

Important Points To Know...

when filing the Judges' Retirement System

Application for an Estimate of Service Retirement Allowance (Form 12)

Please review the following information in regards to requesting a retirement allowance estimate. For retirement counseling call: 410-625-5555 or 1-800-492-5909.

- Completion of a request for an estimate (Form 12) does not obligate you to retire on the date entered on the form.
- You must claim any military service you have prior to your retirement. Military service claimed prior to submission of the estimate form (Form 12) will reflect that military credit in the monthly benefits shown on the estimate.
- Submit the Request to Purchase Previous Service (Form 26) if you want to purchase any eligible service that is not in your account. A purchase request must be submitted to SRA prior to retiring. You may request the cost to purchase eligible service when you are within 12 months of retiring. If you are submitting a purchase request, you should submit the estimate form (Form 12) and check the bottom of the form in order to receive an estimate based on your service with and without the purchase.
- Estimates will only be done if the retirement date that you entered on the form is within one year of the date when the form was completed. You must also be eligible to retire on the date that you selected.
- By law, Judges' Retirement System members who are married or have children under age 18 on the date of retirement receive the Basic Allowance. If you are married when you submit Form 12, you will receive an estimate for the Basic Allowance only.
- If you are not married and have no children under age 18 at retirement, you may select the Basic Allowance or any of the six options. Unmarried members submitting Form 12 will receive estimates for all these options. Once your first retirement check is paid (payments are made the end of the month), you may not change your payment option so selection of this option is very important.
- Provide complete information about your beneficiary. If you choose Option 2 or Option 5, your beneficiary may not be more than ten years younger than you unless the beneficiary is your disabled child.

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- Review your Benefits Handbook on the SRA website at sra.maryland.gov for an explanation regarding each payment option.

You also may speak with a retirement benefits specialist to review your options. Call 410-625-5555 or toll-free 1-800-492-5909 to schedule an appointment or discuss your options over the telephone.

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