



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3309-1-32 Cost-of-living; base allowance change.

Effective: June 5, 2020

(A) For purposes of this rule:

(1) "Base allowance" means the benefit amount due a benefit recipient on the later of July 1, 1979 or the effective date of such benefit, as adjusted pursuant to this rule. A base allowance excludes subsequent allowances for cost-of-living pursuant to section 3309.374 of the Revised Code, reimbursements for medicare part "B" pursuant to section 3309.69 of the Revised Code, or additional annuity payments pursuant to section 3309.47 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Benefit" means a periodic payment under an allowance, pension, or benefit granted under Chapter 3309. of the Revised Code, other than an annuity paid under section 3309.341 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Benefit amount" means the amount due a benefit recipient on the effective date of such benefit.

(4) "Benefit recipient" means an age and service retiree, disability benefit recipient, or a beneficiary as defined in section 3309.01 of the Revised Code, who is receiving monthly benefits due to the death of a member, age and service retiree or disability benefit recipient.

(5) CPI-W means the consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, not seasonally adjusted, U.S. city average, All items 1982-84=100.

(B) A base allowance upon which a cost-of-living is calculated shall be adjusted when any of the following occur:

(1) The enactment of any statutory ad hoc allowance increase but only if such statutory authority provides that such increase become part of the base allowance.

(2) Recalculation of a retiree's benefit due to a change in a plan of payment as permitted in section



3309.46 of the Revised Code.

(3) Recalculation of a benefit recipient's benefit amount after an audit.

(4) If a benefit recipient waives any portion of a benefit amount pursuant to section 3309.662 of the Revised Code, the base allowance shall be the portion being paid. If a waiver is revoked, the base allowance shall be the amount allowed under this rule.

(C) For purposes of this rule and section 3309.374 of the Revised Code, the percentage increase in the CPI-W shall be determined by calculating the percentage change between the CPI-W for June of the immediately preceding calendar year and the CPI-W for June of the next preceding calendar year.

(1) The recipient of any allowance, pension, or benefit that was effective before April 1, 2018 shall be eligible to receive an increase under section 3309.374 of the Revised Code upon receiving an allowance, pension, or benefit for twelve months.

(a) The recipient of any allowance, pension, or benefit that becomes effective on or after April 1, 2018 shall be eligible to receive an increase under section 3309.374 of the Revised Code upon attainment of the fourth anniversary of the allowance, pension, or benefit.

(b) For purposes of paragraph (D)(2)(a) of this rule, a recipient shall be credited with anniversaries for any previous allowance, pension, or benefit attributable to the same member account in the retirement system that occurred on or after January 1, 2018.