<u>Amendment</u>	Amendment In Progress	Safety - Police	09/23/2015	09/23/2015			
<u>Amendment</u>	Approved	Safety - Fire Safety - Fire	08/26/2014	12/20/2014	Completed		
Amendment	Cancelled	Miscellaneous	09/23/2015	09/23/2015			
<u>Amendment</u>	Approved	Miscellaneous	08/08/2012	06/08/2012	Completed		

Step 4 Within the Documents section, select each **Download** link and print each document.

① Documents						
Document	Requirement	Submission	Received	Received	Replace	Coversheet/
Туре	Status	Method	Date	Document	Document	Template
Certification of Employee Election - Cost Share	Required	Provide Document				Download
Certification of Cost Share Form	Required	Provide Document				Download
Certification of PA Compliance with 7507	Required	Provide Document				Download
Certification of Governing Body Action	Required	Provide Document				Download
Ordinance	Required	Provide Document				Download
Amendment Resolution of Intention	Required	Provide Document				Download
Cost Share Ballot for Amendment	Required	Provide Document				Download
Amendment To Contract	Required	Provide Document				Download
Cost Share Ballot for Amendment	Required	Provide Document				Download
Amendment Resolution of Intention Letter						Download
Cost Share Pre-Amendment MOU	Optional	Upload	05/31/2018	View Document	Replace	
Cost Share Pre-Amendment MOU	Optional	Upload	05/31/2018	View Document	Replace	
Cost Share Pre-Amendment Cover Letter	Optional	Upload	05/31/2018	View Document	Replace	

# **Complete Required Documents**

Step 5 Follow the instructions in the Amendment Resolution of Intention Letter.

Step 6 Scan the completed documents to your computer.

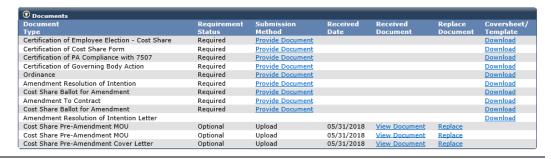
# **Upload Required Documents**

Step 7 Select the **Profile** global navigation tab.

Step 8 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.

Step 9 Within the Contract Event Summary section, select the appropriate Contract Event **Amendment** link.

Step 10 Within the Documents section, complete each required document type by selecting each **Provide Document** link.



# **Submit Required Documents**

Step 11 Select the **Submit Initial Contract Amendment Documents** radio button.



Step 12 Select the **Submit** button.

# **Scenario 2: Submit Final Contract Amendment Documents**

After CalPERS receives the Initial Contract Amendment documents, within 10 business days, we will overnight mail a packet to your agency with the following:

 Instructional cover letter which explains which documents that must be submitted through myCalPERS and to return the original documents to CalPERS by mail

Note: Original signatures are required on all contract documents.

- Certification of Final Action of Governing Body, Form CON-5
- Two copies of the blue Amendment to Contract documents
- Pre-paid return envelope

# **Step Actions**

#### **Download**

- Step 1 Select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



Step 3 Within the Contract Event Summary section, select the appropriate Contract Event **Amendment** link.



Step 4 Within the Documents section, select the **Download** link for the Ordinance (city or county) or final resolution (all other public agencies).

Step 5 Print the document.

#### Complete

Step 6 Complete the Ordinance (city or county) or the final resolution (all other public agencies), Amendment to Contract, and Certification of Final Action of Governing Body, Form CON-5 documents.

Step 7 Scan the completed documents to your computer.

# **Upload**

- Step 8 Select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 9 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.
- Step 10 Select the appropriate Contract Event **Amendment** link.



Step 11 Within the Submit Documentation section, complete each required document type by selecting each **Provide Document** link.

#### Submit

Step 12 Select the **Submit Final Contract Amendment Documents** radio button.



Step 13 Select the **Submit** button.

# Scenario 3: Verify Amendment Approval Through myCalPERS

CalPERS will review all submitted documents. If the review is successful, we will approve the amendment and send both amendment documents to the appropriate authorized person.

# Scenario

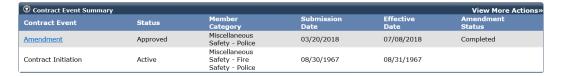
You will verify your agency's amendment status in myCalPERS.

# **Step Actions**

- Step 1 Select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



Step 3 Within the Contract Event Summary section, verify that the amendment displays Approved under the Status column.



# Unit 5: Employer Paid Member Contributions (EPMC)

Contact CalPERS before following the steps in this unit. A pension contract analyst will contact you to provide further instructions.

Follow the step actions to:

- Adopt a resolution for EPMC for the first time
- Revise a resolution for EPMC on file by increasing or decreasing the EPMC amount

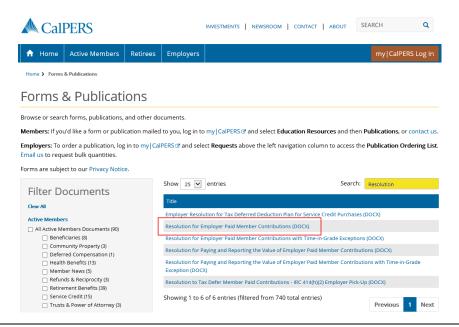
# **Step Actions**

#### Download the CalPERS Resolution

Step 1 From the CalPERS website, locate the <u>Resolution for Employer Paid Member</u>

<u>Contributions</u> document.

**Pathway**: CalPERS website > Forms & Publications: View All link > Search box: Resolution



Step 2 Select the **Resolution for Employer Paid Member Contributions (DOCX)** link.

# Complete the Resolution

- Step 3 Complete the Resolution for Employer Paid Member Contributions document, which must include the governing body's signature.
- Step 4 Save the completed and approved resolution document to your computer.

# **Upload Resolution**

Step 5 From the homepage, select the **Profile** global navigation tab.

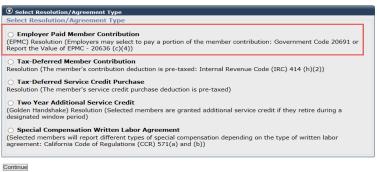
# Step 6 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



# Step 7 Within the Employer Resolutions/Written Labor Agreements section, select the **Add New** button.

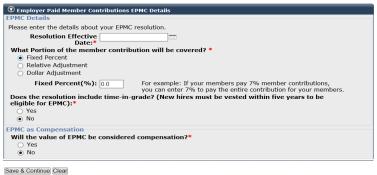
© Employer Resolutions /Written Labor	Add New		View More Actio	ns & Records»	
Resolution Type	Status	Submission Date	Effective Date	Affected Group	Resolution Status
Tax-Deferred Member Contribution	Active	02/04/2013	01/01/2013		Completed
Two Year Additional Service Credit	Active	10/20/2009	06/03/2009		Completed
Two Year Additional Service Credit	Active	06/30/2009	06/03/2009		Completed
Employer Paid Member Contribution	Active	06/03/1996	06/04/1996		Completed

# Step 8 Select the **Employer Paid Member Contribution** radio button.



## Step 9 Select the **Continue** button.

# Step 10 Complete the Employer Paid Member Contributions EPMC Details section.



#### Step 11 Select the **Save & Continue** button.

Step 12 Within the Identify Covered Employees section, select a radio button.



Step 13 Select the **Save & Continue** button.

Step 14 Will this resolution cover all employees?

Yes: Skip to step 19.

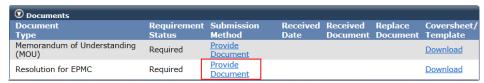
No: Complete the Select Criteria section.

Select Criteria
Criteria Name:*
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Please click the Select link to choose/modify criteria values for groups of employees.
Member Category: 0 selected Select
Collective Bargaining Unit: 0 selected Select
Position: 0 selected Select
Division: 0 selected Select
I need to identify a group of Employees not classified by the above criteria:*
○ Yes ● No
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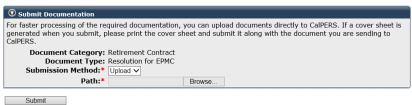
Step 15 Within the Select Criteria Values section, select one or all items in the Criteria Values box.

	es listed on the left and move them to the list on the right by selecting ces, press and hold the Ctrl key as you select each choice with your
Criteria: Member Category	
Criteria Values:	Selected Criteria Values:
Safety - Police Miscellaneous	Safety - Fire
Add Criteria > Add All Criteria	Remove Criteria < Remove All Criteria

- Step 16 Select the **Add Criteria** > button.
- Step 17 Select the **Save** button.
- Step 18 Select the **Save & Continue** button.
- Step 19 Within the Documents section, select the Resolution for EPMC **Provide Document** link.



Step 20 Within the Submit Documentation section, choose the submission method for sending the approved resolution.



Step 21 Select the **Submit** button to upload the completed resolution document.

# Step 22 Within the Documents section, select the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) **Download** link.



- Step 23 Save the MOU to your computer.
- Step 24 Close the MOU.
- Step 25 Select the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) **Provide Document** link.
- Step 26 Complete the Submit Documentation section to attach the MOU.

① Submit Documentation	
For faster processing of the required documentation, you can upload documents directly to CalPERS. If a cover perneted when you submit, please print the cover sheet and submit it along with the document you are sendir CalPERS.	
Document Category: Retirement Contract Document Type: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Submission Method:* Upload v	
Path:* Browse	
Submit	

# Step 27 Select the **Submit** button.

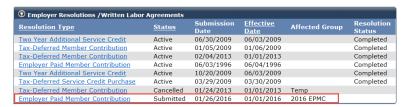
# **Submit Resolution**

Step 28 Select the **Submit Resolution** radio button.



- Step 29 Select the **Submit** button.
- Step 30 Verify that your resolution displays a Submitted status.





# Unit 6: Pay and Report the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions (EPMC)

Contact CalPERS before following the steps in this unit. A CalPERS pension contract analyst will contact you to provide further instructions.

# **System Logic**

Follow the step actions in this scenario to:

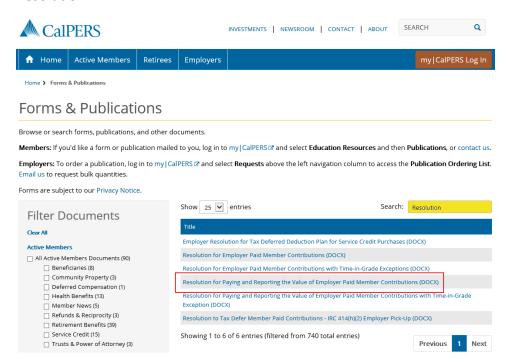
- Adopt a resolution for Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions (EPMC) resolution for the first time
- Revise a resolution for Paying and Reporting the Value of EPMC on file by increasing or decreasing the EPMC amount

# **Step Actions**

# Download the CalPERS Resolution

Step 1 From the CalPERS website, locate the <u>Resolution for Paying and Reporting the</u>
Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions (DOCX)

**Pathway**: CalPERS website > Forms & Publications: View All link > Search box: Resolution



Step 2 Select the **Resolution for Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions (DOCX)** document link.

# **Complete Resolution**

- Step 3 Complete the **Resolution for Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions** document, which must include your agency's governing body's signature.
- Step 4 Scan the completed and approved resolution document to your computer.

# **Upload Resolution**

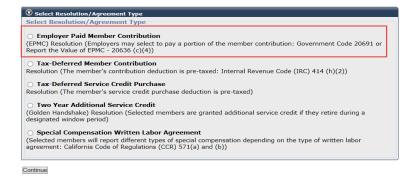
- Step 5 From the homepage, select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 6 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



Step 7 Within the Employer Resolutions/Written Labor Agreements section, select the **Add New** button.

© Employer Resolutions /Written Labo	Add New		View More Actio	ns & Records»	
Resolution Type	Status	Submission Date	Effective Date	Affected Group	Resolution Status
Tax-Deferred Member Contribution	Active	02/04/2013	01/01/2013		Completed
Two Year Additional Service Credit	Active	10/20/2009	06/03/2009		Completed
Two Year Additional Service Credit	Active	06/30/2009	06/03/2009		Completed
Employer Paid Member Contribution	Active	06/03/1996	06/04/1996		Completed

Step 8 Select the **Employer Paid Member Contribution** radio button.



- Step 9 Select the **Continue** button.
- Step 10 Complete the Employer Paid Member Contributions EPMC Details section.



# Step 11 Select the **Save & Continue** button.

# Step 12 Complete the Identify Covered Employees section.

① Identify Covered Employees
Please identify the covered employees.
Select Members
Choose your method of selecting members below. You can include all of your employees or identify specific covered employees. *
Include all employees
Identify specific group of covered employees

## Step 13 Select the **Save & Continue** button.

# Step 14 Will this resolution cover all employees?

Yes: Skip to step 19.

No: Complete the Select Criteria section, and then continue to step 15.

Select Criteria				
Criteria Name:*				
Please click the Select link to choose/modif	y criteria values for groups of employees.			
Member Category: 0 selected	Select			
Collective Bargaining Unit: 0 selected	Select			
Position: 0 selected	Select			
Division: 0 selected	Select			
I need to identify a group of Employees not classified by the above criteria:*  \( \text{Yes} \ \ \bar{\text{\end{a}}} \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \				
O res • NO				
Save & Continue Clear				

# Step 15 Select one or all items in the Criteria Values box.



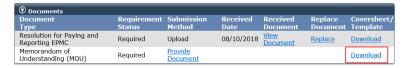
- Step 16 Select the **Add Criteria** > button.
- Step 17 Select the **Save** button.
- Step 18 Select the **Save & Continue** button.
- Step 19 Within the Documents section, select the Resolution for Paying and Reporting EMPC **Provide Document** link.



Step 20 Complete the Submit Documentation section to attach the recently approved and scanned resolution document.



- Step 21 Select the **Submit** button to upload the completed resolution document.
- Step 22 Select the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) **Download** link.



- Step 23 Save the MOU in PDF.
- Step 24 Close the MOU.
- Step 25 Select the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) **Provide Document** link.
- Step 26 Complete the Submit Documentation section to attach the MOU.
- Step 27 Select the **Submit** button to upload the MOU.

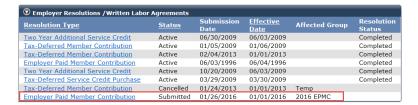
#### **Submit Resolution**

Step 28 Select the **Submit Resolution** radio button.



- Step 29 Select the **Submit** button.
- Step 30 Verify that the resolution displays a Submitted status.





# Unit 7: Two Years Additional Service Credit (Golden Handshake)

Contact CalPERS before following the steps in this unit and a pension contract analyst will contact you to provide further instructions.

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# Scenario 1: Request Contract Amendment for Two Years Additional Service Credit

# System Logic

Only one contract amendment can be submitted at a time.

# **Step Actions**

- Step 1 From the homepage, select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



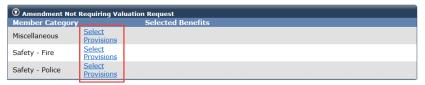
Step 3 At the bottom of the page, within the Available Actions section, select the Request Amendment to Contract option from the drop-down list.



- Step 4 Select the **Submit** button.
- Step 5 Select the **Initiate Contract Amendment (no valuation required)** radio button.



- Step 6 Select the **Continue** button.
- Step 7 Within the Amendment Not Requiring Valuation Request section, select the **Select Provisions** link for the appropriate member category.



Step 8 Within the Service Credit Provisions section, select the appropriate check box.



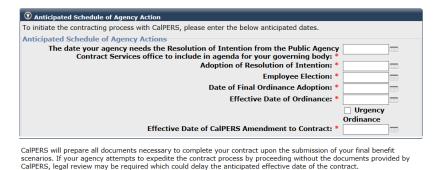
- Step 9 Select the **Save & Continue** button.

  Step 10 If you would like to add additional benefits to another member category, repeat steps 7-9.

  Step 11 Select the **Continue** button, located below the Amendment Not Requiring Valuation Request section.
- Step 12 Within the Anticipated Schedule of Agency Actions section, select the **Add Anticipated Schedule of Agency Actions** link.



Step 13 Complete the Anticipated Schedule of Agency Action section. Refer to unit 7 for more details.



Step 14 Select the **Save & Continue** button.

Save & Continue Clear

Step 15 Within the Available Actions section, select the **Request Amendment to Contract** radio button.



Step 16 Select the **Submit** button.

## **Scenario 2: Receive Initial Contract Amendment Documents**

To request a contract amendment, contact <u>CalPERS</u> by sending an email to **pensioncontracts@calpers.ca.gov** before following the steps in this unit. A pension contract analyst will contact you to provide further instructions.

CalPERS will notify your agency (based on your preferred communication method) that the Initial Contract Amendment documents are available in myCalPERS.

#### Scenario

You will download the **Amendment Resolution of Intention Letter** which includes detailed instructions on completing the required documents and uploading them in myCalPERS.

# **Step Actions**

## **Download Required Documents**

- Step 1 From the homepage, select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



Step 3 Within the Contract Event Summary section, select the appropriate Contract Event **Amendment** link.



Step 4 Select the **Download** link for each document type.

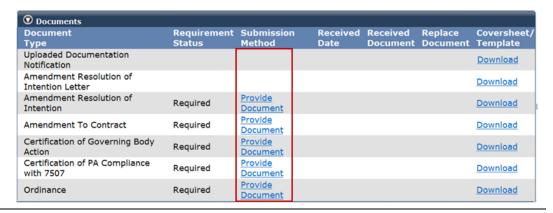
#### **Complete Required Documents**

- Step 5 Follow the instructions in the Amendment Resolution of Intention Letter.
- Step 6 Complete each document before scanning and saving to your computer.

# **Upload Required Documents**

- Step 7 Select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 8 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.
- Step 9 Within the Contract Event Summary section, select the appropriate Contract Event **Amendment** link.

# Step 10 Within the Documents section, select each **Provide Document** link.



# **Submit Required Documents**

# Step 11 Select the **Submit Initial Contract Amendment Documents** radio button.



Step 12 Select the **Submit** button.

## **Scenario 3: Receive Final Contract Amendment Documents**

After CalPERS receives the Initial Contract Amendment documents, we will overnight mail a packet which will include the following:

- A pre-paid envelope
- Certification of Final Action of Governing Body, Form CON-5
- Two copies of the blue Amendment to Contract
- An instructional cover letter:
  - The following documents must be submitted in myCalPERS, and the original documents must be returned to CalPERS by mail:
    - » Amendment to Contract, two original executed sets
    - » Ordinance (city or county) or the final resolution (all other public agencies)
    - » Certification of Final Action of Governing Body, Form CON-5
  - Original signatures are required on all contracts.

# **Step Actions**

# **Download Required Documents**

Step 1 From the homepage, select the **Profile** global navigation tab.

# Step 2 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.

Step 3 Within the Contract Event Summary section, select the appropriate Contract Event **Amendment** link.

🛈 Contract Event	Summary	View More Actions & Records»			
Contract Event	Status	Member Category	Submission Date	Effective Date	Amendment Status
<u>Amendment</u>	Amendment In Progress	Safety - Police	09/23/2015	09/23/2015	
Amendment	Approved	Safety - Fire Safety - Fire	08/26/2014	12/20/2014	Completed
Amendment	Cancelled	Miscellaneous	09/23/2015	09/23/2015	
<u>Amendment</u>	Approved	Miscellaneous	08/08/2012	06/08/2012	Completed

Step 4 Within the Documents section, select the **Download** link for the Ordinance (city or county) or the final resolution (all other public agencies), and then print the document.

# **Complete Required Documents**

Step 5 Complete the Ordinance (city or county) or the final resolution (all other public agencies), Amendment to Contract, and Certification of Final Action of Governing Body, Form CON-5 documents.

Step 6 Scan the completed documents to your computer.

# **Upload Required Documents**

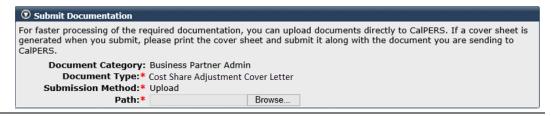
- Step 7 Select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 8 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



Step 9 Select the appropriate Contract Event **Amendment** link.



Step 10 Within the Submit Documentation section, select each **Provide Document** link.



# **Submit Required Documents**

Step 11 Select the **Submit Final Contract Amendment Documents** radio button.



Step 12 Select the **Submit** button.

# **Scenario 4: Verify Amendment Approval**

CalPERS will review all submitted documents. If the review is successful, we will approve the amendment and send both Amendment to Contract documents to the authorized people.

# **Process and Employer Notification**

- 1. A CalPERS pension contract analyst receives the signed hard copy documents and reviews them for approval within five business days.
- 2. Upon approval, the contract amendment is activated in myCalPERS with the effective date.
- 3. The documents are reviewed and then signed by the CalPERS Pension Contracts & Prefunding Programs Division chief. An executed copy is sent to your agency.
- 4. You may check the status of the amendment to determine if approved. If there are issues with documents, a pension contract analyst will contact your agency and provide guidance.

# **Step Actions**

- Step 1 From the homepage, select the **Profile** global navigation tab.
- Step 2 Select the **Retirement Contract** local navigation link.



Step 3 Within the Contract Event Summary section, verify that the amendment displays Approved under the Status column.



You have completed this scenario.

# Scenario 5: Request a Golden Handshake Window Period

A public agency must contract for Section 20903 Two Years Additional Service Credit, also known as Golden Handshake (GHS), to open a GHS window period.

**Note:** Send an email to **pensioncontracts@calpers.ca.gov** to add this benefit by a contract amendment. A pension contract analyst will contact you with further instructions.

## **CalPERS Resources**

Obtain more information by visiting the CalPERS website at www.calpers.ca.gov.

myCalPERS Student Guides & Resources

Pathway: CalPERS website > Employers > I Want To...: Access myCalPERS Student Guide

Business Rules & myCalPERS Classes

**Pathway:** CalPERS website > Employers > I Want To...: Attend Training & Events > Business Rules & myCalPERS Classes

• myCalPERS Technical Requirements

**Pathway:** CalPERS website > Employers > myCalPERS Technical Requirements

• CalPERS Public Agency & Schools Reference Guide (PDF)

**Pathway:** CalPERS website > Employers > Policies & Procedures > Reference & Health Guides > Public Agency & Schools Reference Guide (PDF)

• Circular Letters

Pathway: CalPERS website > Employers > Policies & Procedures > Circular Letters

Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL)

**Pathway:** CalPERS website > About > Laws, Legislation, & Regulations> Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL)

• Forms & Publications

Pathway: CalPERS website > Forms & Publications View All > Search Box: Resolution

- Employer Resolution for Tax Deferred Deduction Plan for Service Credit Purchases
- Resolution for Employer Paid Member Contributions
- Resolution for Employer Paid Member Contributions with Time-in-Grade Exceptions
- Resolution for Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions
- Resolution for Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions with Time-in-Grade Exception
- Resolution to Tax Defer Member Paid Contributions IRC 414(h)(2) Employer Pick-Up

# Agency Changes

**Pathway:** CalPERS website > Employers > Contracts > Agency Changes

Amendments

**Pathway:** CalPERS website > Employers > Contracts > Amendments

• Optional Benefits Listing (PERS-CON-40) (PDF)

**Pathway:** CalPERS website > Employers > Amendments > Optional Benefits Listing (PERS-CON-40) (PDF)

Public Agency Required Employer Contributions

**Pathway**: CalPERS website > Employers > Actuarial Services > Employer Contributions > Public Agency Required Employer Contributions

• Public Agency Actuarial Valuation Reports

**Pathway**: CalPERS website > Employers > Actuarial Services> Public Agency Actuarial Valuation Reports

• myCalPERS Employer Reports (Cognos) Catalog

**Pathway:** CalPERS website > Employers > myCalPERS Technical Requirements > myCalPERS Employer Reports (Cognos) Catalog

- Business Partner Info Report
- Contract Detail Report

## **CalPERS Contacts**

## **Email**

- To contact <u>employer educators</u> for questions and requests, email calpers\_employer\_communications@calpers.ca.gov.
- To contact a pension contract analyst, email pensioncontracts@calpers.ca.gov.
- To contact the <u>Employer Response Team</u> for assistance with your most critical, complex, or time-sensitive issues, email **ert@calpers.ca.gov**.

#### Phone or Fax

You can reach CalPERS at **888 CalPERS** (or **888-**225-7377), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on state holidays.

- TTY: (877) 249-7442 (This number does not accept voice calls)
- CalPERS centralized fax number: (800) 959-6545
- Employer Response Team phone number: (800) 253-4594

# **Submit Inquiry**

You can send secure messages through myCalPERS. Expand the **Common Tasks** left-side navigation folder and select the **Submit Inquiry** link to submit a question or request.