



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 145-1-73 Withdrawal of application for refund or money purchase or additional annuity lump sum payments.

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(A)

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (A)(2), (B), or (E) of this rule, a member or contributor of the public employees retirement system may withdraw a refund application by one or more of the following methods:

(a) Returning all uncashed refund payments to the retirement system not later than thirty days after issuance of the initial payment, along with a written request over the member's or contributor's signature to withdraw the application;

(b) Remitting to the retirement system a personal check or money order repaying the refund payment(s) transmitted by or on behalf of the retirement system to the member's or contributor's financial institution not later than thirty days after the institution's receipt of the refund payment(s), along with a written request over the member's or contributor's signature to withdraw the application.

(2) A member or contributor who requested a rollover of a refund or lump sum payment to a financial institution may withdraw the application if both of the following occur:

(a) The member or contributor submits to the retirement system, not later than thirty days after issuance of the initial rollover payment, a written request over the member's or contributor's signature to withdraw the application;

(b) The financial institution transmits to the retirement system, not later than sixty days after issuance of the initial rollover payment, the amounts transmitted to the financial institution.

(B)

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (B)(2) or (E) of this rule, a beneficiary who elects to receive a



lump sum payment of the member's contributions in lieu of a benefit pursuant to division (A) or (B) of section 145.45 of the Revised Code may withdraw an application for that payment by one or more of the following methods:

(a) Returning all uncashed refund payments to the retirement system not later than thirty days after issuance of the initial payment, along with a written request over the beneficiary's signature to withdraw the application and a completed application for a benefit under division (A) or (B) of section 145.45 of the Revised Code;

(b) Remitting to the retirement system a personal check or money order repaying the lump sum payment(s) transmitted by or on behalf of the retirement system to the beneficiary's financial institution not later than thirty days after the institution's receipt of the lump sum payment(s), along with a written request over the beneficiary's signature to withdraw the application.

(2) A qualified spouse who elects to rollover the member's contributions to a financial institution may withdraw a refund application if all of the following occur:

(a) The qualified spouse submits to the retirement system, not later than thirty days after issuance of the initial rollover payment, a written request over the spouse's signature to withdraw the application;

(b) The qualified spouse submits to the retirement system, not later than thirty days after issuance of the initial rollover payment, a completed application for benefits pursuant to division (A) or (B) of section 145.45 of the Revised Code;

(c) The financial institution transmits to the retirement system, not later than sixty days after issuance of the initial rollover payment, the amounts transmitted to the financial institution.

(C) If a member participating in the member-directed or combined plan, or the member's beneficiary, withdraws an application as provided in this rule, the member or the beneficiary is not entitled to any investment gains or losses on the amount that was paid from the member's individual defined contribution account for the period beginning on the date the retirement system converts the units in the account for payment and ending on the date the payment(s) is reestablished in the account by the retirement system as provided in this rule. The amount paid from the member's



individual defined contribution account that is returned to the retirement system as provided in this rule shall be credited to the member's individual defined contribution account and invested in the same OPERS investment options and in the same proportion as the account existed immediately prior to the refund.

(D) Any non-vested amounts forfeited by a member participating in the member-directed plan or the member's beneficiary who withdraws a refund application under this rule shall be restored to the member's individual defined contribution account or retiree medical account, as defined in rule 145-4-01 of the Administrative Code. Investment gains and losses shall not be applied to the amounts for the period that the amounts were not in the member's individual defined contribution account.

(E) A member, contributor, or beneficiary may not withdraw a refund application as provided in this rule if any of the following have occurred:

(1) The retirement system has made a distribution from the retiree medical account as defined in rule 145-4-01 of the Administrative Code;

(2) The retirement system has paid a portion of the refund or lump sum payment to satisfy a court order.

(3) The retirement system has made a distribution in accordance with paragraph (E) of rule 145-1-21 of the Administrative Code.

(4) In the case of an application for payment under section 145.63 of the Revised Code, the member, contributor, or beneficiary fails to also withdraw the individual's application for a refund or for retirement, disability, or annuity payments under section 145.384 of the Revised Code.

(F) A member, contributor, or beneficiary who withdraws an application for an additional annuity payment under section 145.63 of the Revised Code is not entitled to any investment gains or losses on the additional annuity account for the period beginning on the date the retirement system converts the units in the account for payment and ending on the date the account is reestablished by the retirement system. The member's additional annuity account shall be credited based on the daily value of the OPERS stable value fund on the date the account is reestablished by the retirement



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