

**Title 27: Personnel**

**Part 210: PERS, Regulations for Retirement Plans Administered by the Board of Trustees**

**Chapter 59: Plan Assumptions**

**100 Purpose**

The purpose of this regulation is to detail the applicable actuarial assumptions adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS Board) used to convert a retirement allowance from the normal (maximum) form of payment to an optional form of payment for the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, the Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan, and the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System.

**101 Actuarial Assumptions for the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi**

1. For purposes of determining an "actuarial equivalent" or of an "actuarial computation," effective July 1, 2010, the PERS Board shall use the following actuarial assumptions for service retirees:
  - a. The factors are based on the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table;
  - b. An 8% interest assumption;
  - c. An annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 3% is assumed to be on a compounded basis for all ages; and
  - d. Unisex blends of mortality rates are assumed as follows:
    - i. Annuity Values – 35% male/65% female
    - ii. Full Cash Refund – 35% male/65% female
    - iii. Certain and Life – 50% male/50% female
    - iv. Partial Lump Sum – 50% male/50% female
    - v. Joint and Survivor – 75% male/25% female
2. For purposes of determining an "actuarial equivalent" or of an "actuarial computation," effective July 1, 2012, the PERS Board shall use the following actuarial assumptions for disability retirees:
  - a. The factors are based on the RP-2000 Disability Mortality Table (set back two years for males and set forward 3 years for females);
  - b. An 8% interest assumption;
  - c. An annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 3% is assumed to be on a compounded basis for all ages; and
  - d. Unisex blends of mortality rates are assumed as follows:
    - i. Annuity Values – 50% male/50% female
    - ii. Full Cash Refund – 50% male/50% female
    - iii. Certain and Life – 50% male/50% female
    - iv. Joint and Survivor – 75% male/25% female

**102 Actuarial Assumptions for the Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan**

1. For purposes of determining an “actuarial equivalent” or of an “actuarial computation,” effective July 1, 2010, the PERS Board shall use the following actuarial assumptions for service retirees:
  - a. The factors are based on the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table;
  - b. An 8% interest assumption;
  - c. An annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 3% is assumed to be on a compounded basis for all ages; and
  - d. Unisex blends of mortality rates are assumed as follows:
    - i. Annuity Values – 35% male/65% female
    - ii. Full Cash Refund – 35% male/65% female
    - iii. Certain and Life – 50% male/50% female
    - iv. Partial Lump Sum – 50% male/50% female
    - v. Joint and Survivor – 75% male/25% female
2. For purposes of determining an “actuarial equivalent” or of an “actuarial computation,” effective July 1, 2012, the PERS Board shall use the following actuarial assumptions for disability retirees:
  - a. The factors are based on the RP-2000 Disability Mortality Table (set back two years for males and set forward 3 years for females);
  - b. An 8% interest assumption;
  - c. An annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 3% is assumed to be on a compounded basis for all ages; and
  - d. Unisex blends of mortality rates are assumed as follows:
    - i. Annuity Values – 50% male/50% female
    - ii. Full Cash Refund – 50% male/50% female
    - iii. Certain and Life – 50% male/50% female
    - iv. Joint and Survivor – 75% male/25% female

**103 Actuarial Assumptions for the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System**

1. For purposes of determining an “actuarial equivalent” or of an “actuarial computation,” effective July 1, 2010, the PERS Board shall use the following actuarial assumptions for service retirees:
  - a. The factors are based on the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table;
  - b. An 8% interest assumption;
  - c. An annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 3% is assumed to be on a compounded basis for all ages; and
  - d. 100% male mortality rates are assumed for all option factors.
2. For purposes of determining an “actuarial equivalent” or of an “actuarial computation,” effective July 1, 2012, the PERS Board shall use the following actuarial assumptions for disability retirees:
  - a. The factors are based on the RP-2000 Disability Mortality Table (set back two years for males and set forward 3 years for females);
  - b. An 8% interest assumption;
  - c. An annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 3% is assumed to be on a compounded basis for all ages; and
  - d. Unisex blends of mortality rates are assumed as follows:

- i. Annuity Values – 50% male/50% female
- ii. Full Cash Refund – 50% male/50% female
- iii. Certain and Life – 50% male/50% female
- iv. Joint and Survivor – 75% male/25% female

**104 Application of Assumptions**

Whenever the amount of any benefit is to be determined on the basis of actuarial assumptions, such assumptions will be specified in PERS Board actions and regulations in a manner that precludes employer discretion.

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