

RETIREE UPDATE

FOR NEBRASKA SCHOOL, JUDGES, AND PATROL RETIREES

JANUARY 2020

PLANS FUNDED STATUS INCREASES

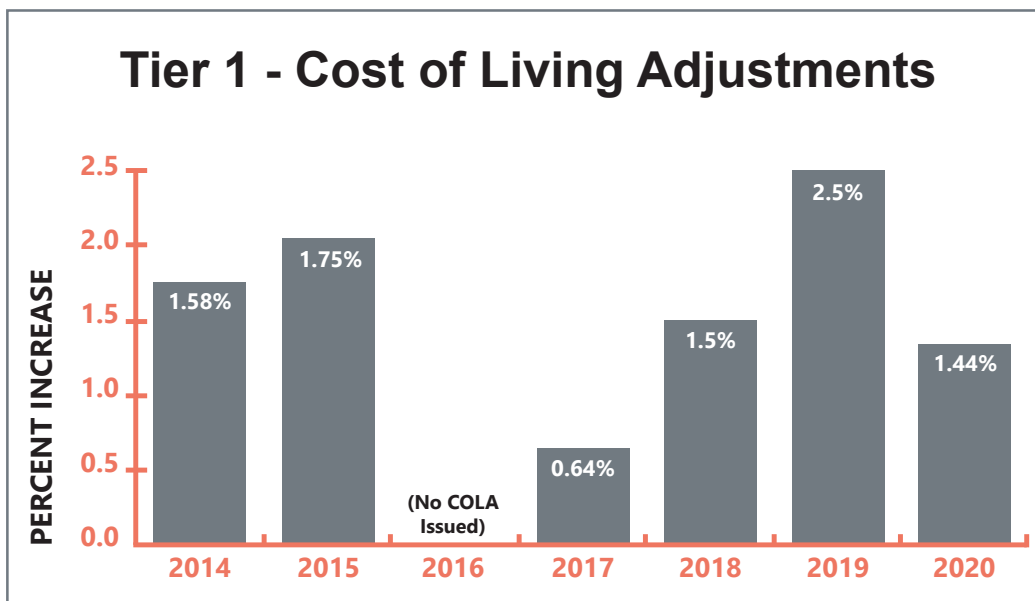
This year the actuarial valuation again reported improved funded ratios for the Nebraska School, Judges, and Patrol plans. As of July 1, 2019, the Judges plan funding increased from 96.08% to 98.08%, the School plan increased from 88.8% to 90.29%, and the State Patrol plan increased from 86.98% to 87.34%.

Copies of the annual actuarial reports may be found on the Publications/Videos page on the NPERS website.

1.44% AND 1.0% COLA INCREASES FOR 2019

Effective July 1, 2019, eligible School, Judges, and Patrol retirees received a cost of living adjustment (COLA) in their monthly benefit distributions. The COLA is calculated using the consumer price index and may be capped at 2.5% or 1.0% per plan provisions. For the year ending June 30, 2019, the CPI increase was 1.44%. As a result, School, Judges and State Patrol retirees with a COLA cap of 2.50% received a 1.44% increase. Retirees with a COLA cap of 1.00% received a 1.00% increase.

NPERS issued correspondence to all affected retirees at the end of July. If you were eligible for the COLA increase, this letter explained the type of COLA and actual dollar amount of your increase. If you have questions about the COLA, please refer to your plan handbook or contact NPERS.



2020

BENEFIT PAYMENT SCHEDULE

JANUARY 31

FEBRUARY 28

MARCH 31

APRIL 30

MAY 29

JUNE 30

JULY 31

AUGUST 31

SEPTEMBER 30

OCTOBER 30

NOVEMBER 30

DECEMBER 31

NOTE :

If you use Direct Deposit & change banks or bank accounts after the 7th of any month, your payment may be delayed.

WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR



FORM 1099-R

NPERS will mail your IRS Form 1099-R tax statement by the end of January 2020. Please remember to keep your mailing address updated with NPERS in order to receive your 1099-R in a timely fashion and ensure uninterrupted benefit payments. Individuals who need to update their address may use the address change form on the last page of this newsletter.

The information on Form 1099-R should be used to file your 2019 federal and state tax returns. Your 1099-R will show the gross benefits you received from NPERS in 2019.

This form will also indicate the federal income tax which was withheld from your benefit payments and, for most people, the taxable portion of your benefit. A copy of the 1099-R is also available to retirees who have created an NPERS online account.

Please direct questions about individual tax liability to your accountant, tax professional, the Internal Revenue Service, or your state Department of Revenue.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR 1099-R

BOX 1 Box 1 shows everything NPERS paid to you in 2019.		PAYER'S name, street address, city or town, state or province, country, ZIP or foreign postal code, and phone no.		1 Gross distribution \$ 1	OMB No. 1545-0119 2019 Form 1099-R	Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc.	
BOX 2a This is the amount that is taxable to you.				2a Taxable amount \$ 2a	2b Taxable amount not determined <input type="checkbox"/> Total distribution <input type="checkbox"/>		Copy 1 For State, City, or Local Tax Department
BOX 4 This is the amount that was withheld for federal taxes.		PAYER'S TIN	RECIPIENT'S TIN	3 Capital gain (included in box 2a) \$	4 Federal income tax withheld \$ 4		
BOX 5 This is the amount that is not taxable.		RECIPIENT'S name		5 Employee contributions/ Designated Roth contributions or insurance premiums \$ 5	6 Net unrealized appreciation in employer's securities \$		
BOX 12 This is the amount that was withheld for state taxes.		Street address (including apt. no.)		7 Distribution code(s) \$	8 Other \$		
		City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		9a Your percentage of total distribution %	9b Total employee contributions \$		
		10 Amount allocable to IRR within 5 years \$	11 1st year of desig. Roth contrib.	FATCA filing requirement <input type="checkbox"/>	12 State tax withheld \$ 12	13 State/Payer's state no.	14 State distribution \$
		Account number (see instructions)	Date of payment	15 Local tax withheld \$	16 Name of locality	17 Local distribution \$	

NOTE: BOX 1 - BOX 2A = BOX 5

ANNUITY TAX WITHHOLDING REMINDER

Each year NPERS is required to notify retirees of your right to change, start or stop federal tax withholding from your monthly retirement benefit. If you wish to adjust your withholding, you may submit these changes via the NPERS online account access or by filing a new Withholding Certificate for Annuity Payments. This form may be obtained from the "Forms" section of the NPERS website at npers.ne.gov or by calling our office. You are not required to have federal income tax withheld from your monthly benefit; however, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) may assess interest or penalty charges if your estimated tax payments or withholding amounts fall short of your tax liability.

If you are a Nebraska resident and you choose to have federal income tax withheld from your

benefits, NPERS is required to withhold Nebraska taxes using the allowances and marital status you claimed for federal withholding. You may elect *additional* amounts of withholding for both your federal and/or state withholding; these amounts are not required to match. If you choose not to have federal tax withheld from your retirement benefit payment, you are not required to have Nebraska state income tax withheld. If you are not a Nebraska resident, NPERS is not required to withhold Nebraska taxes from your benefit payment.

No action is necessary if your present tax authorization for your monthly retirement benefit still fits your needs. Questions regarding how much to withhold should be directed to a tax professional.

CHANGE YOUR TAX WITHHOLDING ONLINE

There are two separate and distinct options for online account access, NPERS and Ameritas. Retirees who have created an NPERS account can change the taxes withheld on their pension/annuity payments.

1

To begin, you will need an **NPERS** "Retiree" account. If you have not created an account, visit our website at NPERS.ne.gov and click on the "Create Your Account" button found at the top left of our home page.

CHANGE YOUR TAX WITHHOLDING ONLINE (contd.)

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Member Account Home Page

You have successfully logged in to our web site. Please check out our [Home Page](#) for the latest news and events. If you would like to access your account information online, please follow the links on the right of this page.



Messages from NPERS

Personal Information

Name : Artie Fischel

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Your Account Information

[Update Member Account](#) - Click here to change your web Profile.

[Logoff](#) - Exit the secure area

- [View Benefit Information](#)
- [View/Update Taxes](#)
- [View 1099R Information](#)

2 When logging in, be sure to use the NPERS online access button on our home page and log into your *retiree* account. The “Member Account Home Page” will have a link on the lower right to “View/Update Taxes.”

3 Click on “View/Update Taxes” to see the Instructions page. After reviewing the instructions, click on the “Next” link at the lower right of the instructions page to go to the “Your Tax Withholding Preference” page where you can see your current withholdings.

4 Click on the blue “Change Tax Withholding” to adjust withholdings.

Nebraska Resident:	Yes
Total Federal Tax Withheld Amount:	\$95.62
State Tax Withheld:	Yes
Addnl/Flat State Tax Amount:	\$0.00
Total State Tax Withheld Amount:	\$30.21
Net Benefit Amount:	\$1,135.30

Click here to change your withholdings → [Change Tax Withholding](#)

5 The “Change Tax Withholding” page will allow you to change your preferences. After you have entered your changes, click on the “Calculate” button to review the withholding amounts based on the criteria you entered.

Additional Federal Tax Withheld	\$	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	
State Tax Withheld		<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
Addnl/Flat State Tax Amount	\$	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	
Effective Date		<input type="text" value="11/01/2019"/>	

Click here to calculate your tax withholdings → [Calculate](#)

6 If you are satisfied with your changes, you can click on the “Save Withholding” button, or if you wish to make another adjustment you can click on the “Calculate a New Estimate” button. Be aware you must click on “Save Withholding” for your changes to take effect, and you can only adjust withholding one time per month.

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To update your address or to request a form, fill out the request below and return it to NPERS at P.O. Box 94816, Lincoln, NE 68509.

ADDRESS CHANGE/REQUEST FORM

Please use this form to notify NPERS when you change your mailing address **OR** to request an NPERS form.

Social Security # - -

Retirement Number
(If known)

Check here if this is a change of address.

If you need additional information or a form, please check the appropriate box(es) below:

Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments Form

Direct Deposit Agreement Form

Beneficiary Designation Form

Other _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature (A SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FOR AN ADDRESS CHANGE.) _____