



Pre-Retirement Lump-Sum Beneficiary Designation

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Complete this form if you are currently employed (active) or an inactive member and you wish to designate a beneficiary or change your existing beneficiary designation for lump-sum benefits. Please print clearly. We are unable to process this form if there are erasures or corrections. See the information and instructions page for more detailed information.

Section 1

Information About You

Please provide your name as it appears on your Social Security card.

Your Name (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)		Social Security Number or CalPERS ID	
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Daytime Phone		Alternate Phone	
Address			
City		State	ZIP

Section 2

Your Primary Beneficiary Information

Please see the last page of this form for information on your pre-retirement benefits and instructions on how to name more than four primary beneficiaries

Name of Primary Beneficiary (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)		Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Relationship to You		%	Percentage of Benefit
		Social Security Number or CalPERS ID	
Address			
City		State	ZIP

If a percentage is entered, make sure the total equals 100%.

Name of Primary Beneficiary (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)		Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Relationship to You		%	Percentage of Benefit
		Social Security Number or CalPERS ID	
Address			
City		State	ZIP

Name of Primary Beneficiary (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)		Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Relationship to You		%	Percentage of Benefit
		Social Security Number or CalPERS ID	
Address			
City		State	ZIP

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Put your name and Social Security number or CalPERS ID at the top of every page.

Your Name _____ Social Security Number or CalPERS ID _____

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Your Primary Beneficiary Information, continued

Name of Primary Beneficiary (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name) _____ Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
Relationship to You _____ % Percentage of Benefit _____ Social Security Number or CalPERS ID _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Section 3

Your Secondary Beneficiary Information

Please see the last page of this form for instructions on how to name more than three secondary beneficiaries.

Name of Secondary Beneficiary (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name) _____ Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
Relationship to You _____ % Percentage of Benefit _____ Social Security Number or CalPERS ID _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

If a percentage (%) is entered make sure the total equals 100%.

Name of Secondary Beneficiary (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name) _____ Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
Relationship to You _____ % Percentage of Benefit _____ Social Security Number or CalPERS ID _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Name of Secondary Beneficiary (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name) _____ Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
Relationship to You _____ % Percentage of Benefit _____ Social Security Number or CalPERS ID _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Section 4

Spousal Consent to Beneficiary Designation

You must review and sign this acknowledgment if you are married or in a registered domestic partnership and you name someone other than your spouse or domestic partner as a beneficiary to receive any lump sum benefits which may be payable upon your death.

Member Acknowledgment

I understand that if I am married or in a registered domestic partnership, my spouse or domestic partner may have community property rights in the following benefit (if applicable):

- The Group Term Life Insurance benefit.
- The employer share benefit.
- The return of any remaining member contributions.

If I name someone other than my spouse or domestic partner as my beneficiary for some or all of these benefits and I die before my spouse or domestic partner, he or she may still be entitled to receive his or her community property share of the benefit(s). If I name one or more other individuals as my beneficiary(ies) to receive a benefit listed above, and my spouse or domestic partner does not consent at this time by signing below, CalPERS will award fifty-percent (50%) of the community property share of such benefit to my spouse or domestic partner in the event of my death unless he or she waives his or her community property interest in such benefit at the time the benefit becomes payable, and CalPERS will award the remaining fifty-percent (50%) of the community property share, plus any separate property share, of such benefit to the named beneficiary(ies).

Your Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Spouse's or Registered Domestic Partner's Consent

I hereby voluntarily and irrevocably consent to each of the beneficiary designation(s) by my spouse/registered domestic partner on this form. I acknowledge and understand that I am not obligated to consent and, if I do consent, and my spouse or registered domestic partner dies before me and has named a beneficiary other than me, some or all the following benefit will be paid to a beneficiary other than me in accordance with the beneficiary designation(s):

- The Group Term Life Insurance benefit.
- The employer share benefit.
- The return of any remaining member contributions.

I understand that I may have community property or other rights in these benefits and I hereby voluntarily waive and release any rights I may have to these benefits. I understand that I do not have to sign this consent and that if I do sign my consent is irrevocable. I acknowledge that I have received a complete explanation of each benefit listed above (if applicable) and I have had the opportunity to consult with an attorney or other professional concerning this waiver.

Your spouse or registered domestic partner should sign this consent if he or she consents to each of your beneficiary designations after reviewing this section.

Your Spouse's or Domestic Partner's Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Section 5

Your Signature

Before submitting your completed form, be sure to make a copy to keep with your important retirement information.

I certify, under the penalty of perjury, that the information submitted hereon is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

By this beneficiary designation, I hereby revoke any previous designation I have filed. I understand that my marriage or domestic partnership, final dissolution or annulment of my marriage or the termination of my domestic partnership, or the birth or adoption of a child subsequent to the date this form is filed with CalPERS will automatically void this designation. I understand that a designation filed **after** the initiation of dissolution or annulment of marriage or domestic partnership or legal termination of domestic partnership will **not** be revoked when the legal process is finalized.

Are you legally married or in a registered domestic partnership? Yes No

If no, please indicate: Never Married or in Domestic Partnership
 Divorced, Annulled, or Domestic Partnership Terminated
 Widowed

If you answered yes above, your spouse or registered domestic partner must sign this beneficiary designation unless you have designated him or her as the sole primary beneficiary of any lump sum benefits. Otherwise, you must complete and submit the **Justification for Absence of Spouse's or Registered Domestic Partner's Signature** form.

Your Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Section 6

Your Spouse's or Registered Domestic Partner's Signature

Per Government Code section 21261, I acknowledge that I am aware of the designation made by my spouse or registered domestic partner. I also hereby state that I am the current spouse or registered domestic partner.

Signature of Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Date of Marriage or Registered Domestic Partnership (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Information

If you die before you retire, the Public Employees' Retirement Law provides for payment of specific benefits to your surviving beneficiaries. Please order or download your Member Benefit Publication from our website www.calpers.ca.gov or see your personnel officer for a description of the benefits. The benefits are payable to the following beneficiaries:

- A. If you are a safety member and your death is job-related, or if you are not a safety member but you are fatally attacked while performing your official job duties, the Special Death Benefit may be payable. This benefit is payable by law to your surviving spouse/registered domestic partner (whether or not you were still living together at the time of your death) or, if none, to your unmarried children/step-children under age 22, whether or not you have filed a beneficiary designation.
- B. If you are eligible for retirement or you are a State member with at least 20 years of State service credit, a monthly survivor allowance may be payable. If you do not have a valid beneficiary designation on file, the benefits will be payable to your surviving spouse/registered domestic partner to whom you have been married to or in a partnership with for either one year or prior to the onset of the injury or illness that resulted in death. Or, if there is no eligible surviving spouse/registered domestic partner, the allowance will be payable to your unmarried minor children, if any.
If you do have a valid beneficiary designation on file, your spouse/registered domestic partner may still be entitled to a community property share of your lump sum contributions or monthly survivor allowance. However, your non-spouse/non-registered domestic partner designated beneficiaries will receive the portion of your lump sum benefits that are not payable to your spouse/ registered domestic partner as his/her community property share.

- C. If A and B do not apply and there is no valid beneficiary designation on file at the time of death, the benefits will be payable to your survivors in the following order:

1. Your surviving spouse/registered domestic partner (whether or not you were still living together at the time of your death); or if none
2. Natural and adopted children, including (in limited situations) a natural child adopted by another, share and share alike; or if none,
3. Parents, share and share alike; or if none,
4. Brothers and sisters, share and share alike, or if none,
5. Your estate (if probated, or subject to probate), or if not,
6. Your trust (if one exists), or if not,
7. Stepchildren, share and share alike or if none,
8. Grandchildren, including step-grandchildren, share and share alike, or if none,
9. Nieces and nephews, share and share alike, or if none,
10. Great-grandchildren, share and share alike, or if none,
11. Cousins, share and share alike.

If A and B do not apply and there is a valid beneficiary designation on file at the time of death, the benefits will be payable to the beneficiary(ies) you designate on the form. **However, if you are married or have a registered domestic partner at the time of death, your spouse/registered domestic partner may still be entitled to a community property share of your lump sum benefits.**

- D. You may designate or change your beneficiaries at any time by completing another ***Pre-Retirement Lump-Sum Beneficiary Designation*** form. You may name as beneficiary any person or persons, a corporation or your estate. Payment will be made to your estate only if probated. You may designate a trust as your beneficiary; however, you must provide the name of the trust, the date of the trust, and the name and address where the trust is filed. It is not necessary to provide the name of the trustee. Reminder: **If you are married or in a registered domestic partnership at the time of your death and you do not name your spouse/registered domestic partner as beneficiary, he/she may still be entitled to a community property share of your lump sum benefits or a share of any monthly survivor allowance that may be payable.**
- E. Your beneficiary designation will be revoked automatically, and benefits will be payable to the closest survivor listed in section C, if any of the following events occur after your designation form is received by CalPERS:
1. Marriage/Registration of domestic partnership; or
 2. Dissolution or annulment of your marriage/registered domestic partnership. However, a designation filed after the initiation of a dissolution/annulment of marriage or registered domestic partnership is NOT revoked when the dissolution/annulment is finalized; or
 3. Birth or adoption of a child; or
 4. Termination of membership that results in a refund of your contributions.

Pre-Retirement Lump-Sum Beneficiary Designation Instructions

Section 1

Information About You

- Complete all fields.

Section 2

Your Primary Beneficiary Information

- To name additional primary beneficiaries, attach a blank sheet of paper with your additional beneficiary information. Provide the same beneficiary information as required on this form and be sure to indicate that the beneficiary is primary. Sign and date the paper and include your Social Security number or CalPERS ID.

Section 3

Your Secondary Beneficiary Information

- The benefit is paid to your named secondary beneficiary upon the death of your primary beneficiary or beneficiaries.
- To name additional secondary beneficiaries, attach a blank sheet of paper with your additional beneficiary information. Provide the same beneficiary information as required on this form and be sure to indicate that the beneficiary is secondary. Sign and date the paper and include your Social Security number or CalPERS ID.

Section 4

Spousal Consent to Beneficiary Designation

- If you did not name your spouse or registered domestic partner as your lump-sum beneficiary, you must read and sign the **Member Acknowledgment**. Your spouse or registered domestic partner **must** read the **Spouse's or Registered Domestic Partner's Consent**.

Section 5

Your Signature

- Indicate if you are married or have a registered domestic partner.
- Sign in the required field.

Section 6

Your Spouse's or Registered Domestic Partner's Signature

- Your spouse or registered domestic partner must sign if you did not designate him or her as the sole primary beneficiary for any lump-sum benefits.
- You must complete a **Justification for Absence of Spouse's or Domestic Partner's Signature** form if your spouse or registered domestic partner is unable to sign this form. You can print this form from www.calpers.ca.gov or call **888 CalPERS** (or **888-225-7377**).