2025 EMPLOYER workshop

new DESIGNATED agents



EMPLOYER contacts





Topics Part 1

- KPERS overview
- The Employer
- Useful Tools
- Membership
- Enrollment

- Long-Term Disability
- Death Benefits
- Optional Group Life
- KPERS 457



Topics Part 2

- Pay Period Reporting
- Leaving Employment
- Service Purchase

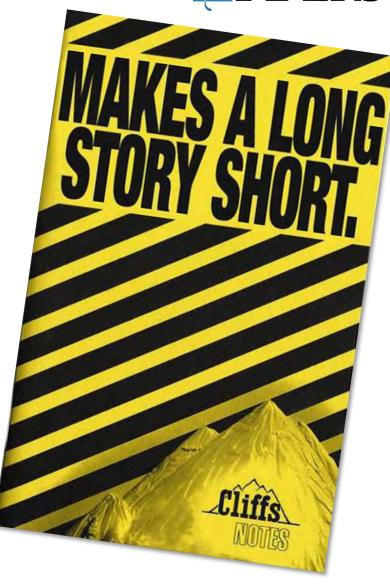
- Retirement
- Working After Retirement
- Education and Training



The Cliff Notes!

A summary of much longer work designed to learn the key points of longer work.

- Hitting the Important Information
- High Level Overview
- Helping to Make Sense







KPERS Poll

How Long Have You Been a Designated Agent or Additional Contact?

- More than 5 years
- Between 3 and 5 years
- Between 1 and 3 years
- About a year
- Less than 6 months!







overview



What is KPERS?

The Kansas Legislature created KPERS in 1962.

- Three statewide defined benefit retirement plans (KPERS, KP&F & Judges) overseen by a nine-member board of trustees.
- KPERS also oversees KPERS 457, a voluntary 457(b) savings plan for all State and many local employees.





What is KPERS?

401(a) Defined Benefit Plan

- Members' benefits are guaranteed by law and depend on a formula, not on member contributions or market performance.
- KPERS retiree benefits are safe and guaranteed by Kansas law.



How KPERS Works?

- Legislature defines benefits and funding.
- Actuary projects how much benefits will cost.
- Employers and members make contributions to KPERS.
- KPERS invests the money over time.
- KPERS pays benefits with contributions and investment earnings.





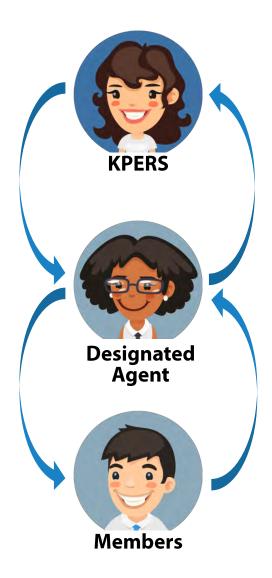
The Employer



Designated Agent Role

- By law, affiliated employers are required to name a Designated Agent.
- Distribute Retirement System information to members in a timely manner
- Perform transactions using the Employer Web Portal in a timely manner.

Only one person can be the Designated Agent.





Employer Web Portal (EWP) Additional Contacts

Designated Agents need to assign and closely maintain Additional Contact roles for the EWP.

Designated Agent

Message Admin

Bank

OGLI (Optional Life Insurance)

Death & Disability

Pay Reports

• Enrollment

Read Only

Invoice

Certify Rates and Period of Service





KPERS Poll

Which One Are You?

- Designated Agent
- Additional Contact

What Roles in the EWP?

- Just One
- Multiple





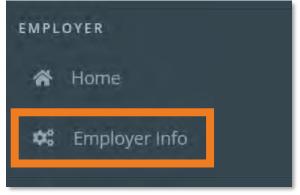
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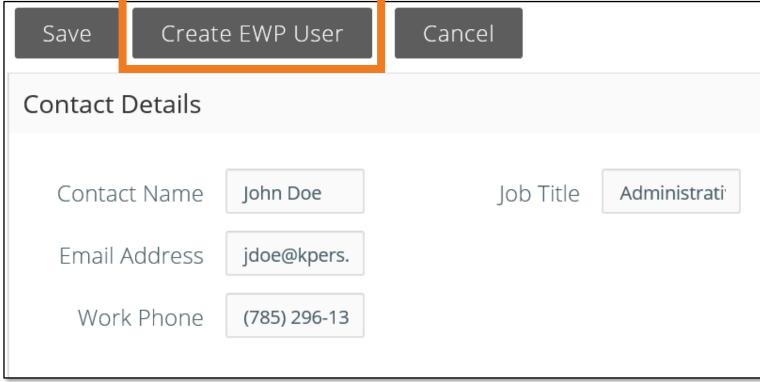
- Need own email address as a login.
- Accounts deleted for inactivity after 90 days.
- Email sent to Designated Agent after 45 days of inactivity.
- Only KPERS can reinstate Designated Agents.
- Only Designated Agents can reinstate Additional Users.
- Instructions available on website





Add/Delete Additional EWP Users



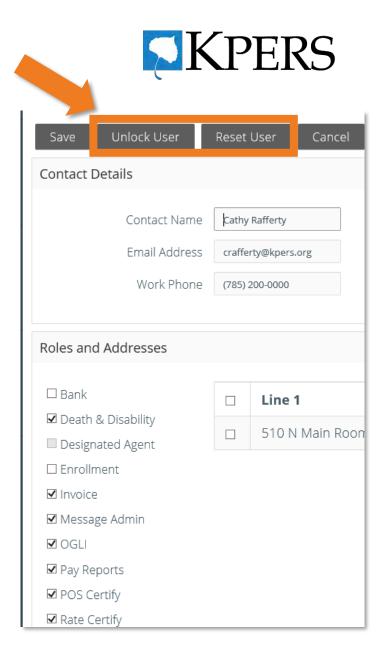




Passwords

The Designated Agent can reset passwords.

- Unlock User for a new password.
- Reset User for new security questions and password.





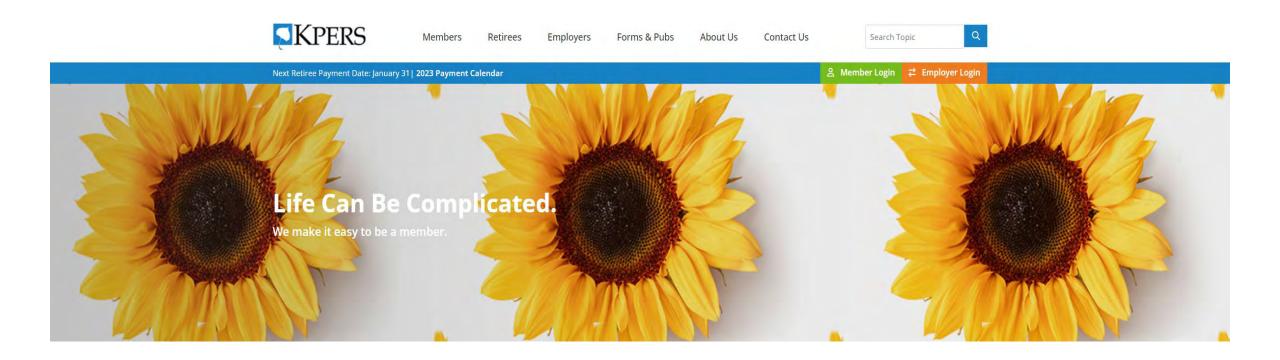


useful tools





Website (kspers.org)

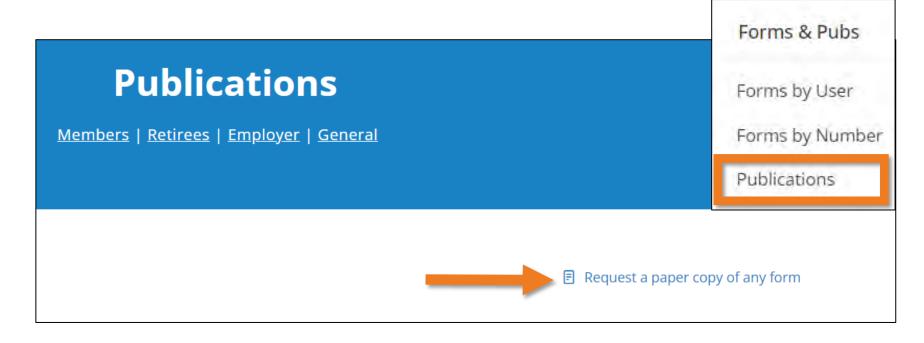






Forms and Publications

- Print needed forms and publications.
- "Request a Paper Copy" to order multiple forms.







Employer Section



New Employer Contact

Webinars & Workshops

Employer Videos

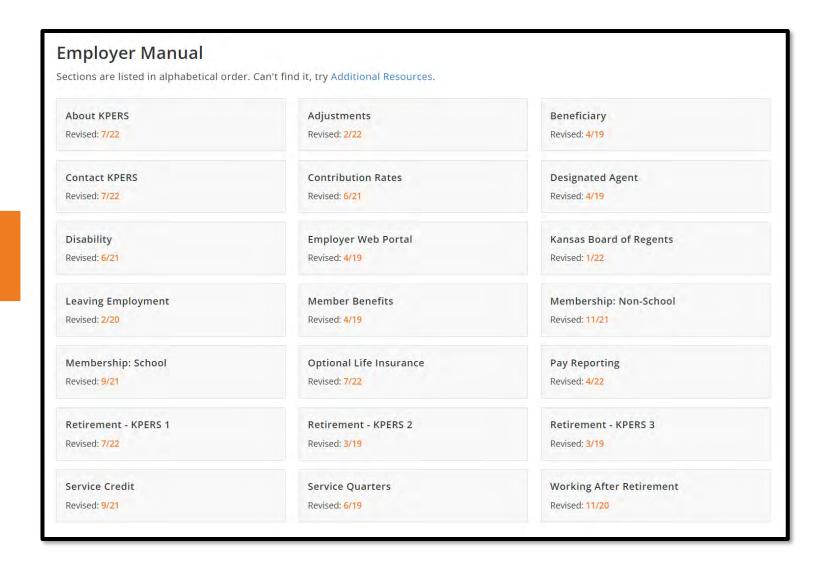
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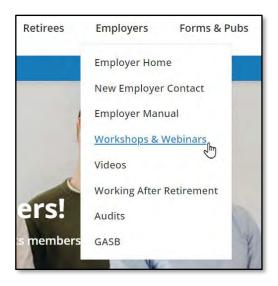
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Workshops & Webinars



Webinars & Workshops



Subject Spotlight Webinars

We host employer webinars on timely topics, specific things important to employers. "Disability" was our final Subject Spotlight for 2023, but we are planning more for 2024. Check back here and your email inbox for the latest announcements.

Most Recent Spotlight

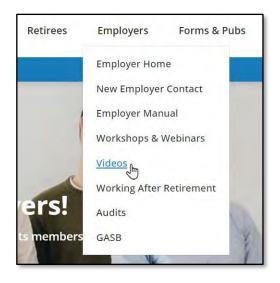
- Disability December 13, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.
- Disability Slides (PDF)
- Disability Recording (leaves KPERS site)





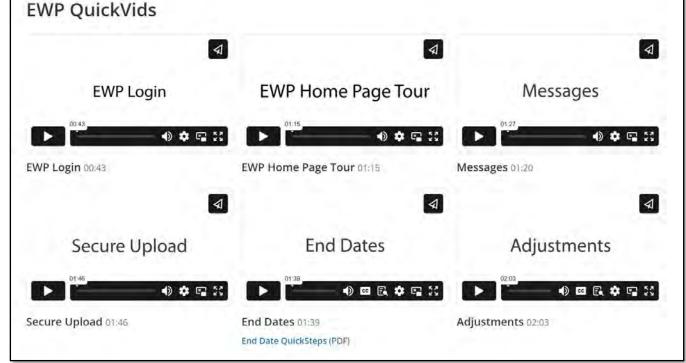


Videos



Employer Videos









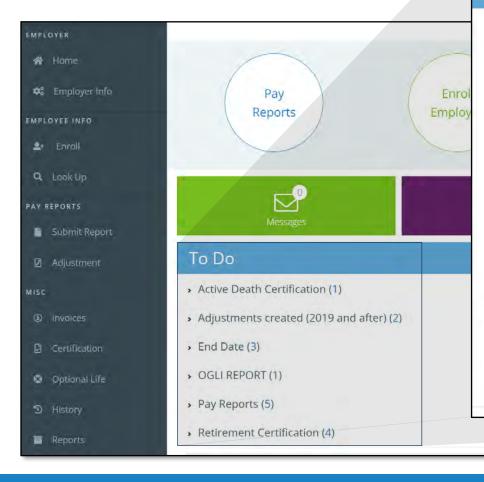
Employer Web Portal (EWP)







To Do List



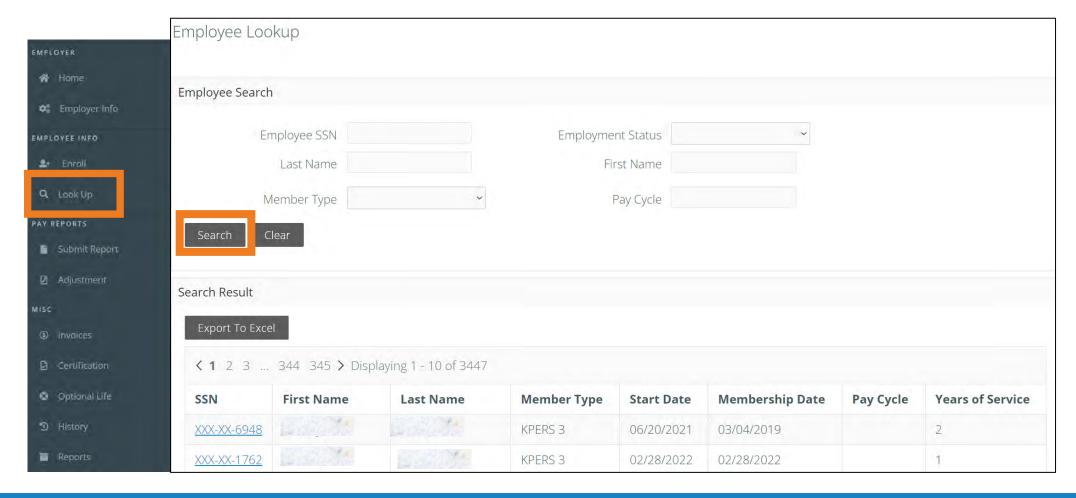
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- Active Death Certification (1)
- Adjustments created (2019 and after) (2)
- > End Date (3)
- OGLI REPORT (1)
- Pay Reports (5)
- Retirement Certification (4)





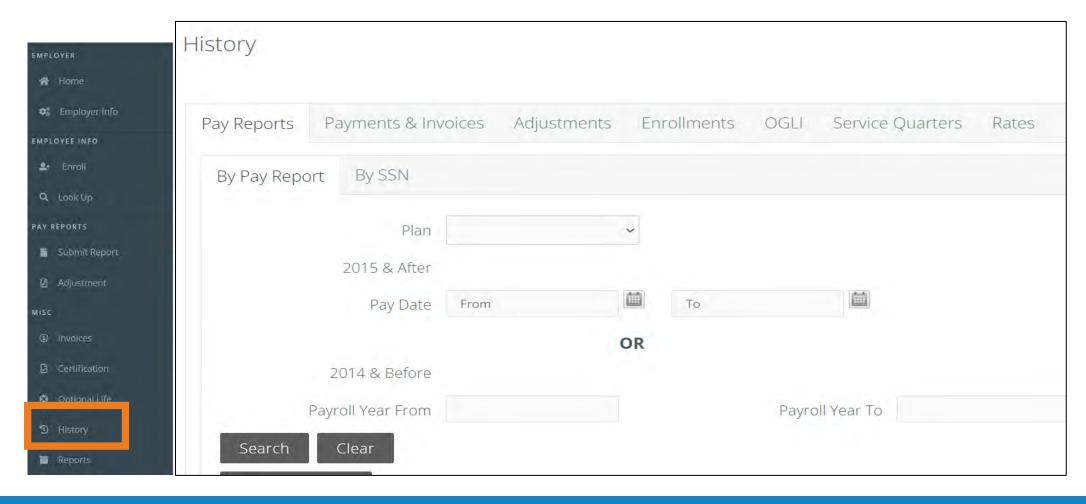
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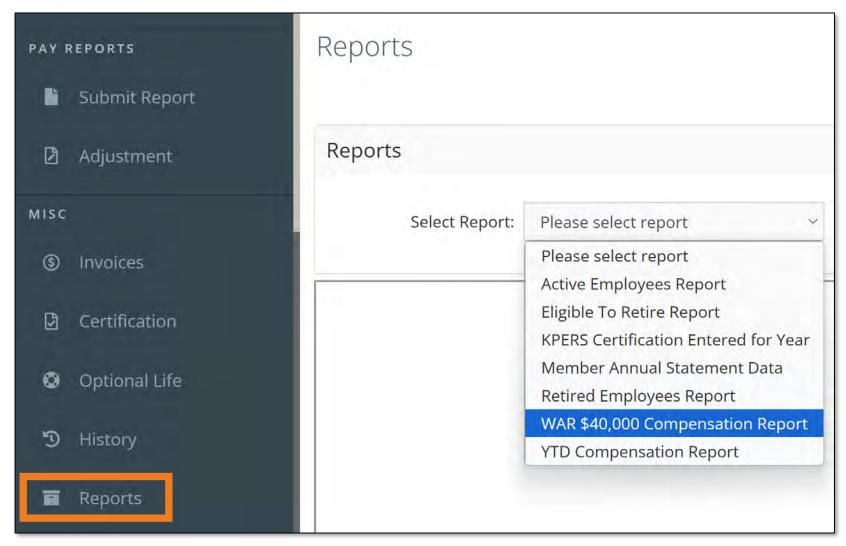


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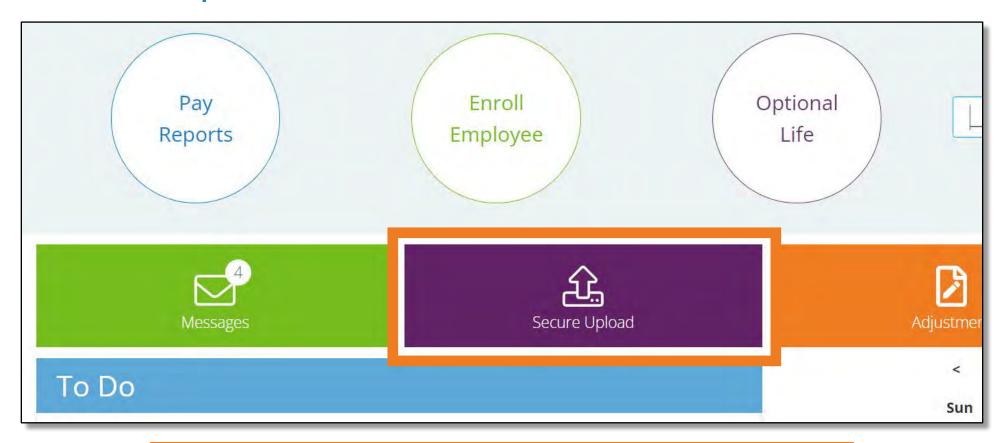
Reports







EWP Secure Upload

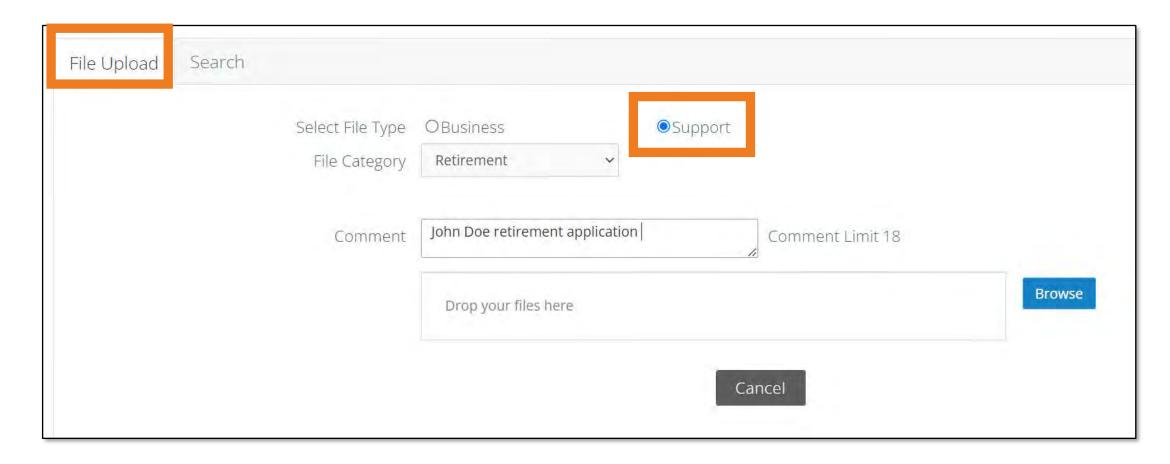


Secure way to send documents to KPERS





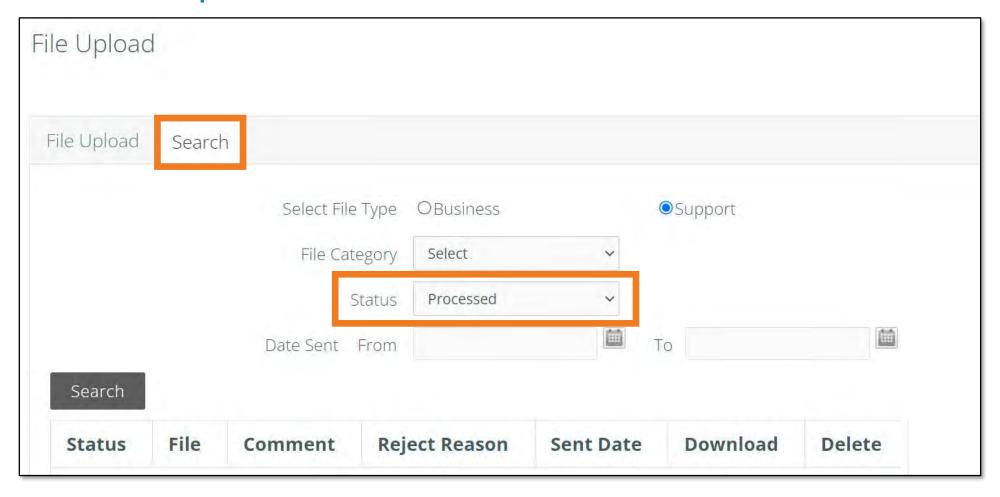
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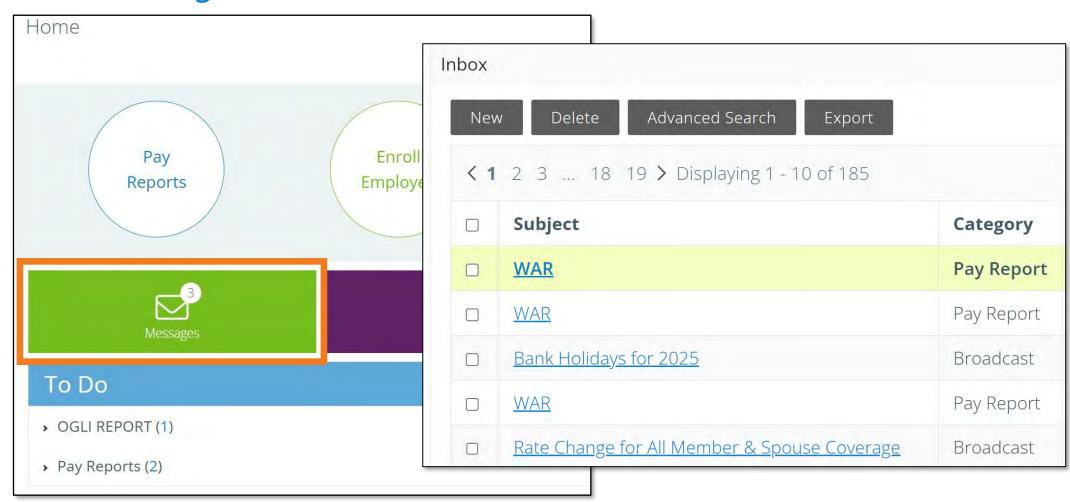
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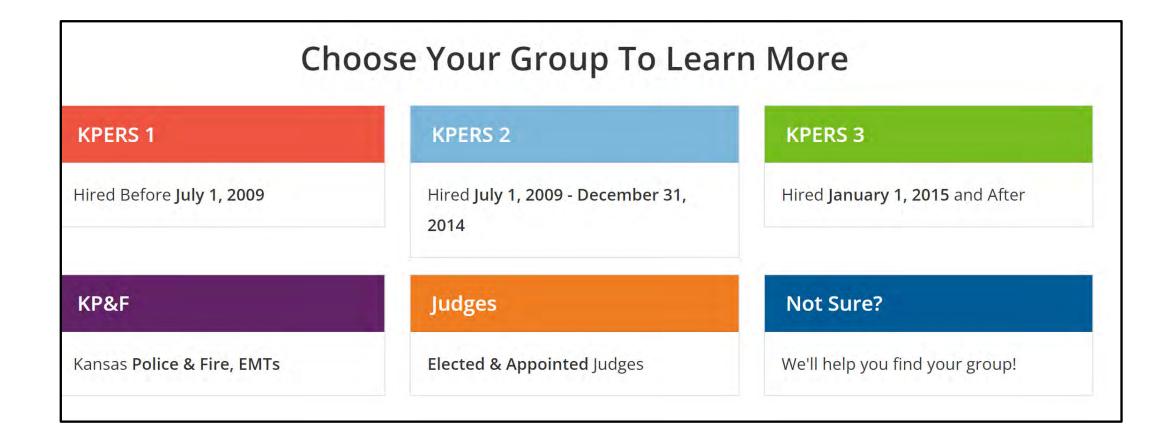
EWP Messages





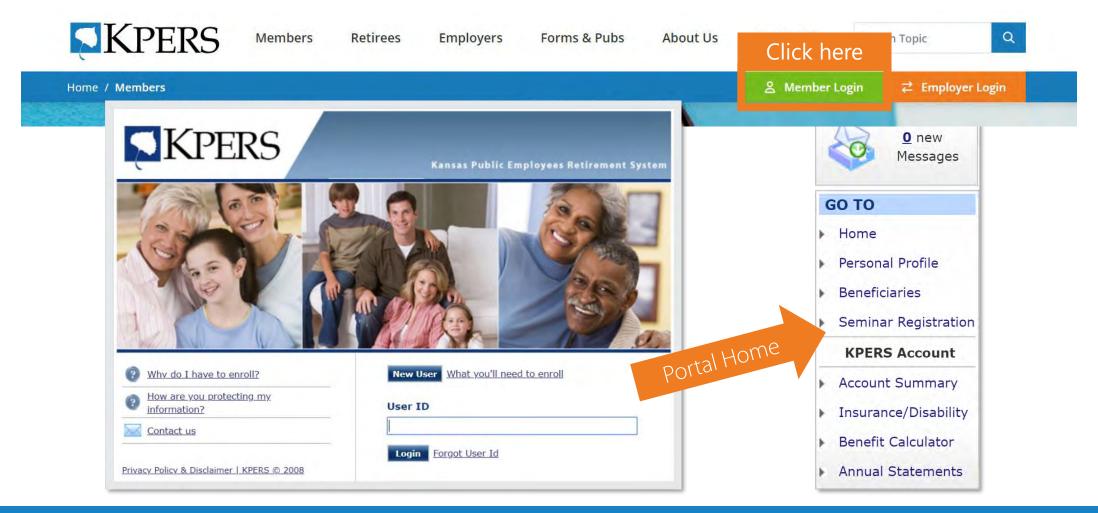


KPERS Website (active member section)





Member Web Portal







Contact KPERS

		NKPERS REPORTING	NKPERS OPTIONAL LIFE	Pkpers457 ALL QUESTIONS
Toll-Free	1-888-275-5737	1-844-468-8929	1-844-468-8929	1-800-232-0024 participants/employees
Topeka	785-296-6166	785-268-6886	785-268-6886	1-833-232-0024 employers only
Email	employers@kpers.org	kpersFS@kpers.org	ogli_fs@kpers.org	kpers457@kpers.org
Fax	1-785-296-6638	1-785-256-9503	1-785-256-9503	n/a
Mail	611 S. Kansas Ave Suite 100 Topeka, KS 66603	611 S. Kansas Ave Suite 100 Topeka, KS 66603	611 S. Kansas Ave Suite 100 Topeka, KS 66603	P.O. Box 173764 Denver, CO 80217-3764
Web	kpers.org	kpers.org	kpers.org/optionallife	kpers457.org





Helping KPERS

Include agency ID number

Include member's name and last 4 of SSN

Contact the correct department the first time.

- Fiscal Services- pay reporting and optional life
- Member Services- everything else.

Refer to the **Employer Manual**.





membership



Covered Position

Based on the Job Description

Non-School

Is this position eligible?

- Covered by Social Security?
- At least 1,000 hours of paid work per year?
- Continuously or consistently employed?
- Not temporary or seasonal?
- Working directly for the affiliated employer?

School

Is this position eligible?

- Covered by Social Security?
- At least 630 hours of paid work per year?
- Continuously or consistently employed?
- Not temporary or seasonal?
- Working directly for the affiliated employer?



Membership Is Mandatory

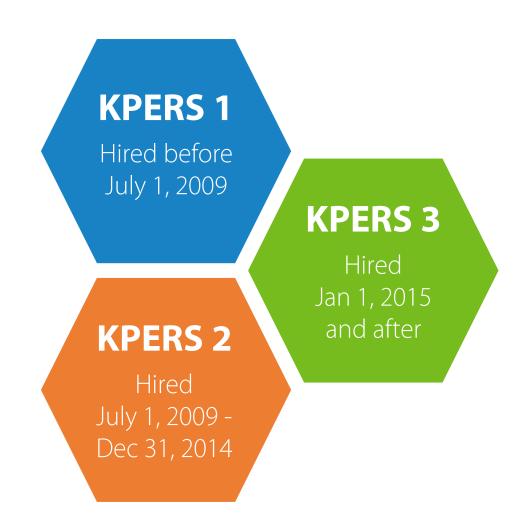
- Can't opt out
- Can't withdraw while working
- Can't borrow from account
- Can't contribute more

Membership starts the first day of employment





Membership Groups







Vesting

Vested Members

Vest with 5 years of service (18 quarters rounds to five years)

Lifetime monthly benefit

Earn interest, even after leaving employment

Non-vested Members

Withdraw within 5 years after leaving employment (unless working for another KPERS employer)

Withdrawn members return as a KPERS 3 member





End Dates

Start dates & end dates are very important:

- To track service credit accurately.
- To report wages accurately.
- For the withdrawal process.

Start Date	End Date
06/15/1998	Enter Date

(in employee record)





Employee Contributions & Interest

- Employees contribute 6%
- Contributions based on employee gross wages
- Contributions are pretax

KPERS 1 and KPERS 2 members credited interest each **June 30** for balance in account on previous Dec 31





KPERS 3 Retirement Plan

Defined Benefit With a Twist

Contribution Account and Retirement Credits

- Kept separate
- Grow over time

KPERS 3 retirement benefit based on amount in contribution account and retirement credits





Employee Contributions (KPERS 3)

- Employees contribute **6%**
- Contributions are based on employee gross wages
- Contributions are pretax

KPERS 3 members will be credited interest quarterly for the balance in the account on the previous quarter (4% annually).



KPERS 3 Retirement Credits

• Credits earned quarterly based on **length of service**

Years Worked	Annual Rate
Less than 5	3%
5 – 11	4%
12 - 23	5%
24 or more	6%

- Represented as dollar amounts
- Build in value over time and only available at retirement

membership



Retirement Age

- Age 62 with 10 years
- 85 Point Rule

- Age 65 with 5 years
- Age 60 with 30 years

KPERS 2

Age 65 with 5 years Age 60 with 30 years

KPERS 1

Benefit based on Final Average Salary and Years of Service

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Benefit Calculation

KPERS 3

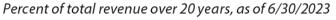
Benefit based on Contribution Account and Retirement Credit Value



Employer Contributions

- Not deposited into the member's account
- Deposited into the KPERS trust fund for
 - Death benefits
 - Future retirement benefits

Revenues by Source





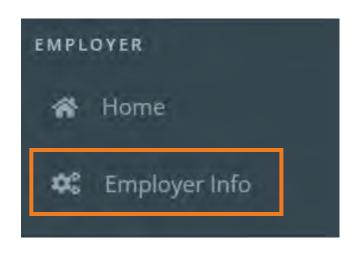
50%
KPERS
Investments

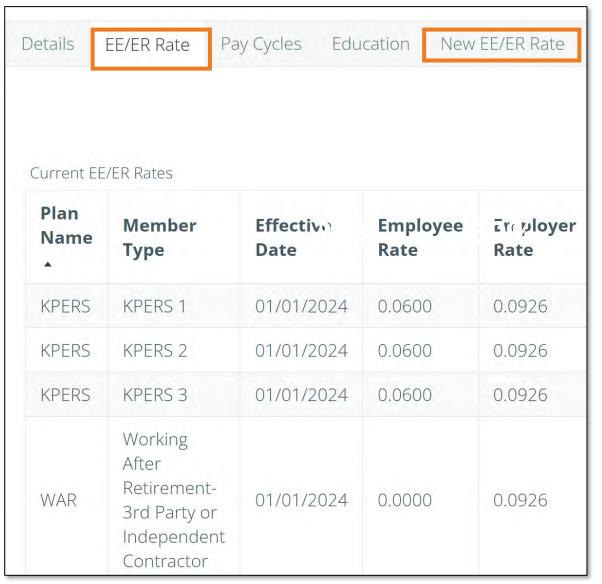
35% Employer Contributions 15% Member Contributions





Contribution Rates













Who?

- All covered employees
- Those moving from a covered position to a non-covered position if staying with the same employer.
- Working-after-retirement employees (exceptions may apply)





Timely Enrollment is Important!

Enroll all covered members before the next pay period report is generated.

- Member information needs to be entered correctly.
- Members can't sign-on to the Member Web Portal until they are enrolled.
- Members' beneficiaries can't be added until they are enrolled.





Dual Employment

Two or More Employers

- All positions must be KPERS-covered
- All employers withhold both employee and employer contributions
- All employers withhold any service purchase contributions

Dual employment does **not** give extra years of service but does increase member's salary





Dual Employment

Verify Member is still employed.

- If not, enter an end date for the member.
- If still employed, inform KPERS.







Totality of Employment

- Works one covered position and other jobs with same employer.
- Deduct KPERS contributions from all compensation

Totality of employment does **not** add years to service credit but does increase member's salary





Elected Officials

- At least 1,000 hours or \$5,000 per year
- Elect membership within 90 days of taking oath of office
 - 14 days, membership immediate
 - 15-90 days, membership starts next quarter



Must fill out "Election of Membership" form Membership is irrevocable





On-Call Employee

- Works at least 20 hours/week continuously for 52 weeks/year
- 20-hours includes only time spent responding to calls
- Do not count hours waiting to respond



Enrollment for School Positions			
Position	Description	Enroll?	
Daily-Call Substitute	 Can decide yes or no to work May work 630 hours or more per year but not required May be asked to substitute teach at different schools 	No	
Long-Term Sub Teacher	 Hired to sub every day in same school district If hiring a KPERS retiree, working-after-retirement rules apply 	Yes	
Temporary Teacher	 Hired for a period of time until regular teacher returns Temporary teacher does not meet membership requirements If regular teacher does not return, temporary teacher may be assigned as Replacement Teacher (see below) If hiring a KPERS retiree, working-after-retirement rules apply 	No	
Replacement Teacher	 Can be hired and assigned to position if regular teacher can't complete school year Becomes KPERS member when permanently assigned to position If hiring a KPERS retiree, working-after-retirement rules apply 	Yes	
Concurrent Employment	 Member that works for two or more school employers Positions don't stand alone as a KPERS-covered position Positions are not seasonal or termporary Combined 630 hours/school year or 3.5 hours/day for at least 180 days If hiring a KPERS retiree, working-after-retirement rules apply 	Yes	





Concurrent Employment – **School only**

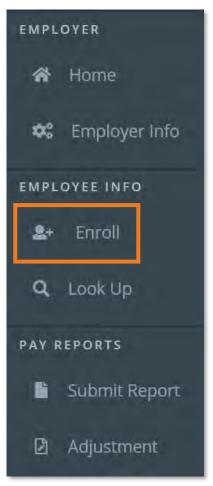
Two or more school employers

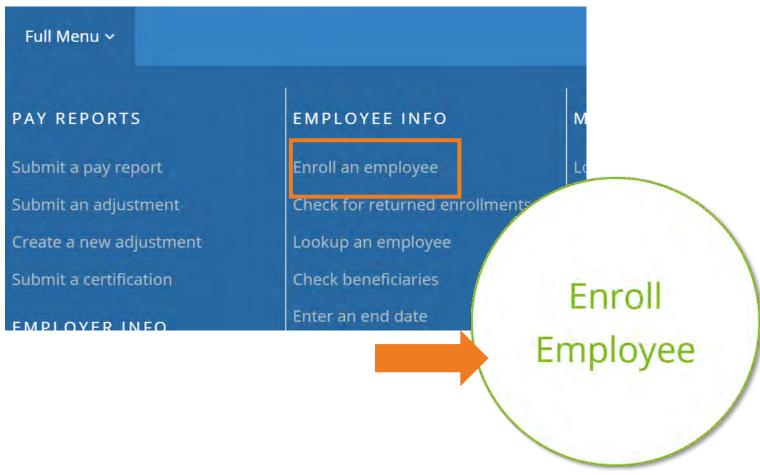
- Positions don't stand alone as KPERS-covered positions
- Positions are not seasonal
- Positions are not temporary
- Combined 630 hrs/school yr or 3.5 hrs/day for at least 180 days

Concurrent employment does not add years to service credit but does increase member's salary

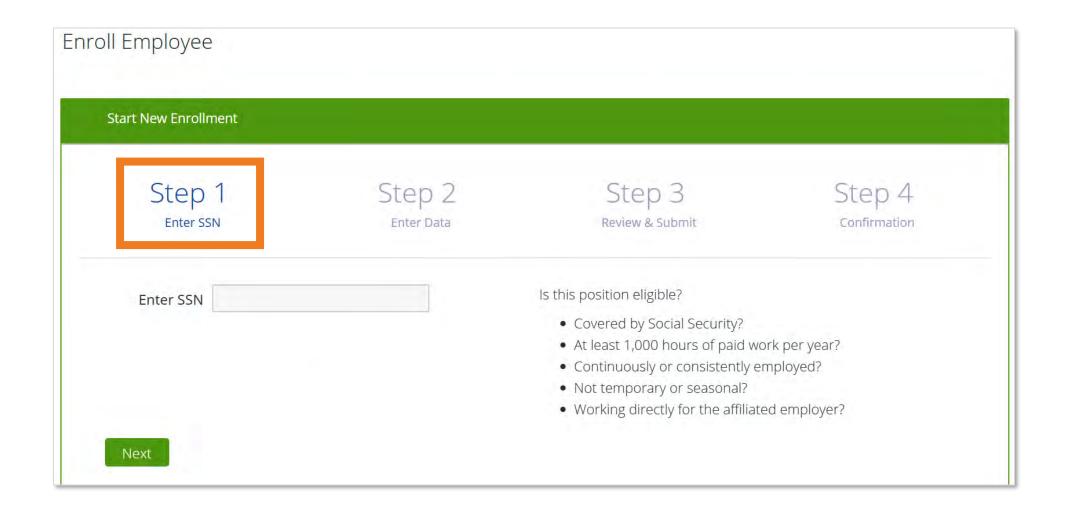


Enrollments on the new EWP

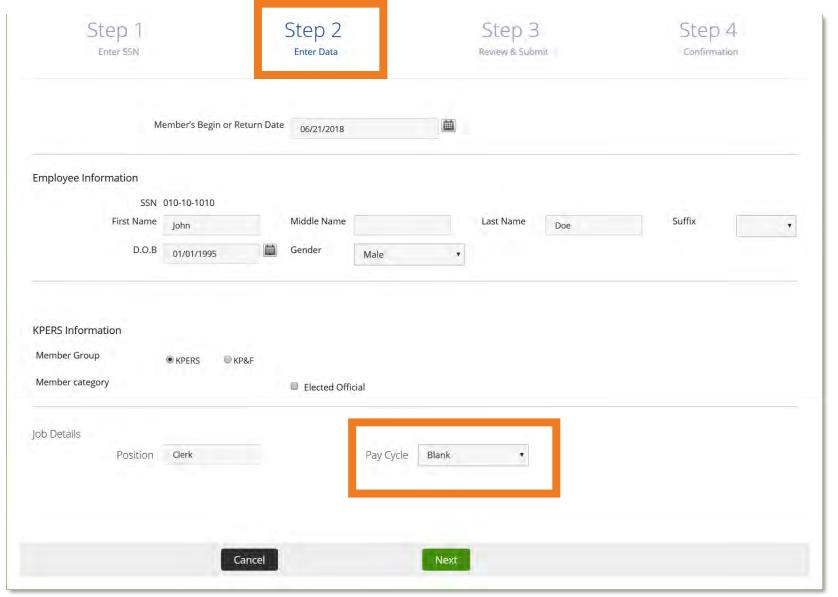




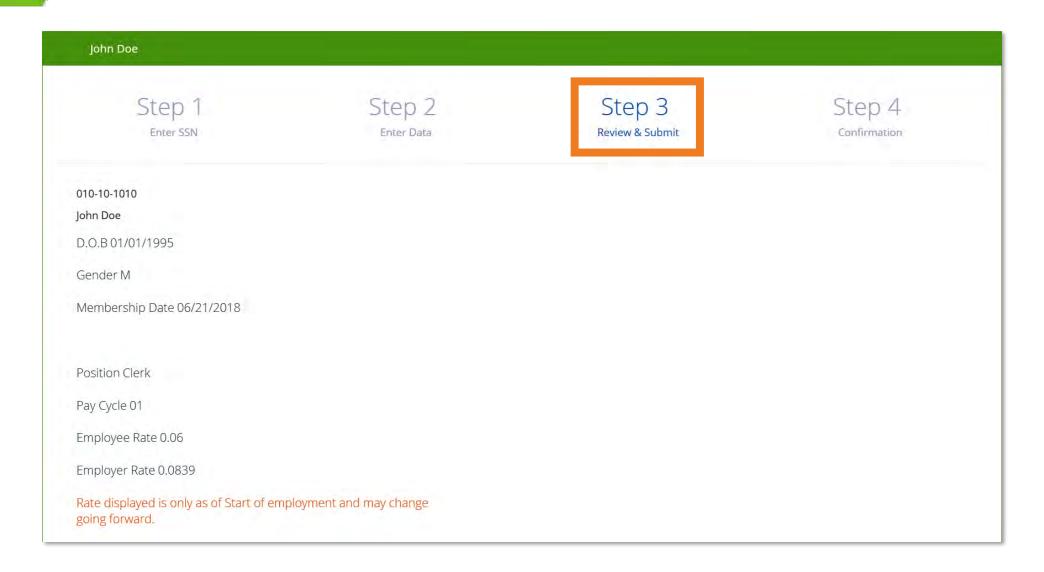






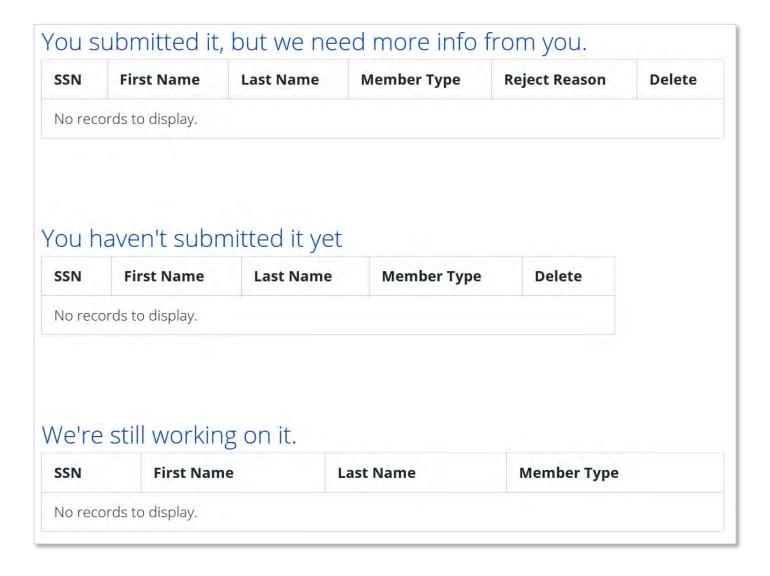
















Benefits of KPERS membership





long-term disability benefit





Employee Benefits While on Disability

- Continue to earn service credit.
- Continue to have basic life insurance coverage
- If participating in **optional life** insurance, may continue group rate (member pays premium directly)





Definition

- Be under regular care of physician
- Disability must begin while an active member
- Must meet the following definition of disability
 - Disabled from own occupation for 24 months
 - After benefits have been paid for 24 months, employee is unable to perform any occupation

KPERS disability is independent of getting Social Security disability.





Disability Payments

- 60% of current pay
- Minus Workers' Compensation, Social Security or any employer provided disability benefit.
- Minimum monthly benefit is \$100
- Maximum monthly benefit is \$5,000
- Confirmed each year to continue receiving benefits





180-Day Waiting Period

Important Note:

If employee attempts to return to work for up to **30 working days** during waiting period and again becomes disabled from same cause, waiting period will be **extended** by the number of days worked.





Employer Actions

Waiting period begins **first day** employee is **no longer at work**.

Fill out Disability section on the EWP as soon as employee **STOPS** working.

Leave of Absence and End Date is not used until employee is earning less than 50% of full pay for **10 consecutive days**.

- Regular pay
- Sick and vacation leave

Employee Info

First, Last M.I.

000-00-0000

10/26/1993

Report Death
Report Disability

Member Type

EWP (Employee Record)

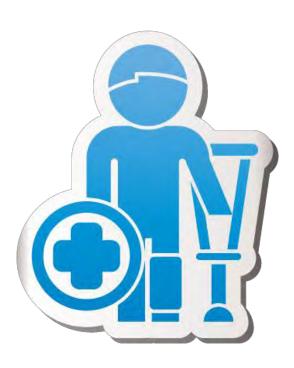




Leave of Absence

Situation	Employer Checklist	
Member on leave of absence is earning less than 50% of full pay for 10 consecutive days.	Give member <u>Leaving Employment Flyer</u>	
	Login to employer web portal (EWP)	
	Report disability in portal	
	Enter end date and select "Leave of Absence" as reason when member is no longer receiving compensation Quick Vid: End Dates	
	Give member Optional Life Inurance Continuation form (KPERS-79C)**	
Member returns to work after a leave of absence.	Login to EWP	
	Enter end date and select "Return to Payroll" as reason – The system auto-enrolls Quick Vid: End Dates	

^{*}Full pay is based on regular pay, accumulated sick leave, accumulated vacation, or any combination. Full pay does not include workers' compensation.







Benefits Begin

Once approved, benefits won't begin until:

The employee completes 180 continuous days of total disability.

AND

The date employee stops receiving any pay from KPERS employer.





Maximum Benefit Period

Disability Began	Max Benefit Period	
Before age 60	Whichever comes first: (A) 65th birthday (B) Chosen retirement date	
On or after age 60	Whichever comes first: (A) Period of 5 years (B) Chosen retirement date	







Basic Life Insurance

- Active KPERS members covered at employer's expense
- Covered at 150% of current salary







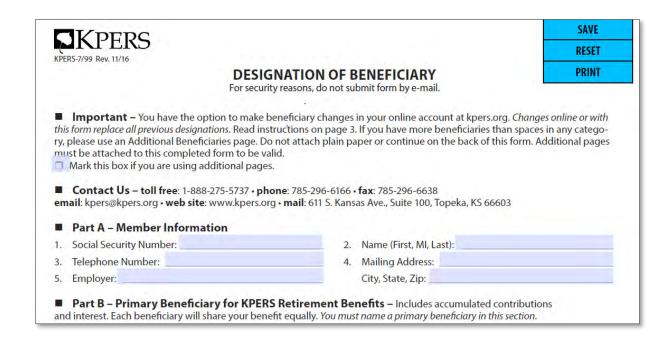
Beneficiary Forms

Up-to-Date?

- Member Web Portal
- Annual Statement
- Employer Web Portal

On File with KPERS?

Check with KPERS



Members can name different beneficiaries for retirement benefits and group life insurance benefits.





Additional Death Benefits

- Surviving Spouse Option
- On-the-Job Death Benefit
- Accelerated Death Benefit
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit



Active Member Death

Paid to employee's beneficiaries:

- Basic life Insurance
- Return of contributions and interest
- Optional life insurance

Report death in employee record on EWP

Employee Info First, Last M.I. 000-00-0000 10/26/1993 **Report Death Report Disability** Member Type





Employer Action Steps

- Get as much contact information from the family as possible.
 - -Best Contact Person
 - -Address
 - -Phone Number
- Check beneficiaries on file in the Employer Web Portal.







What Is It?

Optional life insurance (OGLI) is **additional coverage** beyond basic life insurance.

- Employer must affiliate to offer optional life.
- Coverage for member, spouse, child
- Member decides how much coverage.
- Member pays premium through payroll deduction.







Want to Affiliate?

Affiliation Date Enrollment Period		Coverage Effective Date	
January 1	April	July 1 (same year)	
July 1	October	January 1 (following year)	

Contact KPERS to affiliate





Who Is It?



The Standard Life Insurance

National company with offices across U.S. Kansas office w/3 dedicated account specialists





Coverage at a Glance

	Enrollment Period	Employee	Spouse	Child
Anytime Coverage health questions	n/a	Up to \$400,000	Up to \$100,000	Only available with new hire, open enrollment or family status change
Guaranteed Coverage no health questions	New employee (within 31 days)	Up to \$250,000	Up to \$25,000	\$10,000 \$20,000
	Family Status Change (within 31 days)	New or increase up to \$50,000 (\$250,000 max)	New or increase up to \$25,000 (\$25,000 max)	\$10,000 \$20,000
	Annual Open Enrollment	New or increase up to \$50,000 (\$250,000 max)	New or increase up to \$25,000 (\$25,000 max)	\$10,000 \$20,000

Cancel coverage anytime





New Employee

- Have 31 days from date of hire to enroll in Optional Group Life Insurance.
- Give all new hires a paper enrollment form.







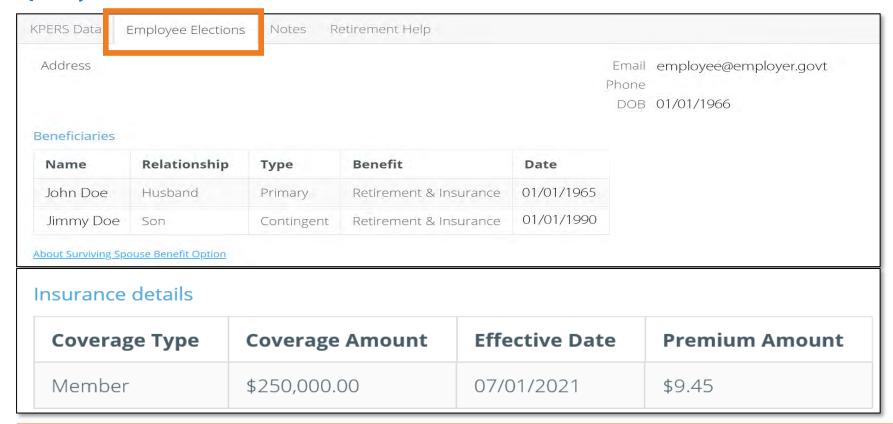
Continuing Coverage When Leaving Employment

Within 60 days of last day on payroll Can convert full amount with no health questions

- Portability Option Term Policy
- Conversion Option Whole Life Policy



Employee Record



Previous optional life membership will automatically transfer during enrollment if new employer is affiliated for optional life.



Paying the Premium

Coverage Lookup, Enter SSN

GO

Premium Calculator

Export All

Changes since last report

Export

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SSN	First Name	Last Name	New Premium	Effective Date	Change
			\$51.60	03/01/2018	Increase Requested
			\$29.50	04/01/2018	New Enrollment
			\$0.00	01/04/2018	Termination





Contact OGLI

KPERS OGLI Contact

Ogli_FS@kpers.org

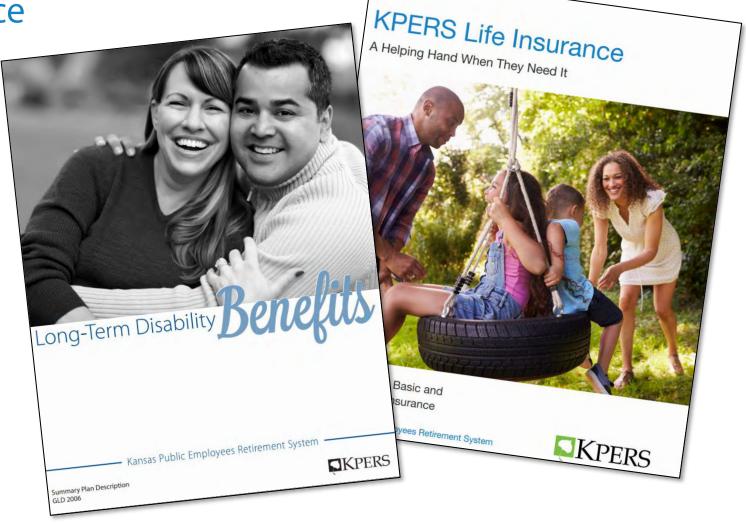
Toll-free, 1-844-468-8929

In Topeka, 268-6886





Employee Resource







KPERS 457





What is KPERS 457?

KPERS 457 is the State of Kansas Public Employees 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan.

It's an optional savings plan to help employees supplement their KPERS or KP&F pension for better financial security in retirement.





KPERS and Social Security Are Not Enough

- Personal Savings important, especially for KPERS 3
 - Rising Healthcare Costs
 - Costs of Living Longer
 - Standard of Living in Retirement
- Ability to make pre-tax and/or Roth contributions









Employers without KPERS 457

- State benefit available at NO COST to the employer
- Goodwill of adding a new benefit
- Even if you already have a voluntary plan (schools) KPERS 457 might be a good fit.
- KPERS handles fiduciary duties
- Thinking about an employer contribution/match? KPERS 401(a)
- NOW AVAILABLE: Fiduciary advice for participants, including Managed Accounts!







Current KPERS 457 Employers

- Thank you!
- NOW AVAILABLE: Fiduciary advice for participants, including Managed Accounts
- Make sure contact information is up-to-date
- Make sure you know your KPERS 457 Counselor or Advisor
- Roth 457: Older plans may not have it, BUT YOU NEED TO OPT IN (1/1/26)
- Employer Education webinars: ~Quarterly, information you NEED to know





Not sure? Have More Questions

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Presentations

- Presentations and Webinars
 - Basic KPERS 1,2, & 3
 - New Employees KPERS 3
 - Pre-Retirement
- Benefit Fairs
- One-on-One Counseling
 - Employees
 - New Designated Agent



Contact us

To arrange educational opportunities, email us employers@kspers.org



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Overview

- You are an important cog in the KPERS machine.
- The User Manual is an important reference.
- Timely Enrollments and End Dates are vital.
- Membership has its perks.

