This fact sheet explains the information that may be printed on a 1099-R for a benefit recipient under either the PERA or Denver Public Schools (DPS) benefit structure.

**BOX 1—GROSS DISTRIBUTION**
Total benefit amount PERA paid to you in the tax year noted.

**BOX 2A—TAXABLE AMOUNT**
Total taxable benefits you received from PERA in the tax year noted. If you have previously-taxed contributions in your PERA account:
- Regular contributions made before July 1, 1984, in the PERA benefit structure.
- Regular contributions made before January 1, 1986, in the DPS benefit structure.
- After-tax money used to purchase service credit.

PERA uses a cost-recovery method recognized by the IRS to amortize the nontaxable dollar amount each year. If you do not have any previously-taxed contributions, your entire benefit amount is taxable.

**BOX 2B—TAXABLE AMOUNT NOT DETERMINED/TOTAL DISTRIBUTION**
These boxes will be blank unless you closed out your PERA member contribution account by taking a withdrawal/refund. If you have an “X” in the “Taxable amount not determined” box and Box 2a is blank, you will need to determine the taxable portion of your annual benefit.

**BOX 3—CAPITAL GAIN (INCLUDED IN BOX 2A)**
Reports a dollar amount if you were born before January 2, 1936, and took a withdrawal/refund of your account instead of choosing a monthly benefit.

**BOX 4—FEDERAL INCOME TAX WITHHELD**
Federal income tax withheld from your benefit in the tax year noted.

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BOX 5—EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS/DESIGNATED ROTH CONTRIBUTIONS OR INSURANCE PREMIUMS
The nontaxable amount of benefits you received in the tax year noted (the difference between Box 1 and Box 2a):

» If you have previously taxed contributions in your PERA account, PERA uses a cost-recovery method recognized by the IRS to amortize the nontaxable dollar amount each year and reports it in Box 5.

» Do not report this amount on your tax returns. This number does not refer to the premiums you paid to PERA for health care or life insurance. If you need the amount of your insurance premiums, refer to your year-end benefit check or EFT statement.

» If Box 5 is blank and there is an “X” in Box 2b “Taxable amount not determined,” you must determine the nontaxable portion of your annual benefit.

In cases where the benefit recipient passed away during the reporting year and no future monthly benefits are payable, Box 5 may also include the balance of any previously taxed contributions not recovered through the cost-recovery method.

BOX 6—NET UNREALIZED APPRECIATION IN EMPLOYER’S SECURITIES
Does not apply.

BOX 7—DISTRIBUTION CODE(S)
The code applicable to your benefit as defined by the IRS:

“2” If you are receiving a monthly retirement benefit that is not a disability retirement and you are younger than age 59½.

“3” If you are receiving a disability retirement benefit.

“4” If you are receiving a monthly benefit based on the death of a retiree or active member. This code also applies to a refund of contributions if the retiree and cobeneficiary (if applicable) died before all of the contributions were distributed and the balance of the contributions were paid to the named beneficiary.

“4G” Refund of contributions if the retiree and cobeneficiary (if applicable) died before all of the contributions were distributed and the balance of the contributions are rolled over to a qualified account.

“7” If you are receiving a monthly retirement benefit that is not a disability retirement and you are age 59½ and over, or if you are receiving a monthly retirement benefit that is a disability retirement and you turned age 65 during the 2021 calendar year.

ACCOUNT NUMBER
Your PERA-assigned account number which appears on correspondence including your benefit statement or benefit check.

DPS disability retirees who turned age 65 in 2021 and qualified for a recalculation to regular retirement will receive two 1099-Rs this year. PERA must change the distribution code in Box 7 when you turn age 65 from a disability retiree (distribution code 3) to a regular retiree (distribution code 7).

This fact sheet provides general information about Colorado PERA 1099-Rs. Your rights, benefits, and obligations as a PERA member are governed by Title 24, Article 51 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, and the Rules of the Colorado Public Employees’ Retirement Association, which take precedence over any interpretations in this fact sheet.

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