

“Duty disability” means a physical or psychological condition that is expected to prevent a member, for a period of not less than 12 months, from performing the normal duties of the position held by the person as a member of the State Patrol Retirement fund, and that is the direct result of any injury incurred during, or a disease arising out of, the performance of normal duties or the acutal performance of less frequent duties, either of which are specific to the positions covered by the State Patrol retirement fund.

“Regular disability” means a physical or psychological condition that is expected to prevent a member, for a period of not less than 12 months, from performing the normal duties of the position held by a person who is a member of the State Patrol Retirement plan, and which results from a disease or an injury that arises from any activities while not at work, or while at work and performing those normal or less frequent duties that do not present inherent dangers that are specific to the occupations covered by the State Patrol Retirement Plan.

1. Eligible to apply

Apply after your last day physically on the job. Apply now even if member receives sick leave, vacation pay, vacation donation or workers' compensation. You must apply within 18 months of termination.

2. Benefit accrual

Your benefit accrues after final payout of vacation and sick leave. If receiving workers' compensation, that may continue. Your vacation and sick leave do not have to be paid. Benefits may accrue up to 180 days retroactive from the date of application.

3. Required information

MSRS requires a completed *Application for Disability, Certification by Head of Department* and two *Physician's Statements*. All signatures on the application must be notarized. The first Physician's Statement must be completed by a licensed physician (M.D.). A second statement from a chirporator or a Ph.D psychologist is acceptable. MSRS may require you to be examined by a physician designated by the medical advisor. We need copies of birth records for members and survivors.

4. Benefit provided

Disability benefits are provided until age 65 or five years after the accrual date of the disability, whichever is later. Medical information is needed until age 55. At age 65, or five years, the benefit is called retirement and the same dollar amount continues. At this time you are allowed to choose an option.

5. Optional benefits

Single-Life annuity is your highest payment. The State Patrol Plan has an automatic death benefit for a member's spouse. Choosing an option at this point may not be in your best interest. The choice for optional benefit can be made at the time the original disability payment or just prior to age 65.

6. Other plan benefits

Only if the member has total service (both plans) over 15 years for a non-duty related disability with service in another plan, can that other plan provide a benefit. To receive a benefit in another plan if the State Patrol Plan disability is duty-related, the total service credit (both plans) must be over 20 years.

7. Return to employment

If receiving a State Patrol Plan disability benefit and return to State employment, under another public pension plan, you may accure another benefit.

8. Earnings limitation

A member is able to earn the difference between the working salary and the disability benefit provided. The working salary is expanded by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

9. Excess earnings

Earnings in excess of the disability earnings limitation are cause for adjustment of benefits.

10. COLA

Annual increases are applied to State Patrol disability benefits in accordance with State Law, Chapter 169. The increase applies to total benefit even if offset by excess earnings.

11. Disability termination

If the medical advisor determines that the disability has terminated because the member is no longer disabled, benefits are terminated within 60 days of the finding. The finding may be appealed. The retirement benefit will be deferred to age 50 or continued with payment adjusted of over age 50. Benefits can further accrue if the member returns to State service.

12. Social security

Social security disability benefits and eligibility requirements are separate from the State Patrol Retirement Plan. Contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

13. Minnesota Deferred Compensation Plan (MNDCP)

If you have participated in this voluntary program, please contact the Minnesota Deferred Compensation Plan (MNDCP) administrators at 651-296-2761 or 1-800-657-5757.

14. Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP)

If you have participated in this program, information is available at all the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) offices.



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Teletypewriter users and telecommunications-device-for-the-deaf (TDD) users call the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 and ask to be connected to MSRS at 651-296-2761.