Employer Notice

OPERS-sponsored educational opportunities for employees

Who should read this notice

Human resources professionals, internal training professionals, benefits professionals, and those who assist employees with retirement planning

Situation overview

OPERS offers in-person education seminars, webinars, and recorded online presentations—all are tailored to employees who are in the three different OPERS retirement groups (A, B or C).

Employees in Group A are closest to retirement. To help ensure Group A individuals have all necessary information, the *Ready to Retire* pension and health care seminars for Group A have been scheduled extensively. This scheduling provides a review of important pension and health care changes—enabling individuals in Group A to understand how both components will impact their retirement.

What employers need to do

Three actions are requested:

- Many employees do not know what retirement group they are in; we ask employers to encourage their employees to know which OPERS retirement group they are in by visiting www.opers.org or reviewing their annual statement.
- Encourage employees who want retirement information to access OPERSsponsored educational offerings tailored to their group.
- Page two (reverse side) of this *Employer Notice* lists the educational offerings for the first half of 2015. Please post the listing in prominent areas (make copies as needed), or keep as a reference to use when employees ask about OPERS educational offerings.

Why this is important

OPERS wants to ensure all members have the information necessary to make good planning and retirement decisions. You can help by spreading awareness of the educational offerings available.



OPERS-Sponsored Educational Opportunities for Employees (in person)

OPERS offers in-person education seminars, webinars, and recorded online presentations tailored to specific OPERS retirement groups (A, B or C).

- To determine which group you are in, visit www.opers.org. Viewing this electronically? Link provided below to help employees determine their retirement group.
- To register for a seminar, log in to your online account, or call 1-800-222-7377
- To register for a webinar or to view a recorded presentation, visit www.opers.org and click on Seminar Options.

Ready to Retire pension and health care seminars for Group A

These seminars will review important pension and health care changes and how they will impact your retirement. Afternoon (1-4 p. m.) and evening (6-9 p. m.) sessions are available.

Sharonville	Bellville
January 27, 2015	April 14, 2015
Athens	Columbus
February 10, 2015	April 28, 2015
Zanesville February 24, 2015	Cleveland South May 5, 2015
Dayton March 10, 2015	Sharonville May 12, 2015
Cincinnati	Mentor
March 24, 2015	May 19, 2015

Here's the link for determining your OPERS retirement group: https://www.opers.org/group-determination-chart.pdf

For a current listing of OPERS Board members, please visit www.opers.org

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