

EMPLOYER Notice

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System • 277 East Town Street • Columbus, Ohio 43215

Note:

Employers who want to view the exact verbiage of the rules will find the information posted on the OPERS Web site at www.opers.org.

Amended Rules effective November 2007

Who should read this notice

Finance directors, payroll professionals and human resources professionals

Situation overview

As a matter of process and as required by law, OPERS reviews rules every five years to ensure appropriateness and accuracy. As a result of that review process, some rules required technical changes. In addition, two rules were changed substantively and acted upon by the OPERS Board of Trustees. All amendments in this overview became effective November 30, 2007.

Following are substantive amendments to standing rules:

- **Appeal of membership determination (Amended rule 145-1-11)**
The amendment provides for a 15-page limit on written objections to the hearing officer's report and recommendation. In addition, the change requires staff to submit a summary memorandum (as is currently done).
- **Death benefit payment (Amended rule 145-2-55)**
Change requires the beneficiary designation for the lump-sum death benefit to be filed with the System prior to the retiree or benefit recipient's death. This change is consistent with beneficiary designations for member accounts.

The following rules had technical changes only as part of the five-year review process:

- **Organization of the System (Amended rule 145-1-01),**
- **Election of board of trustee members (Amended 145-1-02), and**
- **Board of trustee travel and expense reimbursement policy (Amended rule 145-1-03).**

Any employer may review the exact verbiage for new rules or amendments to existing rules by going to the OPERS Web site at www.opers.org where the entire Ohio Administrative Rules document can be found.

What you need to do

OPERS is required to notify public employers of any amendment or change to the Ohio Administrative Code. Please review any letters, forms or publications you produce or distribute and make the necessary changes to ensure accuracy with the new and amended rules.



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Who to contact for more information

After you review this *Employer Notice*, contact your Employer Outreach representative with questions or comments at 1-888-400-0965 or via the Internet at employeroutreach@opers.org.

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