

MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS

2024 PLANNING & APPLYING FOR RETIREMENT SEMINARS Employees' Retirement System (ERS) – Retirement Groups A, E, F, G, H or J

PLANNING for Retirement Seminars - 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:

November 16, 2023 December 21, 2023 January 17, 2024 February 21, 2024 March 20, 2024 April 17, 2024 May 15, 2024 June 19, 2024 July 17, 2024 August 21, 2024

September 18, 2024 October 16, 2024 November 20, 2024 December 18, 2024

*Participants **exiting** Police DRSP or Fire/Sheriff & Corrections DROP are <u>not</u> 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 <u>https://eportal.montgomerycountymd.gov</u>.
- 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 for 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: <u>https://eportal.montgomerycountymd.gov/goto/ERSRetiree/</u>

November 1, 2023 (Deadline for 1/1/24 Retirement)December 1, 2023 (Deadline for 2/1/24 Retirement)January 1, 2024 (Deadline for 3/1/24 Retirement)February 1, 2024 (Deadline for 4/1/24 Retirement)March 1, 2024 (Deadline for 5/1/24 Retirement)April 1, 2024 (Deadline for 6/1/24 Retirement)May 1, 2024 (Deadline for 7/1/24 Retirement)

June 1, 2024(Deadline for 8/1/24 Retirement)July 1, 2024(Deadline for 9/1/24 Retirement)August 1, 2024(Deadline for 10/1/24 Retirement)September 1, 2024(Deadline for 11/1/24 Retirement)October 1, 2024(Deadline for 12/1/24 Retirement)November 1, 2024(Deadline for 12/1/24 Retirement)December 1, 2024(Deadline for 1/1/25 Retirement)December 1, 2024(Deadline for 2/1/25 Retirement)

How to register for a Retirement seminar

Log into the County's ePortal at <u>https://eportal.montgomerycountymd.gov</u>. If you need assistance with the registration process, please contact the OHR Training Team at 240-777-5116.

- 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 240-777-8248 or <u>fidelityonsite@montgomerycountymd.gov</u> for retirement counseling information. Appointments can be scheduled online at <u>http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcerp/investment/counseling.html</u>.