## School Employer Advisory Committee

February 12, 2025



### Housekeeping (1 of 2)

Webinar is being recorded

Attendee mics are muted

Meeting materials available on <a href="www.calpers.ca.gov">www.calpers.ca.gov</a>

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## Housekeeping (2 of 2)

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- Q&A feature
- Raise Hand feature
  - Use raise hand feature to indicate you have a question. The host will call on you to unmute your mic and pose your question.
  - While unmuted, your profile picture and name will display to the host and panelists
  - Only your name will display to the other attendees
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## Agenda (1 of 2)

Charter School Reporting – Andrew Harris and Andy Nguyen
Summer Reporting and Compensation Updates – Kenneth Noss
myCalPERS Updates and System Enhancements – Pua Yang
Classic Benefit Validation – Veronica Silva-Gil
Retired Annuitant Updates – Heather Porter
Break – 10 minutes



## Agenda (2 of 2)

Golden Handshake – Andy Nguyen

Compensation Compliance Webpage – Kenneth Noss

Employer Training – Christopher Vega

Multifactor Authentication – Brad Hanson

Roundtable Discussion – Brad Hanson, Heather Porter, and Dianne Cooper



## Charter School Reporting

Andrew Harris – Employer Account Management Division (EAMD)

<u>Andy Nguyen – Pension Contracts & Prefunding Programs (PCPP)</u>



## Charter School Reporting Objectives

Provide background on charter school participation Review membership eligibility and reporting for charter schools Explain contracting process for charter schools that want to participate



## Charter School Reporting Background

CalPERS law allows for optional participation of charter schools

Charter schools can include employees in, or exclude from CalPERS through its charter

CalPERS has recently identified issues with the reporting of charter school employees to the system



## Membership Eligibility

A charter school that chooses CalPERS coverage for its classified employees will be treated as a school district

Once a charter school chooses CalPERS coverage for its employees, all provisions of the Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL) pertaining to school employers and their employees apply to the charter school

Non-participating charter school employees are excluded from CalPERS membership



## Charter School Reporting in myCalPERS

Must report employee appointments in myCalPERS under the charter school

Must report compensation in accordance with the Publicly Available Pay Schedule

Non-participating charter school employees cannot be reported

Cannot be reported under another district or county office



## Charter School Contracting Reporting

Andy Nguyen PCPP



## Charter School Eligibility Criteria

Nonsectarian, tuition-free public school

Charter school state statute

Statutory right to participate in the system

Fiscal responsibility

Ownership of assets upon dissolution or liquidation



# New Charter School: Processing Timelines (Phase I)

Internal Revenue Code (IRC) 414(d) eligibility determination and financial analysis are performed concurrently

Review the application and request missing documents<sup>1</sup>

1 - 4 Weeks

IRC 414(d) eligibility determination

Financial analysis

2 - 8 Weeks

<sup>1</sup>Timeline is dependent on employer



# New Charter School: Processing Timelines (Phase II)

Create myCalPERS profile

Notify charter school the profile is active

Work with payroll unit to set up payroll schedule

Start reporting members to the system<sup>1</sup>

9 - 10 Weeks

<sup>1</sup>Timeline is dependent on employer



## Charter School Reporting Contact Information

#### **Email**

pensioncontracts@calpers.ca.gov

#### Webpage

New Pension Contracts



## Charter School Reporting Resources

Public Agency & Schools Reference Guide

CalPERS Employer Contact Center

• 888 CalPERS (888-225-7377)

#### CalPERS Website

www.calpers.ca.gov

#### **Email**

Membership\_Reporting@calpers.ca.gov



## Charter School Reporting Questions



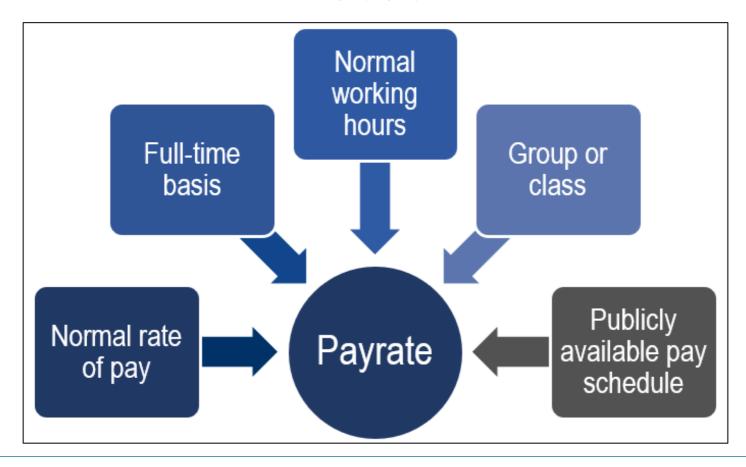
## Summer Reporting and Compensation Updates

Kenneth Noss EAMD



## Summer Reporting

Government Code § 20636.1(b)(1)





### Payrate – Classified Members

Full time is 40 hours per week

Hours in excess of 40 per week is considered overtime

Services rendered in all months of the year



### Government Code § 20635.1

Services performed in excess of 40 hours of work per week Concurrent service in two or more positions, one or more of which is full time

- Part-time position shall constitute overtime
- If two or more positions are permanent and full time, the position with the highest payrate shall be reported



#### Summer Months

#### Reporting Compensation as Earned

Circular Letter 200-204-05 (PDF)

#### Proper Reporting of Overtime Rates & Summer Reporting

Circular Letter 200-211-05 (PDF)

#### Reporting Compensation as Earned Examples

Circular Letter 200-006-07 (PDF)



## **Compensation Updates**

California Code of Regulations (CCR) § 574(c)

CCR 574(c) defines full-time employment for CalPERS classified members

Amendment effective January 1, 2025



## Amendment to CCR § 574(c) (1 of 3)

Previous 2024 text, in part:

"For purposes of ... determining compensation earnable and pensionable compensation for classified members, "full-time" employment means 40 hours per week; payments for services rendered, not to exceed 40 hours per week, shall be reported as compensation earnable or pensionable compensation for all months of the year in which work is performed."



## Amendment to CCR § 574(c) (2 of 3)

#### Current 2025 text:

- "(1) For purposes of reporting a classified member's full-time payrate, an employer shall report the classified member's hourly, daily, or monthly full-time equivalent (FTE) payrate. The FTE payrates shall be calculated to the nearest cent and shall be determined as set forth below. ...
- (A) The classified member's hourly FTE payrate shall be determined by dividing the classified member's annual base salary by the number of work days per year, then dividing the result by the number of hours in a work day."



# Amendment to CCR § 574(c) (3 of 3) Current text:

- "(B) The classified member's daily FTE payrate shall be determined by dividing the classified member's annual base salary by the number of work days per year, dividing the result by the number of hours in a work day, then multiplying the result by 8.
- (C) The classified member's monthly FTE payrate shall be determined by dividing the classified member's annual base salary by the number of work days per year, dividing the result by the number of hours in a work day, then multiplying the result by the result of multiplying 52 by 40 then dividing by 12."



### Payrate Reporting for Classified School Members Circular Letters

#### Circular Letter 200-014-24

Amended on January 6, 2025

#### Circular Letter 200-003-25

Published on January 6, 2025



### Compensation Resources

#### CalPERS Website

- Compliance in Compensation Reporting
- Circular Letters
- Public Agency & Schools Reference Guide
- Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL)
- Full-Time Equivalent Pay Rate Calculator (Classified School Members)

#### Audit Compliance & Resolution Unit 1

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## Summer Reporting and Compensation Updates Questions



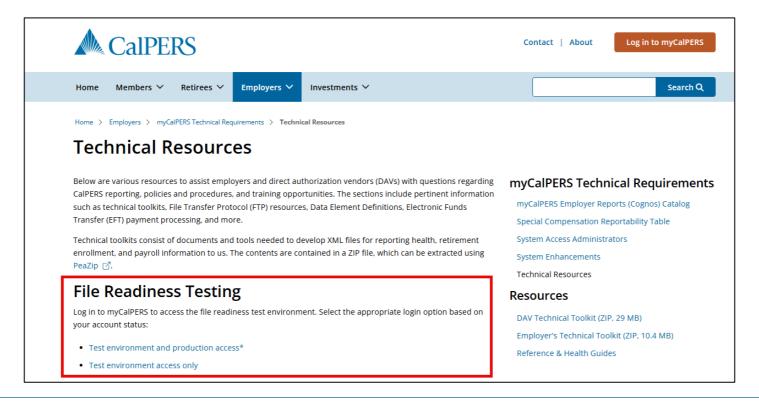
## myCalPERS Updates and System Enhancements

Pua Yang EAMD



## Test Environment Hyperlinks (1 of 2)

Test environment hyperlinks are on the <u>Technical Resources</u> page under the File Readiness Testing section





## Test Environment Hyperlinks (2 of 2)

Two test environment hyperlinks are available on the Technical Resources webpage:

- Test environment and production access
  - For existing accounts already loaded into the test environment (i.e., added prior to the most recent monthly refresh)
- Test environment access only
  - For new accounts created in the test environment after the most recent monthly refresh



## Cognos Reports in Testing Environment

External users are unable to run reports in the test environment effective December 20, 2024

Reports remain accessible in the production environment

If assistance is needed in the test environment, email our Employer Technical Support team

• EmployerTechnicalSupport@calpers.ca.gov



## System Enhancements (1 of 3)

Retroactive Salary Adjustment Payrate Type Validation

Deployed January 18, 2025

New validation to ensure the payrate type reported in a retroactive salary adjustment record matches what was originally reported in the earned period record

If the payrate type does not match, the payroll record will error, and an error message will appear



# System Enhancements (2 of 3) Maintain Payroll Records

#### Phase 1 – March 1, 2025

- When payroll records are reversed using the Maintain Payroll Records functionality, the records and associated financials will be reversed as originally reported
  - Employers will be able to correct payroll data for rate plan changes (e.g., PEPRA/classic enrollment) without requiring CalPERS' assistance
  - The changes will ensure financials are credited and posted correctly



# System Enhancements (3 of 3) Maintain Payroll Records

#### Phase 2 – April 26, 2025

- The functionality will be updated to allow employers to adjust payroll across multiple appointments with the employer
- Employers will be able to review and adjust payroll records associated to an arrears determination



### myCalPERS Updates and System Enhancements Questions



## Classic Benefit Validation

Veronica Silva-Gil EAMD



## Classic Benefit Validation Agenda

Classic Enrollment Validation

Why Does it Originate?

Who Receives the Form?

**Process** 

**Current Workload** 

**Employer Responsibilities** 

Member Elections Team Resources



### Classic Enrollment Validation

New process

Result of an internal review

Validating classic benefits

Hold is added to a member's account, prohibiting them from refunding or retiring until the validation is complete



### Why Does it Originate?

New employee completes the Reciprocal Self-Certification Form (CalPERS-1187)

Based on their information they are enrolled in classic benefits CalPERS will verify and adjust as needed



#### **Process**

Letter and form are sent to the member requesting verification of reciprocal membership

Verification is complete with one of the following:

- Established reciprocity
- Proof of reciprocity
- Member contacts their previous reciprocal system to complete form

Once validation is complete, the hold will be removed



### Who Receives the Form

Members enrolled in classic benefits after one year of employment If members establish reciprocity in the first year, the letter and form will not be generated



### **Current Workload**

CalPERS pulled a list of members that have fallen into this category over the last 10 years

Currently we have about 1,500 members (state, school, and public agency)

Prioritizing cases based on urgency (retirement, refunds, death, etc.)

Members might be upset if changes are required



### Employer Responsibilities

If enrollment changes are required, complete adjustments Familiarize yourself with this process and refer questions to CalPERS



### Classic Benefit Validation Resources

Member\_Elections@calpers.ca.gov

**888 CalPERS** (or **888**-225-7377)



### Classic Benefit Validation Questions



## Retired Annuitant Updates

Heather Porter EAMD



### Extra Help Circular Letter

#### Circular Letter 200-035-24

Published December 18, 2024

Clarification that substitutes can be retired annuitants (RAs) when the need is present and only for a limited duration

Cannot be an indefinite appointment

During an emergency to prevent the stoppage of business

RAs should not be considered permanent solutions to business needs



## Extra Help Retired Annuitants Compliance Review

If a compliance review is conducted, CalPERS may ask for:

- Hiring documentation
- The need for the RA
  - Backlog of work, special project, or emergency to prevent the stoppage of business
- Signs of an active recruitment, if using an RA while experiencing staffing issues
  - What has been done to fill that void with non-retirees?



### Retired Annuitant Updates Questions



## Break



## Golden Handshake

Andy Nguyen PCPP



# Two-Years Additional Service Credit for School Employers (1 of 2)

Government Code § 20904

#### **Benefits**

- Offer an additional two years of service for eligible school members who retire during a designated period
- Reduces staffing and provides immediate payroll saving

#### Eligible School Members

- Must be employed by the school during the designated period
- Did not receive any unemployment insurance payments during the designated period



# Two-Years Additional Service Credit for School Employers (2 of 2)

CA Government Code § 20904

The County Superintendent of Schools must:

- Certify the golden handshake offering, which will result in a net saving to the district, and/or
- Certify the golden handshake offering, which will result in a reduction in the workforce with at least one vacancy to remain permanently unfilled
- Pay off the costs of the golden handshake in full or over a five year installment payment schedule



## Compliance Observations for School Employers (1 of 2)

Required golden handshake conditions not supported

- Net savings was not supported or
- Permanent vacancy was not created
- Curtailment of, or change in the manner of performing, services were not supported

Ineligible employee offered golden handshake benefit

 Golden handshake was provided to employees who received unemployment benefits during the designated period



## Compliance Observations for School Employers (2 of 2)

Eligible employee not offered golden handshake benefit

 Did not offer the golden handshake benefit due to a miscalculation of the net saving or eligibility provision in the labor agreement

Certified and adopted the resolutions during or after the designated period

Did not approve the golden handshake resolutions timely



## Next Steps for CalPERS Pension Contracting Team (1 of 2)

Informational packets included documentation to assist school employers in understanding the intent of the golden handshake and requirements

#### Golden Handshake FAQ's - For Public Agency Employers (PDF)

Require school employers to provide documents to support their golden handshake request, such as:

- Net savings cost analysis documentation
- Labor agreement(s) related to the offering
- Board agendas and minutes for the adoption of the golden handshake resolutions



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### Pension Contracts Contact Information

#### **Email**

pensioncontracts@calpers.ca.gov

#### Webpage

Pension Contract Amendments & Agency Updates



### Golden Handshake Questions



# Compliance in Compensation Reporting Webpage

Kenneth Noss EAMD



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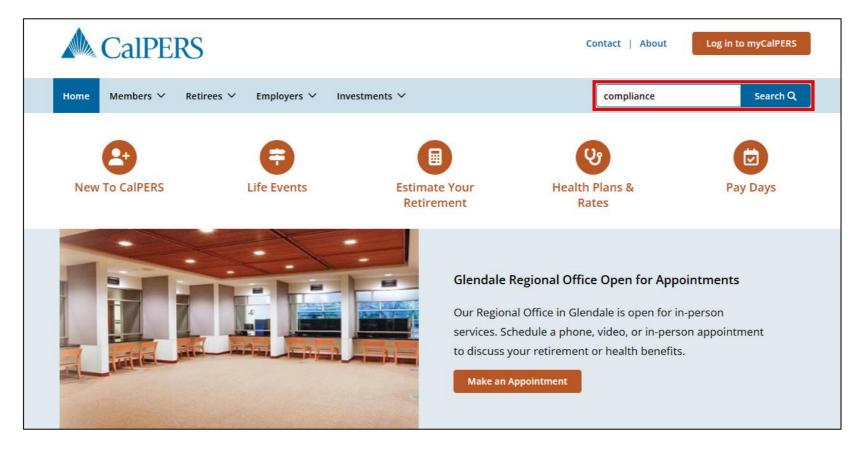
Resource for school employers including:

- Compensation compliance information
- Circular Letters
- Examples
- Checklists
- Sample language



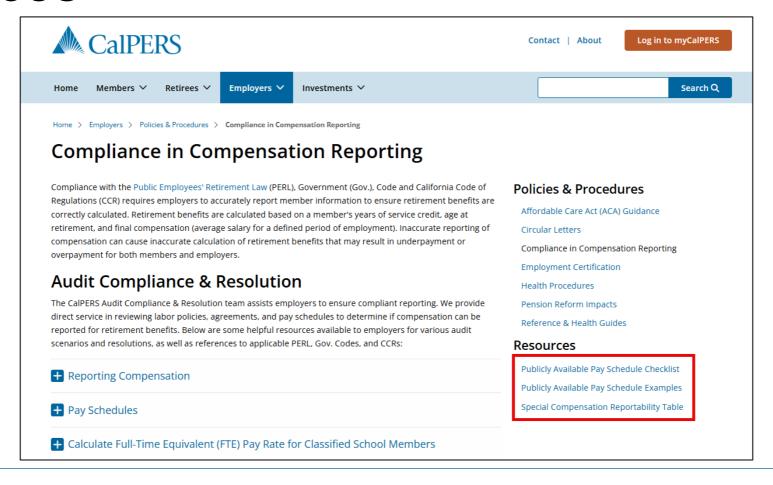
### CalPERS Website

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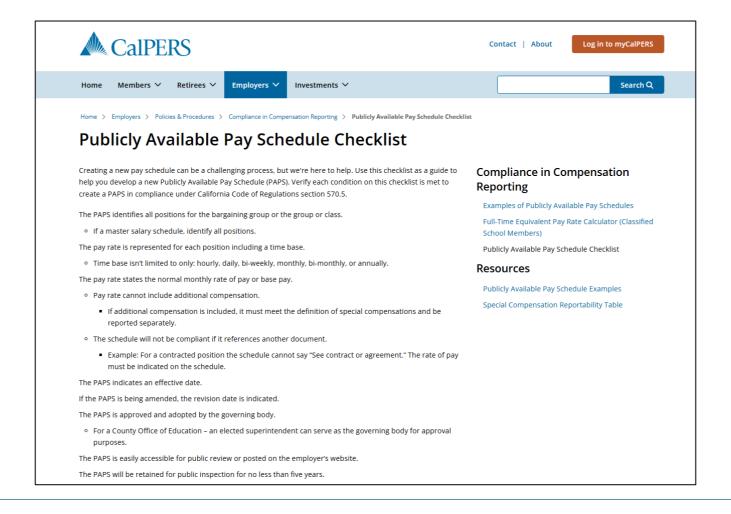


## Compliance in Compensation Reporting Resources



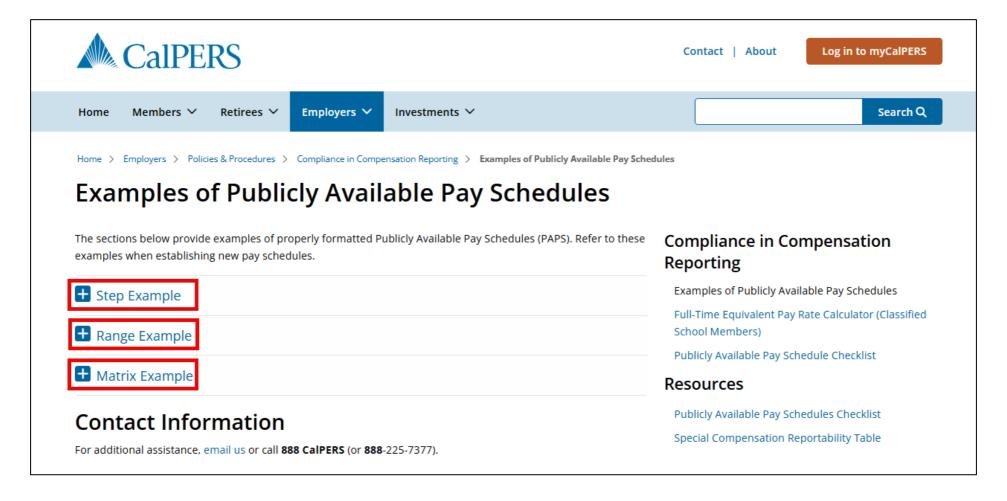


## Publicly Available Pay Schedule Checklist



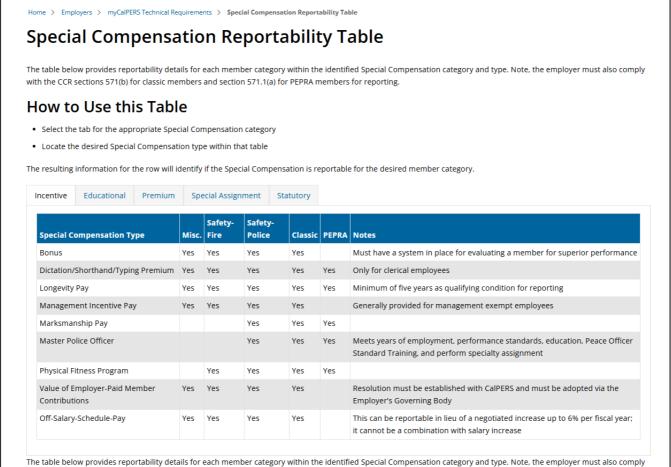


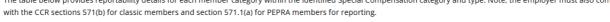
## Publicly Available Pay Schedule Examples





## Special Compensation Reportability Table







## Compliance in Compensation Reporting Resources

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## Compliance in Compensation Reporting Webpage Questions

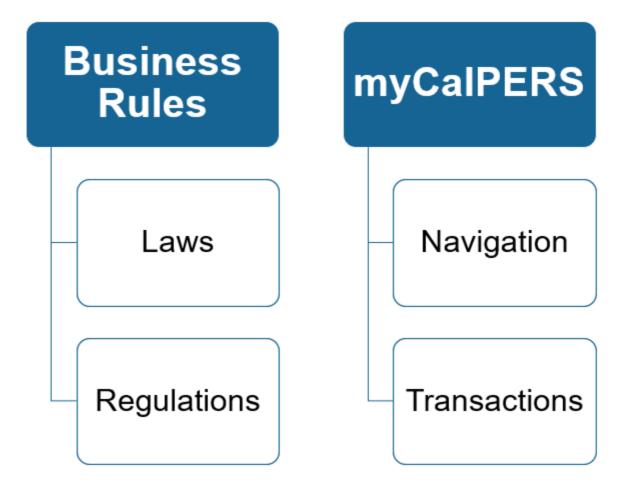


## **Employer Training**

Christopher Vega
Customer Education Outreach Division (CEOD)



## **Employer Education Class Types**





### Employer Education Delivery & Resources

Online Classes

24/7 Access

Self-Paced

Instructor-Led Classes

Virtual & In Person

Live & Interactive

Resources

Business Rules Reference & Health Guides

myCalPERS Student Guides



### **Common Questions**





### Common Questions – Health Enrollment

Q: Does an employee have to move to a new zip code for it to count as a qualifying event to change health plans?

A: No, a move from one address to another qualifies for a plan change.



# Common Questions – Retirement Enrollment (1 of 2)

Q: Should I enroll an employee into membership even if they are only hired as part time?

A: If they are a current member, enroll them regardless of the time base/tenure of the position (unless excluded by contract).



# Common Questions – Retirement Enrollment (2 of 2)

Q: Do I only need to report unpaid leave of absence for my employees?

A: All leaves of absence should be reported in myCalPERS, whether a paid or unpaid leave.



### Common Questions – Payroll Reporting

Q: Will selecting the process report button before the payroll reporting due date avoid a late reporting fee?

A: Before the due date, you must process the report with all valid records and clear the reconciliation page.



### Common Questions – General

Q: What is the cost to have a trainer come out to our agency to provide training?

A: Absolutely free.



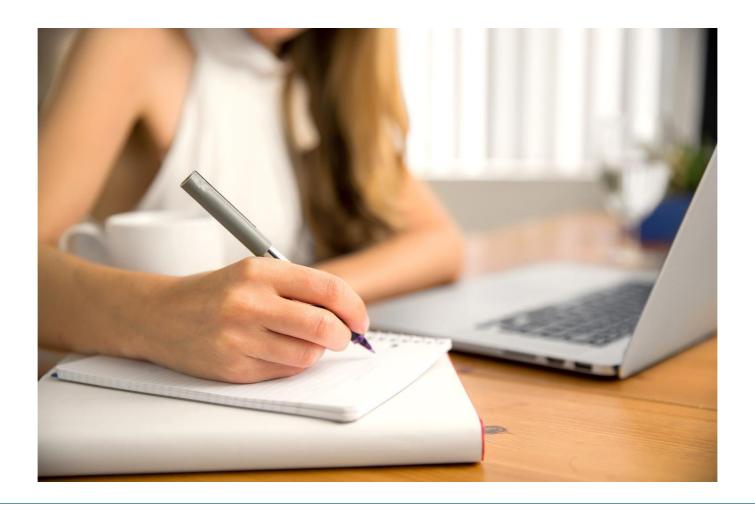
### **Specials**

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- Tailored trainings based on your agency's contract and needs
- myCalPERS and Business Rules training in person or virtually
- Flexible scheduling

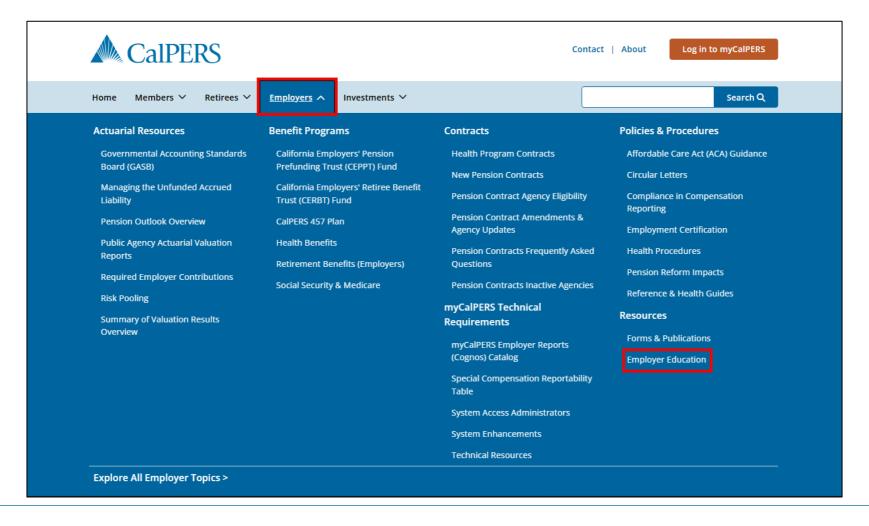


### Upcoming Class Schedule



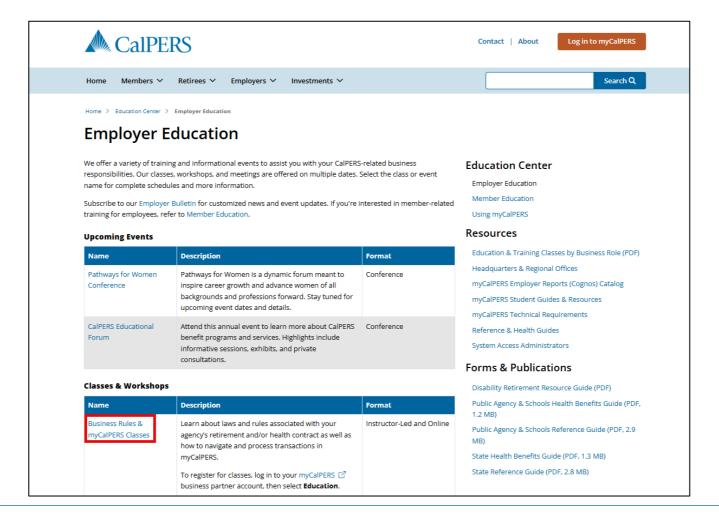


### Where to Find Upcoming Trainings & Events



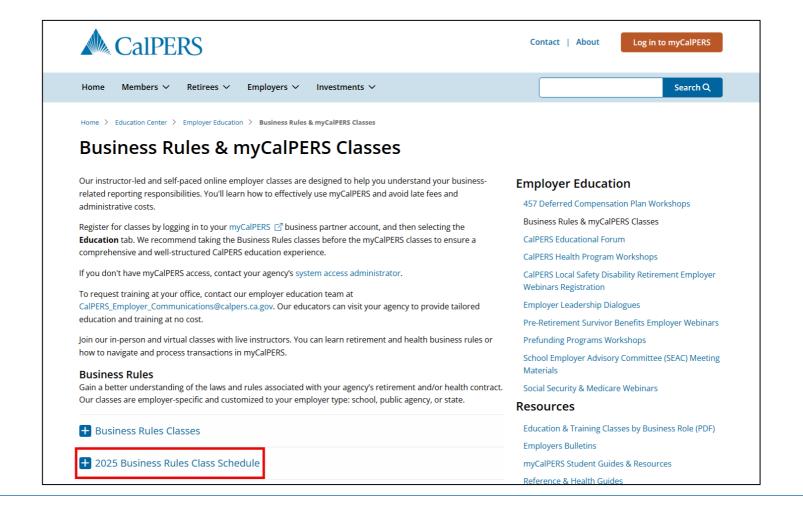


### **Employer Education Webpage**





### Business Rules Classes (1 of 2)





### Business Rules Classes (2 of 2)

#### ■ 2025 Business Rules Class Schedule

Our classes are organized in a specific sequence across three days. Each class is unique and requires separate registration through myCalPERS. This allows you to attend the classes necessary for your business partner role.

#### Business Rules In-Person or Virtual Instructor-Led Training

Class Day	Class Time	Delivery Method	Торіс
Day 1	1:00-4:00 p.m.	In Person or Virtual	Business Rules for School Employers
Day 2	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Virtual	Business Rules for Public Agency Employers
Day 2	9:00 a.m12:00 p.m.	In Person	Business Rules for Public Agency Employers
Day 2	1:00-3:30 p.m.	In Person or Virtual	Business Rules: Health for Public Agency and School Employers
Day 3	8:30-10:00 a.m.	Virtual	Advanced Compensation
Day 3	9:00–10:30 a.m.	In Person	Advanced Compensation
Day 3	10:30 a.m12:00 p.m.	Virtual	Advanced Membership
Day 3	11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	In Person	Advanced Membership

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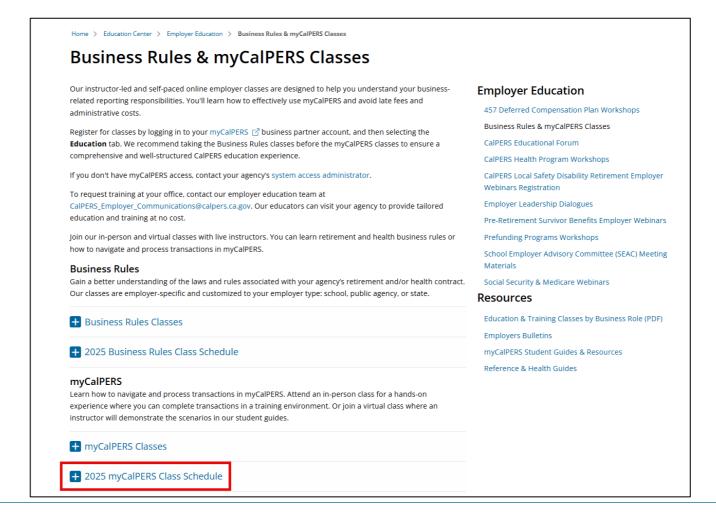
#### 2025 Business Rules Classes

Dates	Venue
Jan 7-9	Virtual
Jan 28–30	Shasta County Office of Education
Feb 4-6	Virtual
Mar 4-6	Virtual
Mar 18–20	Fresno Regional Office
Apr 1–3	Virtual
Apr 15-17	Orange Regional Office
May 6-8	Virtual
May 20–22	Walnut Creek Regional Office
May 27–29	Sacramento Regional Office
Jun 3-5	Virtual
Jun 17-19	San Diego Regional Office

Log in to your myCalPERS business partner account for the most updated schedule that may include added classes or changes.



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Day 1	1:00–3:30 p.m.	Virtual	myCalPERS Retirement Enrollment
Day 2	8:30–11:00 a.m.	In Person or Virtual	myCalPERS Payroll Reporting
Day 2	12:00–2:30 p.m.	In Person	myCalPERS Payroll Adjustments
Day 2	1:00-3:30 p.m.	Virtual	myCalPERS Payroll Adjustments
Day 3	8:30–10:00 a.m.	In Person or Virtual	Employer Reports (Cognos)
Day 3	1:00–3:00 p.m. (every other month)	Virtual	myCalPERS System Access Administration

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Date	Venue
Jan 14–16	San Jose Regional Office
Jan 21–23	Virtual (Including myCalPERS System Access Administration)
Jan 28–30	San Diego Regional Office
Feb 11–13	Virtual
Feb 18-20	Sacramento Regional Office
Feb 25–27	Orange Regional Office
Mar 11–13	Virtual (Including myCalPERS System Access Administration)
Mar 18–20	Walnut Creek Regional Office
Mar 25–27	San Bernardino Regional Office
Apr 8–10	Virtual
Apr 15–17	Fresno Regional Office
Apr 22–24	Glendale Regional Office
May 13–15	Virtual (Including myCalPERS System Access Administration)
Jun 10-12	Virtual

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### **Employer Training Contact Information**

### Email our employer educators

• calpers\_employer\_communications@calpers.ca.gov



### **Employer Training Questions**



### Multifactor Authentication

Brad Hanson EAMD



### Multifactor Authentication Questions



### Roundtable

Brad Hanson, Heather Porter, and Dianne Cooper EAMD



## Thank you

