

# Monthly Reporting 101:

Fundamentals to Success



#### Your LAGERS Benefit Provides...

- Guaranteed, protected lifetime income
- A stable benefit that is not affected by market swings
- A plan that doesn't require you to be an investment expert



#### Benefits are Based on a Formula



#### A monthly benefit calculation might look like this:

#### 1.5% X \$4,000 X 25 Years = \$1,500



Each employer elects their own set of benefits.



## Benefit Program

#### Each employer will elect a benefit program that contains a benefit multiplier ranging **between 1%** -**2%**. The higher the multiplier, the larger the benefit.



#### Final Average Salary

Each employer elects to calculate employees' final average salary (FAS) with either the average of their highest consecutive **36 or 60 months** from their last 120 months of credited service.



## **Employee Contributions**

Employers have the option to require employees to contribute to LAGERS to assist with funding their retirement benefit. Employers can elect a **0%**, **2%**, **4%**, **or 6%** employee contribution amount.



# Retirement Eligibility

Each employer may elect either normal or early retirement provisions:

- Normal retirement: Age 60 for general departments and 55 for police, fire, and public safety departments (if elected).
- Early retirement provision: Rule of 80 allows an employee to retire when their age and service equal 80.



#### Monthly Reporting Checklist:

- 1. Complete enrollments
- 2. Enter monthly wages and submit to LAGERS
- 3. Complete Statement of Account
- 4. Make online payment



Upon hiring a new employee, complete an ECLIPSE enrollment:

- *Do not* send paper membership form to LAGERS
- Covered employees include those who work the elected annual hours for coverage:

• 1,500, 1,250, or 1,000 hours annually



**Six Month "Free Period" -** No member or employer contributions are due for first six months if the employee is:

#### a **NEW** LAGERS Member **OR**

...if service credit from their previous employment has been forfeited because of a refund, lump sum, or 10-year break in service.



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- Click the "Enrollment" link.
- Enter the SSN, first and last name in the field provided in the search criteria panel.
- Click the "Search" button.
- If no search results are displayed, click the "New" button.



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* Employee Classification (Dept ID) :	~	* Job Title:	
* Date of Birth:		* Date Employed Fulltime:	
* Gender :	~	Termination Date :	



#### **Previous Employment**

Has employee previously been employed by a political subdivision (city, county, library, health center, special district) participating in LAGERS?

⊖ Yes (● No

#### Accounts List



#### **Beneficiary Information**

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- Enter all required fields
- Enter all other information, including previous employment history and beneficiary information
- Click the "Save & Validate" button
- Click the "Submit to LAGERS" button





A retiree may re-employ with a LAGERS employer and continue to receive their full benefits if:

They re-employ in a **non-covered** position with any LAGERS employer:

- Must stay under the annual hours elected for LAGERS coverage by employer
- *Do not* complete enrollment



#### Step 1: Note

A retiree may re-employ with a LAGERS employer and continue to receive their full benefits if:

They re-employ in a **covered** position with **a different** LAGERS employer

- Must work the annual hours elected for LAGERS coverage
- Complete ECLIPSE enrollment
- No "free six-month" period
- Must have a one calendar month break in service



### Step 1: Note

A retiree's benefit will be suspended if they re-employ in a covered position with the same employer

- Complete enrollment on ECLIPSE
- Benefit is suspended during covered employment but reactivated after the second retirement
- No free six-month waiting period

# **Step 2:** Enter Monthly Wages and Submit to LAGERS

#### Reportable Wages

- Wages when paid, not when earned
- Gross wages, including overtime and bonuses
- Sell or buy back of leave time (recurring)
- Fees counted as wages
- Allowances
- **Employee** contributions to a defined contribution account

#### Non-Reportable Wages

- One-time lump sum payments
- Payments to employee while on worker's comp, military, or educational leave
- Reimbursement of expenses (travel, etc.)
- **Employer** contributions to a defined contribution account, insurance, etc.



# **Step 2:** Note *Vacation, Sick, and Severance Pay*

#### **Reportable If:**

- Same leave type has been paid in the past
- At termination paid out in regular payrolls to extend termination date

#### Not Reportable If:

• Paid in a one-time lump sum payout

**Step 2:** Note *Military, Worker's Compensation, and Educational Leave* 

- Employee must be out for at least one full working day during the month\*
- Change the status on the wage report to indicate which type of leave the employee is taking



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**Step 2:** Note *Military, Worker's Compensation, and Educational Leave* 

- *Military Leave Only*: date is when **unpaid** leave begins\*
- Employee will still earn service credit
- Wages are *not* reportable



#### Step 2: Note

Reported Wage	Member Status	Member Status Date
\$0.00	Return to Work ~	07/02/2025

- Change the status on the wage report to "Return to Work"
- Enter the date they returned
- Wages are *not* reportable unless the employee returns **on the first of the month**
- Worker's compensation *leave only*: must return to working full hours, receiving full pay, and not receiving a work comp check



Reported Wage	Member Status	Member Status Date	
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- Date is when unpaid leave begins
- The employer reporter will change the status on the wage report to "Leave of Absence"
- Service credit is dependent on date absence is entered\*
- Wages and paid leave (at full pay) are reportable\*



#### **Step 2:** Note *Return from Leave of Absence*

- Change the status on the wage report to "Return to Work"
- Enter the date they returned to work from unpaid leave
- Wages are reportable\*

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#### **Step 2:** Note *Transferring Departments*

#### **Between Actuarial Departments:**

- Change status to "Terminated" in the current department
- Complete new enrollment for new department
- Hire date on new enrollment is first date of employment in new department

#### Within Actuarial Departments:

- Change status to "Transferred" in the current department
- Select the department the employee is transferring to in the dropdown
- Do *not* complete new enrollment



#### Step 3: Complete Statement of Account

- Allows you to indicate the amount you are going to pay and allocate amounts to individual line items.
- Includes monthly contributions due along with corrections, adjustments, and amounts contained in the debit/credit memo.
- Tracks any corrections or adjustments made to reported wages after the wage report is submitted to LAGERS.
- Ensures the correct contributions are being remitted.



#### Step 3: Complete Statement of Account



#### Enter the amount(s) to be paid in the Allocation Amt fields.

#### Step 4: Make Online Payment

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