CHECK LIST FOR REFUND REQUESTS FROM PUBLIC SAFETY

1) Please Complete and Submit a FORM P6 – APPLICATION FOR A SEPARATION REFUND OR DEFERRED ANNUITY:

Complete the top portion of the P6 form.	
Initial under REFUND OPTIONS	
Initial under TAXABLE MONIES	
Have the completed form notarized by a <u>notary public</u> (page 2). ***This form should be <i>initialed / signed only in the presence of a notary public</i> .	
 Submit <u>Page 3-Employer Certification of Termination</u> to your employer's payroll office. If you are unable to have your employer complete page 3 of FORM P6, please return it blank and we will forward it to your former employer for completion; however, please be aware that this may delay your refund process. If any of the above information is missing, it will delay the refund process. 	

2) Please Complete and Submit FORM U3 – LUMP SUM DISTRIBUTION ELECTION FORM FOR REFUNDS:

If you are requesting your accumulated contributions to be paid directly to you, please complete Section A only .	
If you wish to roll-over your taxable contributions to a qualified plan, you will need to complete Section B and the <u>Financial Institution</u> must complete <i>Page 3 Agreement of Depository Trustee</i> of Form U3.	
If you want a partial roll-over to a qualified plan and the balance forwarded to you, please complete Section C. Please state how much you want rolled over and the name of the Financial Institution. Important: the Financial Institution must complete <i>page 3 of Form U3</i> .	
Have the completed form notarized by a notary public (<i>page 2</i>). ***This form should be <i>initialed / signed only in the presence of a notary public</i> .	

3) Please Complete and Submit FORM 13 – AUTHORIZATION TO DIRECT DEPOSIT REFUND CHECK:

If you are depositing your funds to your Checking Account, please:	
• Submit a copy of a Voided Check OR a Letter from your bank which states your Account and Routing number.	
• Submit a copy of a Picture ID (e.g. driver's license, a state issued photo ID or a passport)	
*** <u>NOTE</u> : A clear copy of both the front and back of the ID is required.	
OR	
• If you are depositing your funds to your <u>Savings Account</u> , please:	
• Submit a Letter from your bank which states your Account and Routing number OR a Deposit slip which has the required information.	
• Submit a copy of a Picture ID (e.g. driver's license, a state issued photo ID or a passport) *** <u>NOTE</u> : A clear copy of both the front and back of the ID is required.	
Have the completed form notarized by a notary public (page 2). ***This form should be <i>initialed / signed only in the presence of a notary public</i> .	

If any of the above information is missing, it will delay the refund process. If you have any questions, contact the Active Members Group by email at <u>Activemembersgroup@psprs.com</u>, or (602) 255-5575.

PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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APPLICATION FOR A SEPARATION REFUND OR DEFERRED ANNUITY

PRINT MEMBER INFORMATION:							
NAME:			EMAIL:			SSN:	
MAILING	G ADDRESS						
		(STREET)		(APT#)			(CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE)
PHONE N	UMBER				BIRTH DATE: (MM/L	DD/YYYY)	

MY PSPRS MEMBERSHIP EMPLOYMENT WITH

BEGAN ON (MM/DD/YYYY)

AND TERMINATED ON (MM/DD/YYYY)

I certify that I have terminated my employment; I have not been accepted for employment with any other PSPRS employer; I have not previously received a refund of my accumulated contributions to the PSPRS; the dates of membership and termination in this application and the periods of leave of absence without pay are correct; I understand the terms and requirements for the Refund Option and the Deferred Annuity Option below; and I make **my election** as indicated below:

REFUND OPTION

this Refund Option, I hereby apply for a refund of my accumulated contributions in the Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement By INITIALING System as well as any enhanced refund as provided by law. I understand that **BY WITHDRAWING MY ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS, I** TERMINATE MY MEMBERSHIP AND FORFEIT ALL RIGHTS to benefits under the PSPRS and my rights to rehearing and appeal. I also understand that withdrawing my accumulated REFUND contributions results in my service credits in the PSPRS being cancelled. If I do not withdraw my contributions and I obtain employment with an employer in the PSPRS after my termination, my service credits will be transferred to my record with my new employer. I understand that if I DO NOT withdraw my contributions and I DO NOT obtain employment with an employer in the PSPRS after my termination, the termination of employment shall constitute a break in service, but I may be entitled to a deferred retirement benefit, see below; however, if I again obtain employment with an employer in the PSPRS my service shall be credited only from the date when my most recent re-employment period commences. If I withdraw my accumulated contributions and I am reemployed by the same employer within two years, I can have my service credits reinstated if, within 90 days of reemployment, I sign and file with my local PSPRS board a written election to reimburse the PSPRS and, within one year of reemployment, I repay to the PSPRS the accumulated contributions I withdrew, with interest as provided in A.R.S. § 38-849 C. If the refund includes taxable monies, I hereby acknowledge receiving and reading the special tax notice regarding these taxable monies. I further understand that pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-921, I may be entitled to transfer my service credits to a new state retirement system upon subsequent employment in a position not covered by PSPRS and that by withdrawing my contributions, I am forfeiting all of these rights. If the Refund Option is selected, the refund check will be mailed to the address shown above, or the designated financial institution(s) on the attached forms(s), or per my request will be direct deposited within twenty (20) business days after this completed application, including the Employer's Certification of Termination, is filed with the BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, 3010 E. Camelback Rd., Suite 200, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85016, and the final wage deduction is sent to the Board of Trustees.

DEFERRED ANNUITY OPTION

By INITIALING this Deferred Annuity Option A.R.S. 38-846.01, I hereby elect to leave my accumulated contributions on deposit and receive a Deferred Annuity commencing on or after my 62nd birthday. I understand that I may elect this deferred annuity only if I have at least ten years of credited service in the PSPRS and my membership date is on or before December 31st, 2011. I also understand that if I die and I have accumulated contributions remaining in the PSPRS, those accumulated contributions will be paid to my designated refund beneficiary, if living, or to my designated contributions will be paid to my designated refund beneficiary, if living, or to my designated contributions premaining in the PSPRS, those accumulated contributions will be paid to my designated refund beneficiary, if living, or to my designated contributions premaining in the PSPRS, those accumulated contributions will be paid to my designated refund beneficiary, if living, or to my designated contributions will be paid to my designated refund beneficiary, if living, or to my nearest living kin as selected by my local PSPRS board. A Deferred Annuity shall be a lifetime monthly pension actuarially equivalent to the member's accumulated contributions plus an amount paid by the employer, and shall commence on application, on or after the 62nd birthday. The Annuity is not a retirement benefit and annuitants are not entitled to receive any amount prescribed by section 38-845, subsection F, or section 38-846, 38-856 or 38-857. All changes of address must be reported, in writing, to the local PSPRS board and the Board of Trustees.

TAXABLE MONIES (All monies contributed after July 1, 2000, are taxable monies) ****You must complete the information below before a refund check is issued.

By INITIALING_____, I understand and acknowledge the following:

- 1. I am aware that I have at least 30 days to decide whether I want to elect a direct rollover or to elect a cash distribution of my taxable monies and I am electing to waive this 30-day waiting period.
- 2. I have completed the Lump Sum Distribution Election Form that prescribes certain tax consequences regarding the above taxable monies.
- 3. I have received and read the special tax notice regarding these taxable monies and understand the tax consequences explained in the notice and election form.

If this application form is not signed and notarized or if the LUMP SUM DISTRIBUTION ELECTION FORM is not completed, <u>it will be returned</u> which will cause a delay in the processing of any refund.

Go to <u>page 2</u> for the employee signature and *Notary Acknowledgement section* of the form. **NOTE:* Page 1 and 2 of this form should be initialed & signed in the presence of a notary public.

APPLICATION FOR A SEPARATION REFUND OR DEFERRED ANNUITY

If you divorced during your employment, provide our office with a copy of your Divorce Decree or Domestic Relations Order. <u>NOTE</u>: A.R.S. §§ 38-860, 38-910, 38-822 states that if you have been involved in a divorce, the System/Plan is <u>not</u> liable for any benefits you receive. You are considered trustee to the funds and will be the sole party against with whom an action may be brought to recover the payment.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above information is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATE

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE

*Please date and sign in the presence of a notary public.

	NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT	
STATE OF ARIZONA		

On this		day of		, 20	_, before me personally
	[Day]		[Month]	[Year]	
appeared				, wh	ose identity was proven
		[Name	e of signer]		

to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who he or she claims to be and acknowledged that he or she signed the above / attached: Application for a Separation Refund or Deferred Annuity Form.

(Seal) [Affix Seal Here]

Notary Public [Notary Public Signature]

SSN:

EMPLOYER'S CERTIFICATION OF TERMINATION

<u>INSTRUCTIONS</u>: The Employer must complete this Certification of Termination and send it back to the Board of Trustees with a copy to the Local Board.

Form P6

NAME OF EMPLOYER:

Applicant's final wage period was from (MM/DDYYYY):

through (MM/DDYYYY)

Last date of employment: (MM/DDYYYY)

Employee contributions for final wage period by applicant total \$

(The Board of Trustees will deduct prior payments, if any, made by the PSPRS to or on behalf of the applicant to arrive at refundable accumulated contributions. A.R.S. Sections 38-842.2 and 38-846.02).

The undersigned representative of the employer hereby certifies that the applicant named above has actually terminated his employment and agrees that any excess refund paid to the applicant due to an overstatement of the total aggregate employee contributions shall be the liability of the employer. I also acknowledge that the membership date and termination date provided by the employee above corresponds with the information in our personnel files.

EMPLOYER'S REPRESENTATIVE:

SIGNATURE	TITLE	TELEPHONE NUMBER	DATE

If you were a member who became a member of the system before January 1, 2012, and if you have five or more years of <u>credited service</u> with the system you are entitled to receive additional monies according to the following schedule:

5 to 5.9—25% of member contributions deducted from the member's salary pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-843, subsection C.

6 to 6.9—40% of member contributions deducted from the member's salary pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-843, subsection C.

7 to 7.9—55% of member contributions deducted from the member's salary pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-843, subsection C.

8 to 8.9—70% of member contributions deducted from the member's salary pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-843, subsection C.

9 to 9.9—85% of member contributions deducted from the member's salary pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-843, subsection C.

10 or more—100% of member contributions deducted from the member's salary pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-843, subsection C., plus interest at 3% after 30 days if left on deposit.

Otherwise, if you were a member of the system on or after January 1, 2012, you are entitled to receive a lump sum payment equal to the member's accumulated contribution plus interest at a rate determined by the board. (Currently 3%)

All of the additional monies prescribed above are taxable monies. <u>NOTE</u>: Periods of time during which you were on a leave of absence without pay <u>do not</u> count as credited service.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY (Complete only if you have five or more years of credited service)

During my periods of covered service, I have been on leave of absence without pay as indicated below: (Initial and complete)

(a)	NONE			
(b)	FROM (MM/DDYYYY)	THROUGH (MM/DDYYYY)	EMPLOYER	
	FROM (MM/DDYYYY)	THROUGH (MM/DDYYYY)	EMPLOYER	
	FROM (MM/DDYYYY)	THROUGH (MM/DDYYYY)	EMPLOYER	

EMPLOYER'S CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION (Complete only if the employee has five or more years of credited service)

The undersigned representative of the employer hereby certifies that the periods of leave of absence without pay provided by the applicant named on the reverse hereof corresponds with the information in our personnel files.

EMPLOYER'S REPRESENTATIVE:

SIGNATURE

PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN ELECTED OFFICIALS' RETIREMENT PLAN

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www.psprs.com

Email: <u>ActiveMembersGroup@psprs.com</u>

LUMP SUM DISTRIBUTION ELECTION FORM FOR REFUNDS

PRIN	T MEMBER INFORMATIO	N:			
	NAME:				
	SSN:				
DA	TE OF TERMINATION:				
	a portion of your refund/	listribution may r	enresent TAVARIE	monies. If so you mus	t complete the following
with r	regard to the <u>TAXABLE</u> p review the special tax no	ortion of the distr	ibution received. The	non-taxable portion wi	
		PLEASE SELI	ECT OPTION A, B	OR C BELOW:	
	FULL REFUND/DIST	RIBUTION TO 	MEMBER:	Direct Deposit	Check
A	The PSPRS, CORP or E withholding described in	ORP is directed to	o make full payment to	o me, the member, less	
	SIGNATURE OF N	IEMBER (Sign and	date above in the presence	of a notary public)	DATE
			<u>OR</u>		
	The PSPRS, CORP or			e portion only of my	<i>tion must complete Page 3</i>) distribution to: osit in accordance with the
B		(Name of Financial	,		
	rollover provisions. The	non-taxable portion	on will be paid directly	y to me.	
	SIGNATURE OF N	IEMBER (Sign and	date above in the presence	of a notary public)	DATE
			OR		
	PARTIAL ROLLOVE	R/TRUSTEE TR	ANSFER AND PAR	TIAL REFUND/DIS	TRIBUTION
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С		inancial Institution) able portion, less	for dep any applicable withho	osit in accordance with	the Rollover provisions. Special Tax Notice

If Option B or C is selected above, THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION MUST COMPLETE Agreement of Depository Trustee on Page 3. Also, please refer to Page 3 for mailing instructions.

Go to <u>page 2</u> for the Notary Acknowledgement section of the form and <u>page 3</u> for financial institution agreement section of the form.

STATE OF ARIZONA

COUNTY OF _____)

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this		_day of	, 20	_, before me personally
	[Day]	[Month]	[Year	·]
appeared			, wh	ose identity was proven
		[Name of signer]		

to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who he or she claims to be, and acknowledged that he or she signed the above / attached: Lump Sum Distribution Election Form for Refunds.

(Seal) [Affix Seal Here]

Notary Public [Notary Public Signature]

Go to page 3 for the Financial Institution section of the information and for mailing instructions.

To be completed by the Financial Institution of the eligible Retirement Plan or IRA.

AGREEMENT OF DEPOSITORY TRUSTEE

In accordance with the authorization of the depositor on the front of this form, we agree to deposit the forthcoming rollover / trustee to trustee transfer amount from the PSPRS, CORP or EORP in the following type of account:

Check One	
	1) Section 401(a) Qualified Defined Benefit Plan
	2) Section 401(a) Qualified Defined Contribution Plan (includes Section 401K)
	3) Section 403(a) Qualified Annuity Plan
	4) Section 403(b) Tax Sheltered Annuity
	5) Section 408(a) Traditional IRA (includes SEP IRA)
	6) Section 408(b) Individual Retirement Annuity
	7) Section 457 Governmental Deferred Compensation Plan

Member's Name:

Account Number:

The following portion must be completed by a representative of the financial institution (not the member).

Name of Fina	ncial Institution (Trustee)	Authorized Signature	
Mailing Addr	ess	Date	
City	State	Zip	
Return to:	Board of Trustees c/o Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Corrections Officer Retirement Plan Elected Officials Retirement Plan 3010 E Camelback RD, Suite 200 Phoenix Arizona 85016-4416		

PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN ELECTED OFFICIALS' RETIREMENT PLAN

FORM 13-Refunds 02/2024

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Fax (602) 296-2368 OR email to ActiveMembersGroup@psprs.com

AUTHORIZATION TO DIRECT DEPOSIT OF A REFUND CHECK

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code mandates disclosure of your Social Security Number (SSN). We will use your SSN to obtain account information and to inform the Internal Revenue (IRS) of distributions and withholdings.

SECTION 1 – PRINT INFORMATION					
SSN		Former Employer			
DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)			E-MAIL ADDRESS		
NAME (LAST)				NAME (FIRST)	
NEW ADDRESS? MAILING ADDRESS – CITY, STAT		e, ZIP +4			
TYES NO					
HOME PHONE # (with area code) CELL # (w		CELL # (with	area code)		IF EX-SPOUSE, PROVIDE MEMBER'S NAME:

SECTION 2 – FINANCIAL INFORMATION				
CHECK ONE	ATTACH (REQUIRED)			
Checking <u>OR</u> Savings	1. VOIDED CHECK from new account, OR LETTER from financial institution with			
Routing# (9 digits):	Your name Account and Routing number			
Account #:	Checking or Savings			
Financial Institution:	2. COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE or I.D. card			

SECTION 3 – <u>REQUIRED</u> SIGNATURE (Electronic Signature cannot be accepted)

My signature below authorizes the deposit of my refund check(s) to the institution above and to debit my account and reimburse the PSPRS for purposes of error corrections. I further authorize the financial institution to provide the PSPRS/EORP/CORP with my address/ contact information and name/address of joint account holders or legal representatives.

REQUIRED SIGNATURE	DATE

If signing as a POA of Guardian, if you not already done so, provide our office with a copy of your appointment papers.

Go to page 2 for Notary Acknowledgment section of the form.

*Please sign and date in the presence of a notary public.

STATE OF ARIZONA

COUNTY OF _____)

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this	day of	ſ	, 20, before me personally
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appeared_			, whose identity was proven
	[N	ame of signer]	

to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who he or she claims to be, and acknowledged that he or she signed the above / attached: Authorization to Direct Deposit of a Refund Check Form.

(Seal) [Affix Seal Here]

Notary Public [Notary Public Signature]

SPECIAL TAX NOTICE REGARDING PLAN PAYMENTS

This notice explains how you can continue to defer federal income tax on your retirement savings in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, Corrections Officer Retirement Plan or Elected Officials' Retirement Plan (the "Plan") and contains important information you will need before you decide how to receive your Plan benefits. Because PSPRS cannot provide you with tax advice and tax rules are complex, you may wish to consult a qualified tax professional before you made a withdrawal decision.

<u>Your Right to Waive the 30-Day Notice Period</u>. After receiving this notice, you have at least 30 days to consider whether to have your withdrawal directly rolled over. If you do not wish to wait until this 30-day notice period ends before your election is processed, you may waive the notice period by making an affirmative election on the appropriate application indicating whether or not you wish to make a direct rollover. Your withdrawal will then be processed in accordance with your election as soon as practical.

YOUR ROLLOVER OPTIONS

You are receiving this notice because all or a portion of a payment you are receiving from the "Plan" is eligible to be rolled over to an IRA or an eligible employer plan. This notice is intended to help you decide whether to do such a rollover. The term "IRA" as used in this notice includes only traditional IRAs and individual retirement annuities. It does not include Roth IRAs, SIMPLE IRAs, or Coverdell Education Savings Accounts. An "eligible employer plan" includes a plan qualified under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, including a 401(k) plan, profit-sharing plan, defined benefit plan, stock bonus plan, and money purchase plan; a section 403(b) tax sheltered annuity plan; and an eligible section 457(b) plan maintained by a governmental employer (governmental 457 plan).

Rules that apply to most payments from a plan are described in the "General Information about Rollovers" section. Special rules that only apply in certain circumstances are described in the "Special Rules and Options" section.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ROLLOVERS

How can a rollover affect my taxes?

You will be taxed on a payment from the Plan if you do not roll it over. If you are under age 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ and do not rollover, you will also have to pay a 10% additional income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies). However, if you do a rollover, you will not have to pay tax until you receive payments later and the 10% additional income tax will not apply if those payments are made after you are age 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ (or if an exception applies).

Where may I roll over the payment?

You may roll over the payment to either an IRA (an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity) or an employer plan (a tax-qualified plan, section 403(b) plan, or governmental 457(b) plan) that will accept the rollover. The rules of the IRA or employer plan that holds the rollover will determine your investment options, fees, and rights to payment from the IRA or employer plan (for example, no spousal consent rules apply to IRAs and IRAs may not provide loans). Further, the amount rolled over will become subject to the tax rules that apply to the IRA or employer plan.

How do I do a rollover?

There are two ways to do a rollover. You can do either a direct rollover or a 60-day rollover.

If you do a direct rollover, the Plan will make the payment directly to your IRA or an employer plan. You should contact the IRA sponsor or the administrator of the employer plan for information on how to do a direct rollover.

<u>If you do not do a direct rollover</u>, you may still do a rollover by making a deposit into an IRA or eligible employer plan that will accept it. You will have 60 days after you receive the payment to make the deposit. If you do not do a direct rollover, the Plan is required to withhold 20% of the payment for federal income taxes. This means that, in order to roll over the entire payment in a 60-day rollover, you must use other funds to make up for the 20% withheld. If you do not roll over the entire amount of the payment, the portion not rolled over will be taxed and will be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions if you are under age 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ (unless an exception applies).

How much may I roll over?

If you wish to do a rollover, you may roll over all or part of the amount eligible for rollover. Any payment from the Plan is eligible for rollover, except:

- Certain payments spread over a period of at least 10 years or over your life or life expectancy.
- Required minimum distributions after age 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ (or after death).

Special Tax Notice Regarding Plan Payments (02/2024)

- Corrective distributions of contributions that exceed tax law limitations.
- After-tax contributions. (At this time the Plan has not been amended to allow such contributions to be rolled over).

The Plan administrator or the payer can tell you what portion of a payment is eligible for rollover.

If I don't do a rollover, will I have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions?

If you are under age 59 ½, you will have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions for any payment from the Plan (including amounts withheld for income tax) that you do not roll over, unless one of the exceptions listed below applies. This tax is in addition to the regular income tax on the payment not rolled over.

The 10% additional income tax does not apply to the following payments from the Plan:

- Payments made after you separate from service if you will be at least age 55 in the year of separation.
- Payments that start after you separate from service if paid at least annually in equal or close to equal amounts over your life or life expectancy (or the lives or joint life expectancy of you and your beneficiary).
- Payments from a governmental defined benefit pension plan made after you separate from service if you are a public safety employee, and you are at least age 50 in the year of separation.
- Payments made due to disability.
- Payments after your death.
- Corrective distributions of contributions that exceed tax law limitations.
- Payments made directly to the government to satisfy a federal tax levy.
- Payments made under a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO).
- Payments up to the amount of your deductible medical expenses.
- Certain payments made while you are on active duty if you were a member of a reserve component called to duty after September 11, 2001, for more than 179 days.

If I do a rollover to an IRA, will the 10% additional income tax apply to early distributions from the IRA?

If you receive a payment from an IRA when you are under age 59 ½, you will have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions from the IRA, unless an exception applies. In general, the exceptions to the 10% additional income tax for early distributions from an IRA are the same as the exceptions listed above for early distributions from a plan. However, there are a few differences for payments from an IRA, including:

- There is no exception for payments after separation from service that are made after age 55.
- The exception for qualified domestic relations orders (QDROs) does not apply (although a special rule applies under which, as part of a divorce or separation agreement, a tax-free transfer may be made directly to an IRA of a spouse or former spouse).
- The exception for payments made at least annually in equal or close to equal amounts over a specified period applies without regard to whether you have had a separation from service.
- There are additional exceptions for (1) payments for qualified higher education expenses, (2) payments up to \$10,000 used in a qualified first-time home purchase, and (3) payments after you have received unemployment compensation for 12 consecutive weeks (or would have been eligible to receive unemployment compensation but for self-employed status).

Will I owe State income taxes?

This notice does not describe any State or local income tax rules (including withholding rules).

SPECIAL RULES AND OPTIONS

If your payment includes after-tax contributions

After-tax contributions included in a payment are not taxed. You will receive a separate payment for the after-tax contributions. At this writing the Plan does not have the authority to allow a direct rollover of your after-tax contributions.

If you miss the 60-day rollover deadline

Generally, the 60-day rollover deadline cannot be extended. However, the IRS has the limited authority to waive the deadline under certain extraordinary circumstances, such as when external events prevented you from completing the rollover by the 60-day rollover deadline. To apply for a waiver, you must file a private letter ruling request with the IRS. Private letter ruling requests require the payment of a nonrefundable user fee. For more information, see IRS Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs).

If you were born on or before January 1, 1936

If you were born on or before January 1, 1936, and receive a lump sum distribution that you do not roll over, special rules for calculating the amount of tax on the payment might apply to you. For more information, see IRS Publication 575, Pension and Annuity Income.

If you are an eligible retired public safety officer and your pension payment is used to pay for health coverage or qualified long-term care insurance

If the Plan is a governmental plan, you retired as a public safety officer, and your retirement was by reason of disability or was after normal retirement age, you can exclude from your taxable income plan payments paid directly as premiums to an accident or health plan (or a qualified long-term care insurance contract) that your employer maintains for you, your spouse, or your dependents, up to a maximum of \$3,000 annually. For this purpose, a public safety officer is a law enforcement officer, firefighter, chaplain, or member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew.

If you are not a plan participant

<u>Payments after death of the participant</u>. If you receive a distribution after the participant's death that you do not roll over, the distribution will generally be taxed in the same manner described elsewhere in this notice. However, the 10% additional income tax on early distributions and the special rules for public safety officers do not apply, and the special rule described under the section "If you were born on or before January 1, 1936" applies only if the participant was born on or before January 1, 1936.

If you are a surviving spouse. If you receive a payment from the Plan as the surviving spouse of a deceased participant, you have the same rollover options that the participant would have had, as described elsewhere in this notice. In addition, if you choose to do a rollover to an IRA, you may treat the IRA as your own or as an inherited IRA.

An IRA you treat as your own is treated like any other IRA of yours, so that payments made to you before you are age 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ will be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies) and required minimum distributions from your IRA do not have to start until after you are age 70 $\frac{1}{2}$.

If you treat the IRA as an inherited IRA, payments from the IRA will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions. However, if the participant had started taking required minimum distributions, you will have to receive required minimum distributions from the inherited IRA. If the participant had not started taking required minimum distributions from the Plan, you will not have to start receiving required minimum distributions from the inherited IRA until the year the participant would have been age 70 ½.

If you are a surviving beneficiary other than a spouse. If you receive a payment from the Plan because of the participant's death and you are a designated beneficiary other than a surviving spouse, the only rollover option you have is to do a direct rollover to an inherited IRA. Payments from the inherited IRA will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions. You will have to receive the required minimum distributions from the inherited IRA.

<u>Payments under a qualified domestic relations order</u>. If you are the spouse or former spouse of the participant who receives a payment from the Plan under a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO), you generally have the same options the participant would have (for example, you may roll over the payment to your own IRA or an eligible employer plan that will accept it). Payments under the QDRO will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions.

Other special rules

If your payments for the year are less than \$200, the Plan is not required to allow you to do a direct rollover and is not required to withhold for federal income taxes. However, you may do a 60-day rollover.

You may have special rollover rights if you recently served in the U.S. Armed Forces. For more information, see IRS Publication 3, Armed Forces' Tax Guide.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You may wish to consult with the Plan administrator or payer, or a professional tax advisor, before taking a payment from the Plan. Also, you can find more detailed information on the federal tax treatment of payments from employer plans in: IRS Publication 575, Pension and Annuity Income; and IRS Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs). These publications are available from a local IRS office, on the web at <u>www.irs.gov</u>, or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM.