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Retirement Readiness Review

Take advantage of retirement readiness education at all stages of your career.

With your local RetireReadyTN Plan Advisor, you can review:



- Your retirement plans, including TCRS, and 401(k)/457(b) accounts
- Your TCRS Member annual statement. Access at [MYTCRS.com](https://mytcrs.com) yearly
- How much of your working income you'll need to replace
- Your personal retirement goals and planned retirement age
- Whether your savings and investment choices are in line with your goals
- Financial planning and budgeting

These services are offered at no additional cost to you.



What is RetireReadyTN?

RetireReadyTN is the State's retirement program, combining the strengths of a defined benefit plan provided by the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS), 401(k) and 457(b) plans through services provided by Empower Retirement, and retirement readiness education. We strive to empower public employees to take actionable steps toward preparing for the future.





Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS)



- TCRS is a defined benefit plan providing a lifetime retirement benefit, survivor and disability benefits for members and beneficiaries
- After meeting vesting requirements, a member becomes eligible to receive a monthly retirement benefit upon reaching the age and/or service requirement
- Benefits are calculated with a set formula



TCRS by the Numbers



- Provides retirement, survivor and disability benefits to more than 215,500 active members and more than 144,600 retired members
- \$52.1 billion held in trust
- One of the top three best funded state pension plans¹
- More than 92% of the \$2.6 billion in annual benefits paid by TCRS remain in Tennessee
- For every \$100 paid out to retirees, \$67 comes from investment earnings

¹ The Pew Charitable Trust, *The State Pension Funding Gap*, 2017.



Tennessee State Retirement Members

- Judges
- Certain Judges/The Attorney General/District Attorneys General/District Public Defenders
- Members of the General Assembly
- State Employees
- Higher Education Employees
- K-12 Public School Teachers
- Local Governments/Political Subdivisions that elect to participate
 - Cities
 - Counties
 - Special Districts
 - Utility Districts
 - E911 Districts
 - Development Districts
 - Housing Authorities
 - Special School districts



What Determines Your TCRS Retirement Benefit?



- **Average Final Compensation (AFC)**
 - The average of your highest 60 consecutive months of salary
- **Years of Service**
 - Your total number of years and months of creditable service
- **Age at Retirement**
 - Determines early retirement reduction factors and benefits paid under the joint and survivor plan options



TCRS Legacy Plan Formula

Accrual Factor¹		Years of Service		AFC		Maximum Annual Benefit
1.5%	x	Service established while in the Legacy Plan	x	Average of Member's Highest 60 Consecutive Months of Salary	=	

¹General State, Higher Education Employees, and K-12 Public School Teachers receive a 5% Benefits Improvement Percentage (BIP), which raises the Accrual Factor from 1.5% to 1.575%.

- Retirement benefit payments are made monthly via direct deposit last business day of the month
- A member may choose a Single Life Annuity or Joint and Survivor Plan



Selecting/Updating Your Beneficiary(s)

- Update your TCRS Beneficiary information by logging into www.mytcrs.com. For more information, review the TCRS *Selecting a Beneficiary Guide*
- Update your 401(k) & 457(b) beneficiary(s) by accessing the retirement dashboard via RetireReadyTN.gov
- You may select multiple beneficiaries
- You must elect beneficiaries for your TCRS, 401(k), and 457(b) plans separately, even if designating the same beneficiary for all plans
- Remember, your beneficiary(s) will not automatically be changed in the event of a birth, marriage, divorce, and death, or other change in circumstance





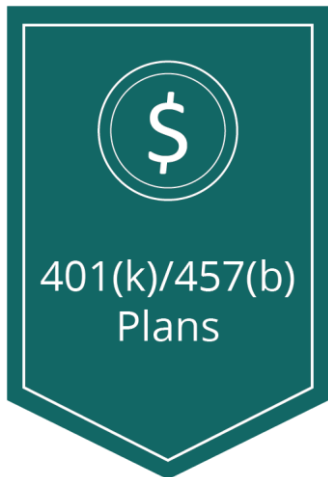
Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) (Provision)



- Must be retired 12 months by the upcoming July 1 in order to receive COLA
- Based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year
- Payable up to three percent (3%) and compounded annually



Deferred Compensation Plans – 401(k) and 457(b)

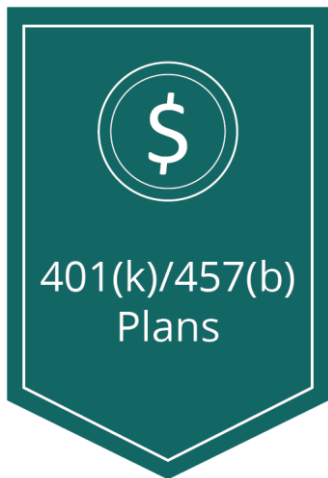


- The amount available in retirement is based on contributions, plus any accumulated earnings
- Members are immediately vested in the 401(k) & 457(b) Upon terminating employment or retiring, an employee may leave the account balance in the plan, roll it over to another qualified plan, or begin taking distributions²
- Members select their investment options based on their individual goals, risk tolerance, and timeline

²Withdrawals from the 401(k) Plan may be subject to income tax and a 10% early withdrawal penalty if taken before age 59½. Withdrawals from the 457(b) plan may be subject to income tax.



Deferred Compensation Plan Options



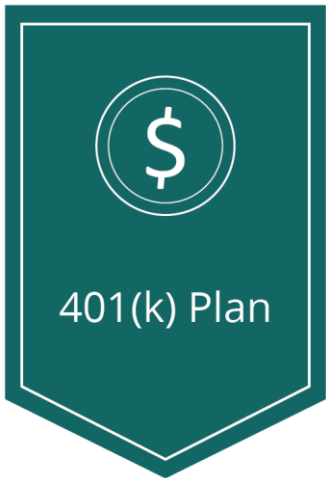
- Three deferred compensation plan options:
 - 1) **401(k)** – make pre-tax contributions to reduce your current taxes
 - 2) **Roth 401(k)** – make after tax contributions to reduce your taxes in retirement
 - 3) **457(b)** – make pre-tax contributions to reduce your current taxes

The 401(k)/457(b) offer the same investment options, each plan has its own IRS contribution limit.

***You can contribute to both plans!**



The 401(k) Plan



- In 2021, you can contribute 100% of your compensation or \$19,500 (whichever is less)
- Members Age 50+ or older may contribute an additional \$6,500 in 2021
- Traditional 401(k) contributions are made pre-tax and are taxed in retirement
- Roth 401(k) contributions are made after-tax, but are not taxed when withdrawn



401(k) Roth Option

- Flexibility
 - Designate all or a portion of your elective contributions
- After-tax Roth account
 - “Locks in” today’s tax rates on all contributions
 - Suitable for higher tax bracket at retirement
- Employer-matching contributions are treated as before-tax contributions
 - They may be subject to income taxes upon distribution





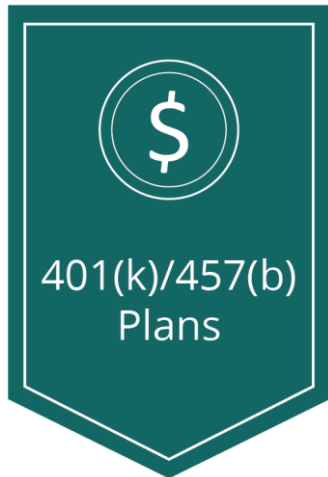
The 457(b) Plan



- In 2021, you can contribute 100% of your compensation or \$19,500 (whichever is less)
- Members Age 50+ or older may contribute an additional \$6,500 in 2021
- Contributions to the plan through voluntary salary deferral and any earnings can grow tax deferred until withdrawn, usually during retirement



Contributing to multiple plans



- 401(k) and 457(b) plans have their own contribution limits, meaning you can contribute up to the maximum limit to each plan
- Contributions must occur through payroll contributions or qualified rollovers.
- For more information about contributing to multiple plans, please visit [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov)



401k Investing

Personality Types	Possible Investor Type	Investment Services
Help-Me-Do-It Investor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs Limited Assistance and Education • Validation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Investment Guidance and/or • Online Investment Advice • (No additional cost to you)
Do-It-For-Me Investor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacks Time, Interest, Confidence or Knowledge of Investing • Desires Investment Professional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managed Account service • (Asset based fee, deducted quarterly)
Do-It-Myself Investor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confident and Knowledgeable Investor • Proactive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Investment Guidance • Education Services • Online Calculators • (No additional cost to you)

There is no guarantee that participation in any of the advisory services will result in a profit or that the account will outperform a self-managed portfolio invested without assistance.



Your Risk Tolerance

- Comfort level with market ups and downs
- Profile to balance capital preservation and growth





Rollovers

- You can roll over approved balances from a former employer's 401(a), 401(k), or governmental 457(b)¹ or from a Traditional IRA.
- Consider all your options and their features and fees before moving money between accounts.



¹ Funds rolled into a governmental 457 plan from a non-governmental 457 plan may still be subject to the 10% early withdrawal penalty if taken before age 59½. Governmental 457 funds rolled into another type of plan may become subject to the 10% early withdrawal penalty if taken before age 59½.



Social Security Benefits

- SSA.gov – Official Social Security website
- Social Security is estimated to replace 35%-40% of your income
- Set up **my Social Security** account on the website
 - Enter security questions to protect your account
 - View your estimated monthly retirement benefit
 - Update your personal information
- Review your estimated benefit for early, normal or late retirement ages



When You're Ready to Retire



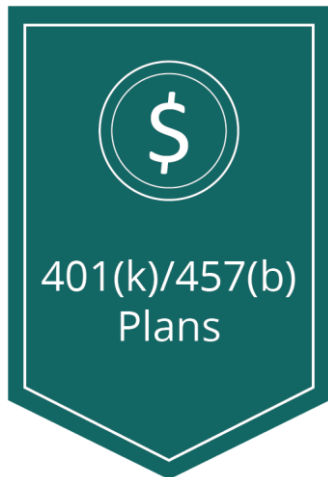
For your TCRS Benefit

Once you have met the TCRS retirement eligibility requirements, apply for retirement benefits. Before getting started, you should:

- Contact Stephanie Holiday to request a benefit estimate.
- Schedule a one-on-one retirement counseling appointment to discuss your next steps.
- Review the Retirement Checklist available at RetireReadyTN.gov
- Stephanie Holiday will complete the retirement application once your retirement date is finalized.



When You're Ready to Retire



For your 401(k) and 457(b) Accounts

- **401(k)** – You may begin taking qualified distributions without early withdrawal penalty upon reaching age 59 ½
- **457(b)** – You may begin taking qualified distributions at any age without early withdrawal penalty as long as you have separated from service
- Distributions can be set up in a variety of ways, including:
 - periodic payments
 - partial lump-sum
 - full lump-sum, or a combination of those options.
 - RMDs



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Your RPA is authorized to act as both an investment advisor representative of AAG and a registered representative of GWFS. Your RPA acts as an AAG investment advisor representative when providing investment counseling or recommendations and as a GWFS registered representative when executing securities transactions on your behalf.

Your RPA may conduct a Retirement Readiness Review with you and educate you about available investment options and products offered by AAG. During a Retirement Readiness Review, you will meet with a plan advisor to discuss your current and future goals. Your RPA will look at your full financial picture and provide tailored recommendations in order to help you achieve your personal retirement readiness. Your RPA will assist you with learning about (and, when appropriate, enrolling in) Empower managed accounts solutions, rollovers into plan options, optimized investment allocation and savings amounts, financial planning, general financial wellness, health savings accounts (HSAs), distribution options, and additional products/ solutions offered by your plan and aligned with your needs. While basic investment strategies consider only your age, the service of your RPA includes consideration of a wide range of factors to develop a more in-depth picture of who you are before creating a strategy that best fits your individual needs. Your RPA considers your individual financial situation and goals to create a plan designed to help you reach the future you want. Your RPA, acting on behalf of GWFS, can assist you with executing securities transactions related to the recommendations they provide. There is no guarantee provided by any party that participation in any of the advisory services will result in a profit.



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