

Participating Employer	Public employers that employ individuals who are eligible for membership in a State retirement or pension system.
Participating Governmental Unit	A city, county or other local municipal government unit or any other employer specifically named in retirement law that participates in a state retirement or pension system. Only counties and municipal corporations in Maryland are eligible to participate in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System.
Primary Beneficiary	Individual with first claim to a member/retiree's benefits.
Qualifying Leave of Absence	An employer-approved, SRPS-authorized absence from work without pay, granted for the following specific purposes: personal illness; birth or legal adoption of a child, temporary employment with another governmental employer, and study.
Retirement Coordinator	An employee, usually a personnel officer of a participating employer, who is trained to assist members with basic retirement matters such as the completion of SRPS forms.
SRA	State Retirement Agency. The state agency that administers the State Retirement and Pension System.
SRPS	State Retirement and Pension System

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