

Taxes on One-Time Distributions

Please read this fact sheet prior to completing the IRS Form W-4R, Withholding Certificate for Nonperiodic Payments and Eligible Rollover Distributions. The Form W-4R will need to be completed if you will receive a one-time, lump-sum distribution from your own Colorado PERA DB Plan account(s) in the form of a refund or partial refund/rollover or as a beneficiary due to the death of a PERA member or retiree. PERA representatives are not qualified to give tax advice. Please seek advice from a tax professional to ensure you are withholding correctly from your distribution.

Overview

- » One-time distributions *may include* both tax-paid and tax-deferred contributions. If tax-deferred contributions are included, you must pay federal income tax on those funds.
- » Form W-4R is to be used for nonperiodic payments and rollover-eligible distributions. Your withholding rate is determined by the type of payment you will receive.
- » For nonperiodic payments, the default withholding rate is 10%. Nonperiodic distributions such as those listed below are subject to a 10% withholding rate unless a different rate is elected (no federal withholding is an option).
 - Distributions to a deceased member or retiree's estate
 - Distributions to an entity such as a non-profit organization/foundation
 - Distributions to a named beneficiary that occur outside the 5-year rollover window
- For eligible rollover distributions, which includes your own refund or a rollover-eligible refund to a named beneficiary on a deceased member or retiree's DB Plan account, the default withholding rate is 20%.
 These distributions are subject to a 20% withholding rate on the taxable amount of the distribution unless a higher rate is elected.
 - You *may not* choose any withholding percentage below 20%. There is no option for no withholding on a distribution that is rollover eligible.
- » Any portion of the account balance that is rolled over to another qualified plan is not subject to tax withholding (except for distributions to a Roth eligible plan).



