

# MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### KEEP THIS DOCUMENT WITH YOUR PERMANENT RECORDS

#### Returning to Work Part-Time for a Participating Employer

- You may return to work part-time in a position covered by the retirement system after you retire.
- You will be required to pay contributions on your earnings during this reemployment if your first reemployment after retirement is on or after July 1, 2016.
- You will not receive any additional service credit or accrue any additional retirement benefit during your reemployment.
- If your monthly earnings from reemployment equal or exceed the difference between your monthly average final compensation and monthly retirement benefit, your monthly benefit will be reduced by the amount you earned in excess of the difference.
- You and your employer are legally required to report your reemployment with a participating employer to the retirement system.
- Upon termination of reemployment, employee contributions paid since reemployment shall, upon application, be refunded to you or transferred to another qualified plan (IRA) without interest.

#### Returning to Work Full-Time for a Participating Employer

- You may return to work full-time in a position covered by the retirement system after you retire.
- Your retirement benefit from MERS will be suspended.
- You will be required to pay contributions on your earnings during this reemployment if your first **full-time** reemployment after retirement is on or after July 1, 2017.
- You will receive additional service credit and accrue an additional retirement benefit **if you remain employed for twelve (12) months or longer.**
- If you remain employed for less than twelve (12) months, upon termination of reemployment, employee contributions paid since reemployment shall, upon application, be refunded to you or transferred to another qualified plan (IRA) without interest.
- You and your employer are legally required to report your reemployment with a participating employer to the retirement system.

#### Account Changes

- You must notify the retirement system in writing with any of the following:
  - Address Change
  - Bank Account Change
  - Death of Beneficiary

#### Benefit Verifications

- All benefit income verifications must be requested in writing. Phone calls will not be accepted as your request.
- There is an "Income Verification" form on the website that can be downloaded for this request.  
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