

MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS

2025 PLANNING & APPLYING FOR RETIREMENT SEMINARS Employees' Retirement System (ERS) – Retirement Groups A, E, F, G, H or J

<u>PLANNING</u> for <u>Retirement Seminars</u> - Planning seminars will provide information regarding when a member can retire, how the pension benefit is calculated and payment options. Members should attend a Planning seminar *at least 3 months prior* to the anticipated retirement date. Please see next page for registration instructions.

The seminars are scheduled from 9:30am - 11:00am on the following dates:

December 18, 2024	January 15, 2025	May 21, 2025	September 17, 2025
	February 19, 2025	June 18, 2025	October 15, 2025
	March 19, 2025	July 16, 2025	November 19, 2025
	April 16, 2025	August 20, 2025	December 17, 2025

^{*}Participants exiting Police DRSP or Fire/Sheriff & Corrections DROP are not required to attend the ERS Planning seminars.

- Prior to attending, print out a Pension Estimate. Log on to the ePortal with your County username and password at https://eportal.montgomerycountymd.gov.
- 1. Choose the PeopleSoft / Pension Administration option
- 2. Click on Self Service and then Benefits Information
- 3. Click on Pension Estimates. Retirement date should be first of the month in which you plan to retire.
- For information regarding Retiree Health & Life Insurance, you MUST register for a <u>separate</u> Health Insurance Planning for Retirement seminar facilitated by Office of Human Resources (OHR). Please click <u>here</u> for information.

<u>APPLYING</u> for <u>Retirement</u> - When a member has decided on a retirement date, you need to apply 60 days prior to your retirement date through our portal. It is recommended that you attend one of our **Planning for Retirement** seminars before applying for retirement.

Portal: https://eportal.montgomerycountymd.gov/goto/ERSRetiree/

December 1, 2043 (Deadline for 2/1/25 Retirement)		July 1, 2025	(Deadline for 9/1/25 Retirement)	
	January 1, 2025	(Deadline for 3/1/25 Retirement)	August 1, 2025	(Deadline for 10/1/25 Retirement)
	February 1, 2025	(Deadline for 4/1/25 Retirement)	September 1, 2025	(Deadline for 11/1/25 Retirement)
	March 1, 2025	(Deadline for 5/1/25 Retirement)	October 1, 2025	(Deadline for 12/1/25 Retirement)
	April 1, 2025	(Deadline for 6/1/25 Retirement)	November 1, 2025	(Deadline for 1/1/25 Retirement)
	May 1, 2025	(Deadline for 7/1/25 Retirement)	December 1, 2025	(Deadline for 2/1/25 Retirement)
	June 1, 2025	(Deadline for 8/1/25 Retirement)		

How to register for a Retirement seminar

Log into the County's ePortal at https://eportal.montgomerycountymd.gov. If you need assistance with the registration process, please contact the OHR Training Team at 250-777-5116.

- 1. Select Oracle Employee Self Service (ESS)
- 2. Select MCG HR Employee Self-Service
 *Scroll down to Learner Access: Learning and click on Learner Home
- 3. In the Search bar enter "retire"
- 4. Click on the icon (yellow envelope) below Choose or Enroll in class
- 5. Click on the <u>icon</u> (yellow envelope on right hand side of the page) next to the retirement course you are selecting
- 6. Click on "Enroll", "Review" and "Submit"

All seminars will be conducted virtually. You will be sent an invite a few days before the seminar with a link to join the session.

If you are an ERS (Group A, E, F, G, H or J) member planning to retire, you should register for the following courses:

- 1. ERS Retirement Planning- ERS Groups A, E, F, G, H or J Class
- 2. Health Insurance Planning for Retirement Class
- 3. Enrolling in Health Insurance Benefits Seminar

Members of the **401(a)** Retirement Savings Plan (RSP) or Guaranteed Retirement Income Plan (GRIP) should contact the onsite Fidelity representative at 240-777-8228 or fidelityonsite@montgomerycountymd.gov for retirement counseling information. Appointments can be scheduled online at http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcerp/investment/counseling.html.