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# Disability retirement

Retirement Orientation and Education  
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## Intended audience

- This presentation is focused on the eligibility requirements and plan provisions for Class Three members. Class Three members are those whose earned service began on or after July 1, 2012.
- Class Two members, those whose earned service began before July 1, 2012, are encouraged to review our retirement publications at [peba.sc.gov/publications](http://peba.sc.gov/publications) for more information.

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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 eight years of earned service.

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

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### Applying for 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 PORS, must be found permanently disabled from performing your job duties by the PORS medical board comprised of three physicians.
- You cannot apply for disability retirement in Member Access.
  - Find necessary forms at [peba.sc.gov/forms](http://peba.sc.gov/forms).



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