



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 742-3-17 Withdrawal of application for service retirement or disability benefits.

Effective: July 4, 2021

(A) For a member of Ohio police and fire pension fund ("OP&F") who wishes to withdraw an application for service retirement or disability benefits, the provisions of paragraph (B) or (C) of this rule shall govern, depending on which paragraph applies to the particular situation. For pending disability benefit applications, the withdrawal of the application is also governed by paragraph (C)(6) of rule 742-3-05 of the Administrative Code.

(B) In cases where OP&F has not issued a warrant for the payment of the benefit or made a payment of the benefit through direct deposit, the member can withdraw the application for service retirement or disability benefits by filing a written statement authorizing OP&F to withdraw the application.

(C) In cases where OP&F has already issued a warrant for the payment of the benefit, whether on an interim or final payment basis, whichever is the first to occur, the member shall return the first warrant and any subsequent warrants uncashed to OP&F. For benefit payments made through direct deposit, OP&F must be able to reverse the electronic funds transfer from the member's financial institution. The member shall also file with OP&F a written statement authorizing OP&F to withdraw the application for benefits and revoke any direct deposit authorization. The member's written statement, uncashed warrants, and return of payments made through direct deposit shall be received by OP&F no later than thirty days after the date on which the first warrant was sent to the member or deposited into the member's account by OP&F.

(D) For a member of OP&F who fails to withdraw the application for service retirement or disability benefits in accordance with paragraph (B) or (C) of this rule, such person will be deemed to have accepted the benefit and no withdrawal will be permitted. In the case of disability benefit recipients, they will be prohibited from applying for any new, changed, or different benefit, except as expressly provided for in division (D)(5) of section 742.38 of the Revised Code.