

2007 Option Changes and Supplemental Information for the 2005 Community Property Information Brochure

The California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) Community Property Office is providing this information as a vital supplement to the 2005 Community Property Information brochure due to changes in the Teachers' Retirement Law (TRL) effective, January 1, 2007. The new 2007 version of the brochure is expected to be completed and available by late spring 2007.

The 2007 TRL restructures the option choices available to members, offers new option choices, and renames some of the options. This new option structure simplifies the array of options and annuities available to members and their beneficiaries, and has a direct impact on the community property laws that govern CalSTRS.

These changes also have a significant impact on the information required on a member's court order that will be submitted to, and approved by CalSTRS. As a result, *all sample court orders* and the *Request for Statement of Account and/or Estimate* form have been revised to reflect the new requirements, and are intended to replace what is currently provided in the 2005 Community Property Information brochure.

Attached to this notice are the relevant replacement pages reflecting the most important changes currently affecting the Community Property Information brochure now in distribution.

Replacement pages include:

- **2007 SAMPLE "A" SEGREGATION METHOD OF DIVISION**
(Replaces pages 19, 20 & 21)
- **2007 SAMPLE "B" TIME RULE METHOD OF DIVISION #1**
(Replaces pages 22, 23 & 24)
- **2007 SAMPLE "C" TIME RULE METHOD OF DIVISION #2**
(Replaces pages 25, 26, & 27)
- **2007 SAMPLE "D" TIME RULE METHOD OF DIVISION #3**
(Replaces pages 28, 29, 30, & 31)
- **REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AND/OR ESTIMATE OF BENEFITS DUE TO DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**
(Replaces pages 41 & 42)

Please note that in areas of the brochure where references are made to retirement and the option choices available to members, you may want to refer to the information and table provided on page two of this notice. This table describes the former options (available prior to 12/31/06) and the current option choices (effective 1/1/07), with a side-by-side comparison. This table first covers the Defined Benefit Program followed by the Defined Benefit Supplement Program and the Cash Balance Program.

A Dissolution Court Order that was accepted by CalSTRS, prior to January 1, 2007, will not be affected by these changes. The retirement options and/or beneficiary requirements specified in the court order will remain in effect.

PLEASE NOTE: The Unmodified Benefit is now referred to as the Member-Only Benefit.

Option and Annuity Change Comparison Table due to 2007 Option Changes

Old Description	New Description
Options 2-5 (DB)	No longer available for selection as of 1/1/2007
Option 6 (DB)	100% Beneficiary Option
Option 7 (DB)	50% Beneficiary Option
Option 8 (DB)	Compound Option
(DB) Not available prior to 1/1/2007	75% Beneficiary Option (new)
Single Life Annuity Without Cash Refund (DBS)	No longer available for selection as of 1/1/2007
Single Life Annuity With Cash Refund (DBS & CB)	Member-Only Annuity (DBS) Participant-Only Annuity (CB)
100% Joint and Survivor Annuity (DBS)	100% Beneficiary Annuity
50% Joint and Survivor Annuity (DBS)	50% Beneficiary Annuity
(DBS) N/A	75% Beneficiary Annuity

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