



You are considering retiring! Employee Benefits recommends you carefully review this checklist and also read the helpful booklet [PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT](#). To be eligible for health insurance as a retiree, you must meet *all* of the following criteria:

- At least age 55 and be vested in one of our retirement plans
- Enrolled in a NYSHIP health insurance plan immediately preceding retirement as an enrollee or NYSHIP dependent
- Have worked in a NYS benefits-eligible position for 10+ years

When possible, one year prior to your planned retirement, submit requests or estimates of retirement income from ERS or TRS, or meet with your ORP and/or voluntary savings plan vendor(s). For additional preparation tips visit <http://www.suny.edu/benefits/retirement-planning/>.

Decide the date of your retirement, which is a beginning of business date. Your last day of work is NOT your retirement date. Retirement is the first day you are fully retired. Do **not** work or charge accruals on this date.

Notify your supervisor, in writing, and provide a copy to the campus Human Resources Office:

- Classified Service: 1 – 2 months prior to retirement when possible
- Faculty: 6 - 12 months prior to retirement when possible
- Professional Staff: 30 days prior to retirement when possible

To inquire about pension distribution options, contact your retirement system:

- **ERS/PFRS:** (866) 805-0990 –You must file your [Application for Service Retirement](#) within 15 to 90 days prior to retirement effective date and, if desired, arrange a benefit consultation with a state representative.
- **TRS:** (800) 348-7298 – Arrange a [local benefits consultation](#) with a TRS representative; to collect a pension benefit, you must file a TRS Retirement Application.
- Once you have filed your retirement application, option selection forms should be received from your retirement system at your home address (usually done before the end of the month in which you retire)
 - **TIAA:** (866) 662-7945
 - **VOYA:** (800)584-6001
 - **COREBRIDGE:** (800) 448-2542
 - **FIDELITY:** (800) 642-7131
 - **NYS DEFERRED COMP:** (800) 422-8463

Paid **DENTAL & VISION** coverage does not carry into retirement:

- CSEA & UUP employees should contact their union benefit fund office for eligibility information to continue dental and vision insurance:
CSEA BENEFIT FUND: (800) 323-2732 **UUP BENEFIT FUND:** (800) 887-3863
 - M/C, PEF, NYSCOPBA, and PBANYS employees will receive information from Civil Service via mail.

You MUST attend a final Retirement Exit Meeting by calling campus Employee Benefits: **Luanne Stento** at 777-6950 (lstento@binghamton.edu) or **Meaghan Liberati** at 777-6618 (mliberati@binghamton.edu). This may be a group session with other potential BU retirees to complete necessary retirement paperwork..

Bring your timesheets up to date:

- **Classified and Hourly UUP employees:** Check with the time and attendance contact person in your department before your last day of work to ensure all timesheets have been received
- **Faculty & Salaried Professional Staff:** Ensure you have entered your electronic final time and attendance information at <https://www.suny.edu/hrportal>.
- Unused vacation up to 30 days is paid in a lump sum at time of retirement (Note unused holidays or personal leave, along with vacation over 30 days, are *not* paid out).
- Click [here to voluntarily donate unused vacation](#)

- You have the option to calculate your estimated monthly sick leave credit using the **Calculate Your Sick Leave Credit** guidelines below.
- Your final sick leave credit will be calculated by HR as an estimate in preparation for your Retirement Exit Meeting with Human Resources.
- The Department of Civil Service will approve the final sick leave credit calculation.

- If you or any of your dependents covered under your current NYSHIP health plan are age 65 or older or disabled, you must enroll in Medicare A & B only via the Social Security Administration Office as soon as you determine your retirement date. Do **not** enroll in Medicare part C or D.
- Your NYSHIP health insurance will be secondary to Medicare effective the first day of the month following the two-pay-period “run-out.” The **Social Security Administration** may be reached at (800) 772-1213. The local office is at 2 Court Street, Suite 300 in Binghamton (across from Boscov’s Department Store). More information about Medicare will be discussed at your Exit Meeting with HR.

- Attend your Retirement Exit Meeting with Employee Benefits prior to retirement date to finalize paperwork, discuss other retirement details and answer any final questions you may have.
- Your spouse or partner is invited to attend.
- At the exit meeting, employee benefits will review forms you must complete and return to HR prior to your retirement effective date.
- HR will mail you with copies of all fully-executed forms once they are processed.



Congratulations and enjoy your retirement!

Calculate Your Sick Leave Credit

At the time you retire, if you are eligible to use (up to 200 days of) sick leave credit, HR will report your hourly rate of pay and accumulated sick leave hours to the NYS Department of Civil Service Employee Benefits Division for approval. The monthly actuarial value of your sick leave is determined and then used to offset all or part of your monthly share of the health insurance cost. To calculate your hourly rate of pay, you must use your FULL time annual salary. For example, if you are working 50% part-time, take your actual annual salary and multiple by 2 to get your FULL annual salary. FULL annual salary is divided by either 1957 or 2088 to give you your hourly rate. (1957 is used by all employees EXCEPT CSEA NU 03 or Police, who should use 2088 (8-hour day employees)

EXAMPLE: \$40,000 annual salary divided by 1957 = \$20.44 / hour **OR** \$40,000 divided by 2088 = \$19.16/hour

Sick leave must be in hours. For all employees that accrue sick leave in days, you must multiply your sick leave days by 7.5 or order to get your sick leave hours. For example, 200 days x 7.5 = 1500 hours

Refer to the Actuarial Table below based on the age you are on the day you retire.

- This is your life expectancy in months
- Example for age 60 = 288 months

To determine your life time monthly sick leave credit, do the following:

- Multiply hourly rate of pay by number of sick leave hours = \$ amount
- Divide \$ amount by life expectancy in months (from the actuarial table)
- Continue example from above: \$20.44 x 1500 hours = \$30,660
- \$30,660 divided by 288 months = \$106.46 lifetime monthly sick leave credit (full value)
- Dual Annuitant amount is determined by using 70% of the sick leave credit = \$74.52
- Local calculations are considered an estimate; the Department of Civil Service must approve your final sick leave credit calculation.

ACTUARIAL TABLE FOR REGULAR RETIREMENTS EFFECTIVE ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2011

This table applies to employees of the State of New York who are unrepresented or in Negotiating Units that have agreements/awards with New York State as of the date actuarial table is published. See notes below.

AGE AT RETIREMENT	LIFE EXPECTANCY
50	389 months
51	378 months
52	368 months
53	357 months
54	347 months
55	337 months
56	327 months
57	317 months
58	307 months
59	297 months
60	288 months
61	278 months
62	269 months
63	259 months
64	250 months
65	241 months
66	232 months
67	223 months
68	214 months
69	205 months
70	197 months
71	188 months
72	180 months
73	171 months
74	163 months
75	155 months
76	147 months
77	140 months
78	133 months
79	126 months
80	119 months

NOTES:

Table above is for all employees in the NYS and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and NYS Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). It also applies if you are enrolled in an Optional Retirement Program such as TIAA-CREF.

Different actuarial tables apply to employees in negotiating units that do not have agreements/awards with the State and to disability retirements.