




# Disability retirement

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## Disability retirement eligibility

- Must be in service with covered employer<sup>1</sup>, meaning you:
  - Are not yet retired (or for SCRS, have not been retired for more than one year); and
  - Were on payroll less than one year ago.
- Unless injury is job-related, you must have:
  - Five years earned service if Class Two.
  - Eight years earned service if Class Three.

<sup>1</sup>There is no disability protection available for State ORP participants.

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## Disability retirement

- Must apply within one year of date of termination from covered employer.
- For SCRS, must be approved for a disability benefit by the Social Security Administration.
  - Do not wait for approval from the Social Security Administration to apply for disability.
- For PORS, must be found permanently disabled from performing your job duties by the PORS medical board composed of three physicians.
- You cannot apply for disability retirement in Member Access. The required forms are available at [peba.sc.gov/forms](http://peba.sc.gov/forms).

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