





SDCERA is your resource for retirement

Whether you're ready to retire or just beginning your career, SDCERA offers various resources to help you understand the retirement benefits available to you.

Our knowledgeable Call Center representatives are happy to answer your retirement questions, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call us at 619.515.6800 or toll free at 888.4.SDCERA. 

 Planning for retirement is easy with the help of tools on the SDCERA website. Use the [online calculator](#) to estimate your retirement benefit and read about the [retirement benefit options](#) available to you. Detailed publications can be viewed and printed from the [Forms & Publications](#) section.

Visit [our office](#) in Mission Valley to meet with a Member Services representative. If you need assistance with your retirement application, or have general questions about your benefit, our office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. No appointment is necessary. 

 Educational seminars are offered throughout the year. When you attend, you will receive a personalized retirement benefit estimate and have the opportunity to ask questions. New this year are two late-career seminars at the North Inland Regional Center in Escondido, on May 26 and September 29. A [schedule of upcoming mid- and late-career seminars](#) is available online. To reserve your seat, contact the Call Center.



Only SDCERA

Are you ready to retire? Only SDCERA can process your retirement application. Contact SDCERA 60-90 days before your retirement date to request an application packet. Complete and submit the application and required forms no more than 60 days before your retirement date. Read the [August 2009 issue of Extra](#) for a checklist to help you prepare for the retirement process.

TIP

General members: run for a seat on the Board of Retirement

Beginning Friday, March 25, 2011, active General members interested in running for the Board of Retirement's second seat can pick up petitions at the SDCERA office at 2275 Rio Bonito Way, Suite 200, in San Diego. The second seat is one of two seats elected by active General members. The elected candidate will serve a three-year term starting on July 1.

To learn more about the Board of Retirement, including petition requirements and the election process, visit the [Board of Retirement](#) page.

Board of Retirement election schedule

Friday, March 25	Candidate petitions available
Monday, April 18 (by noon)	Petition filing deadline
Tuesday, May 17	Election day
Friday, May 20	Election winner certified
Friday, July 1	Board member's term begins

SDCERA is now on Twitter

Twitter is a free and powerful social media tool used to quickly release information to the public. SDCERA is now using Twitter to enhance communication with members and the public.

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August 2009 Extra

http://www.sdcera.org/electronic_newsletters/extra_summer_2009.pdf

Board of Retirement

http://www.sdcera.org/board_retirement.htm

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COLA

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SDCERA Definitions

cost - of - liv · ing ad · just · ment

n: Adjustment to monthly retirement benefit to offset changes in the cost of living, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

When you retire, you will receive a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) based on the change in the CPI for the San Diego area up to a maximum of 3% for Tier A members and 2% for Tier B members. The Board of Retirement will announce the COLA at the **March 3, 2011, meeting**. Members who retire on or before March 31, 2011, will receive any applicable COLA beginning in April. Members who retire after March 31 are eligible to receive a COLA the following year. More information about the COLA can be found on the [SDCERA website](#).

This newsletter provides disclosure of certain terms and conditions of SDCERA membership and benefits available to members. It is designed to give you this information as simply and as accurately as possible as of the date of publication. SDCERA is governed by the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (Government Code Section 31450 et. seq.) as it has been adopted and implemented by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and the SDCERA Board of Retirement. If there is any inconsistency between this newsletter and the governing law, the law will govern. Decisions relating to the plan will be made after reference to the statutes and any resolutions, regulations and policies governing administration of SDCERA as they exist at the same time of the decisions.