

# Understanding Your 1099-R Tax Document



This sheet includes important information about your **1099-R Tax Document**. Distributions from pensions, annuities and retirement plans are reported to recipients on Form **1099-R**. This is not intended to be tax advice.

PAYER'S name, street address, city or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b> 60 EMPIRE DRIVE SUITE 300 ST PAUL MN 55103-3000 1-800-657-5757		1 Gross distribution \$ <b>1</b>	OMB No. 1545-0119 <b>2020</b> Form <b>1099-R</b>	Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc.
PAYER'S federal identification number 41-6111469		2a Taxable amount \$ <b>2a</b>	2b Taxable amount not determined <input type="checkbox"/> Total distribution <input type="checkbox"/>	
RECIPIENT'S identification number <b>RI</b>		3 Capital gain (included in box 2a) \$	4 Federal income tax withheld \$ <b>4</b>	Copy 2 File this copy with your state, city, or local income tax return, when required.
RECIPIENT'S name (first, middle, last) and address		5 Employee contributions / Designated Roth contributions or insurance premiums \$ <b>5</b>	6 Net unrealized appreciation in employer's securities \$	
Account Number (see instructions) <b>AN</b>		7 Distribution code(s) IRA/SEP/SIMPLE <input type="checkbox"/> <b>7</b>	8 Other \$ %	
10 Amount Allocable to IRR within 5 years	11 1st year of desig. Roth contributions	9a Your percentage of total distribution %	9b Total employee contributions \$ <b>9b</b>	
12 FATCA filing requirement <input type="checkbox"/>	13 Date of payment	14 State tax withheld \$ <b>14</b>	15 State/Payer's state no. <b>15</b>	16 State distribution \$ <b>16</b>

Form **1099-R** [www.irs.gov/form1099r](http://www.irs.gov/form1099r) Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service

## Explanation & Important Tax Information of 1099-R

**Box 1. Gross Distribution.** This is the total of gross benefit payments for the year. If you are collecting a disability benefit, different tax rules may apply. See the instructions for **Form 1040** or **Form 1040A** for more information.

**Box 2a. Taxable Amount.** This is generally the taxable amount of benefit payments for the year. Box 2a has been reduced by the annual exclusion of previously taxed contributions. Note: If you are an eligible retired public safety officer, the amount in Box 2a does not show health insurance premiums deducted from your annuity benefits. That amount will be reported to you in a separate letter. See the instructions for **Form 1040** or **Form 1040A** for more information.

**Box 4. Federal Income Tax Withheld.** This is the amount of federal taxes you have had withheld from your MSRS benefit payments. You can change your future withholding or elect not to have income tax withheld. To do that: 1) complete a *Tax Withholding Election* form available on our website, 2) log into your MSRS account online, or 3) call the MSRS Service Center.

**Box 5. Employee Contributions.** This is the amount of employee after-tax contributions recovered this year.

**Box 7. Distribution Codes.** Identifies the type of distribution received. For more information, see the federal income tax return instructions. **Distribution codes 2=** Early distribution, exception applies (under age 59 1/2), **3=** Disability, **7=** Normal distribution

**Recipient's Id Number (RI).** This is your Social Security number. The first five digits (i.e. xxx-xx) have been masked or truncated for data privacy purposes.

**Account Number (AN).** The first 10-digits represent your MSRS account ID number. The remaining digits are for MSRS use only.

**Box 9b. Total Employee Contributions.** Shows remaining balance of previously taxed contributions to be recovered by annual exclusions in future years.

**Box 14. State Tax Withheld.** If Minnesota state income tax was withheld from your benefit payments, this box shows the amount submitted to the Minnesota Department of Revenue to cover your Minnesota tax liability. Include the amount on your Minnesota income tax return as tax withheld. See the instructions for **Box 4** if you wish to change your future Minnesota withholding tax amount.

**Box 15. State/Payer's State Number.** Shows MSRS' Minnesota tax identification number.

**Box 16. State Distribution.** Total state, taxable income.

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## Additional Important Tax Information

You may want to go to the IRS' website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) to review the information below:

- ◆ **Publication 575**, Pension and Annuity Income
- ◆ **Publication 939**, General Rule for Pensions and Annuities

If you need more information about the tax document. Please visit the IRS' website for their instruction sheet at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i1099r.pdf>

## Questions?



Contact the MSRS Service Center:  
**1.800.657.5757 or 651.296.2761**



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