

STEP 4: Acknowledgment

R.C. 145.27 provides that OPERS shall not release information contained in the personal history record of a member, former member, contributor, former contributor, retirant or beneficiary, unless that individual authorizes the release in writing. One of the exceptions to this statute provides that, upon written request, OPERS shall provide a list of the names and addresses of members, former members, contributors, former contributors, retirants or beneficiaries (R.C. 145.27(D)(3)). A list of public employers participating in OPERS is also a public record.

The group list provided under R.C. 145.27(D)(3) contains the following individuals according to the definitions provided for each group in R.C. 145.01 and the Combined and Member-Directed Plan Documents (available at www.opers.org/about/legal).

Member

1. Active members
2. Re-employed retirants
3. Disability benefit recipients under original, revised or joint disability benefits

Former Member

1. Retirants
2. Re-employed retirants who received a distribution(s) from a Money Purchase Account
3. Members who refunded their accounts

Contributor

Any person who has accumulated contributions on deposit with OPERS that are not being used in the payment of an annuity or benefit.

1. Active members
2. Inactive members
3. Re-employed retirants
4. Revised plan disability allowance recipients (R.C. 145.361)
5. Additional annuity accounts

Former Contributor

Any person who had accumulated contributions on deposit with OPERS

1. Former members (from above, retirants, re-employed retirants and members who refunded)
2. Retirants who received payment(s) from their Additional Annuity accounts

Retirant

Former members receiving monthly age and service retirement benefits and those under pension status in a defined contribution plan (Sec. 20.06 of the Combined Plan Document and Sec. 17.06 of the Member-Directed Plan Document)

Beneficiary

Person(s) receiving survivor benefits as the result of the death of a member, contributor or retirant.