

Go green with us!

DRS will stop sending monthly paper payment statements in October 2014. After October, you will begin receiving a paper statement yearly and when changes are made to your benefit.

By reducing the number of payment statements we send out, we aim to use less natural resources and to make your paperwork load a little lighter.

What if I need to access my information more often?

Your two most recent payment statements are always available through your online retirement account.

Create an account or log in at www.drs.wa.gov.

Through an [online account](#) you can also print a letter stating your lifetime benefit amount if you need proof of income. If you are unable to use an online account, call us and we can help you get the information you need.

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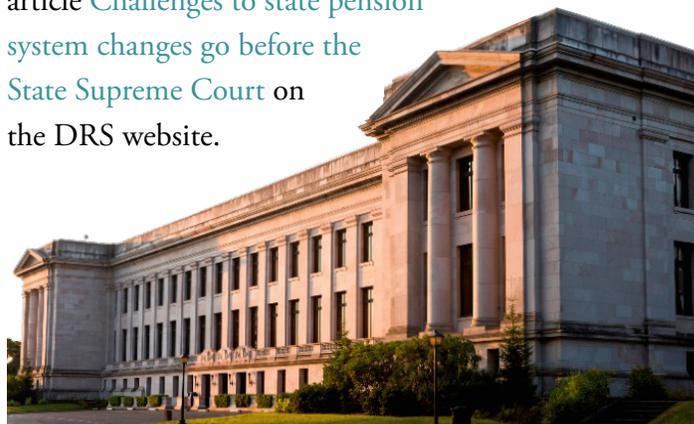
As this edition of Retirement Outlook went to press, the Washington State Supreme Court had not yet ruled on two pension-related cases that were heard in October 2013. One case involves annual increases (also known as the Uniform COLA or UCOLA) for retirees in PERS 1 and TRS 1; the other involves gain sharing provisions and early retirement benefits for members of certain state retirement plans.

It is not known when the Supreme Court will issue an opinion in this litigation. While it is not possible to predict a timeline, it is not unusual for a ruling to be issued several months after arguments have been heard.

Once a decision is issued, information will be posted on the [DRS website](#) and sent to the DRS email alert

service. To sign up for email alerts, look for the [Email/Text Notifications](#) link under “Popular Links” on the DRS home page at www.drs.wa.gov.

For additional information on the litigation, see the article [Challenges to state pension system changes go before the State Supreme Court](#) on the DRS website.



Visit www.drs.wa.gov

Retirement links

Looking for quick access to the Social Security, Medicare, IRS or many other websites of interest to retirees? The DRS website has a page that contains a one-stop source of links to retirement-related information and services. [Check it out.](#)

DRS website has latest versions of publications

While printed materials can become outdated quickly, keep in mind that the latest versions of all DRS publications and forms are available on the [DRS website](#).

Keep your address up-to-date

If you move, be sure to keep your address up-to-date. This will keep your payment information, 1099 tax forms and other news related to your pension from being delayed in reaching you. You'll find a [Change of Address](#) form on the DRS website. You can also update your address online through [Your retirement account](#).

Need to change your beneficiary?

Once you are retired, you can only change your benefit option or beneficiary designation in certain situations. For more information on just what those situations are, have a look at the [Can I Change My Benefit Option or Beneficiary Designation After I Retire?](#) brochure.

Benefit payment schedule

The chart below shows the dates your monthly retirement benefit will be mailed or automatically deposited into your account for the remainder of 2014.

Not yet signed up for electronic deposit? Complete the [Authorization for Direct Deposit](#) form and return it to DRS. It's fast, easy, and reliable.

Check Mailing Dates	Electronic Deposit Dates
7/29/2014	7/31/2014
8/28/2014	8/29/2014
9/26/2014	9/30/2014
10/29/2014	10/31/2014
11/26/2014	11/28/2014
12/29/2014	12/31/2014

Wondering if direct deposit is right for you?

Nearly 97 percent of Washington state retirees now take advantage of direct deposit of their retirement benefits. With direct deposit, you can start having your monthly benefit automatically deposited to your bank account as soon as next month!

- **Travel when you want to.** Your monthly benefit will automatically deposit in your account whether you're there to check the mail or not.
- **No mailing delays.** Direct deposit is reliable and dependable. Your monthly benefit will be deposited to your account no later than the last business day of the month – every month.
- **It's easy to sign up.** Just complete the [Authorization for Direct Deposit form](#) and return to DRS.

Call us at (800) 547-6657 with any questions about the benefits of direct deposit.

Charitable giving made easy

Would you like a convenient way to make charitable contributions? The Washington state Combined Fund Drive (CFD) may be just what you're looking for.

As a retiree of a Washington state retirement plan, you can give to local or national charities through an automatic deduction from your monthly pension payment. The Department of Retirement Systems and the Office of the Secretary of State coordinate this effort through the CFD.

Charitable giving through the CFD offers more than 2,600 pre-screened charities from which to choose. These organizations address a wide variety of worthwhile causes including health and human services, environmental and endangered species protection, and the arts. The CFD provides a convenient opportunity to make a difference in the causes you care about.

If you need more information or would like to make a donation, visit the [Combined Fund Drive website](#). You may also contact the Combined Fund Drive office at (360) 704-7143; or by email at cfd@sos.wa.gov.

Returning to work? Be sure to notify DRS

If you are retired from a DRS-administered retirement system, returning to work for a public employer in the state of Washington may impact your retirement benefits. If you are considering returning to work, be sure to notify DRS before accepting a position with a public employer.

For more information on returning to work, check out the brochure [Thinking About Working After Retirement?](#)



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