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## Annual Benefits Statements will be mailed this spring

Mark your calendars! IPERS will mail your Annual Benefits Statement this spring. Once you receive your statement, check your earnings to date, years of IPERS-covered employment and projected retirement benefits. For more information about your statement, visit this [Annual Benefits Statement](#) page on our website.



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## Beware of IPERS imposters

IPERS is committed to protecting your personal information and takes steps to prevent fraud and identity theft.

The safest way to communicate with IPERS is by phone. Or you can use My Account to access and update information related to your retirement account. My Account is the secure, self-service system that allows you to view a history of letters and documents, view a record of your IPERS contributions, update your beneficiaries and more.

Be aware of official-looking scam emails that attempt to obtain your personal information by directing you to click to a fraudulent website. IPERS is the **ONLY** source that can provide confidential details about your retirement benefit.

These tips can help you determine the authenticity of communication from IPERS.

- IPERS does not solicit personal information like Social Security numbers or bank account information by email, which is not a secure form of communication.
- IPERS does not typically make outbound calls to members asking for personal details unless you have specifically requested a call from us.
- IPERS will only call you during business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Central Time, Monday – Friday.
- IPERS staff emails end with @ipers.org.
- Only IPERS staff can access your IPERS account.
- IPERS staff will never offer to meet at your home.
- IPERS staff do not sell insurance products.
- IPERS staff can provide information about your IPERS benefits only; we do not provide financial planning services.
- IPERS staff will not cold call you offering to set up a meeting to discuss your benefits.

Whenever you receive an email with IPERS-related information, you are welcome to [email us](#) to confirm the legitimacy of that email.

Visit the [IPERS Fraud Prevention page](#) for more information.

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## Are you vested? How do you know?

Vesting is an important milestone on the road to retirement. To become a vested member, you need to work for IPERS-covered employment for:

- Seven years or have wages reported during the month you turn age 65 or older as a Regular member.
- Four years or have wages reported during the month you turn age 55 as a Protection Occupation and Sheriffs/Deputy Sheriffs (Special Service) member.

Becoming a vested member gives you access to several benefits. To learn more about vesting, visit the [Vested Members page](#) on our website.

Have you tried our [Road to Retirement tool](#)? Simply enter some basic information and you'll easily determine whether you're vested and other important milestones on your retirement journey.

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## Upcoming trainings

Take advantage of these upcoming opportunities to learn more about IPERS as part of your retirement planning process.

- [Ready, Set, Retire webinar](#) (for state agency employees within five years of retirement)
  - [March 21](#)
  - [April 11](#)

- [May 9](#)
  - [June 6](#)
  - [Creating a Secure Retirement webinar](#) (for all IPERS members within five years of retirement)
    - [February 13](#)
    - [March 27](#)
    - [April 17](#)
    - [May 22](#)
    - [June 19](#)
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