

# Understanding ILSB

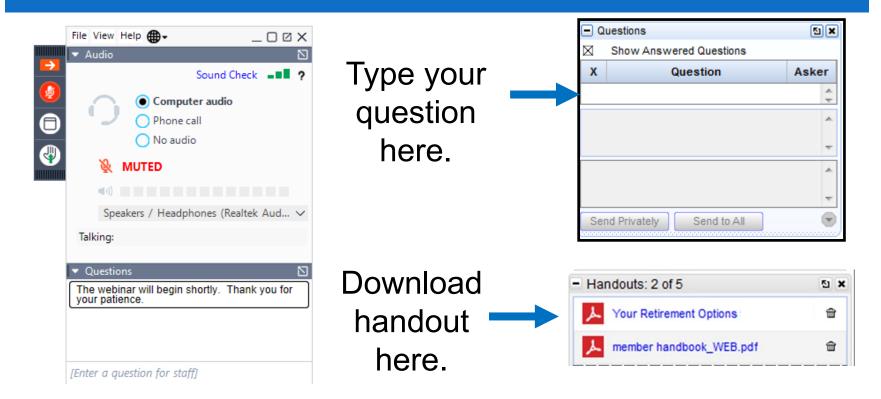


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## Agenda

- ILSB definition
- Eligibility requirements
- ILSB examples
- ILSB vs. DROP
- Questions to ponder
- Applying for retirement
- How TRSL pays your benefits
- Things to do now

## Initial Lump-Sum Benefit (ILSB)

- You can retire and take a portion of your retirement benefit in a one-time, lump-sum payment.
- You will receive a reduced lifetime monthly benefit.



- ILSB is an alternative to DROP.
- The reduction is based on the lump-sum amount chosen and your age at time of retirement.
- The reduction is permanent.
- For more information about ILSB, please review our ILSB brochure at www.TRSL.org.

## ILSB eligibility - Regular Plan

#### Membership prior to Jan. 1, 2011

Age 60 with 10 years\*

Age 55 with 25 years

Any age with 30 years

\*2.0% benefit factor if enrolled prior to 7/1/1999

Membership between Jan 1, 2011 & June 30, 2015

Age 60 with 5 years

Membership on or after July 1, 2015

Age 62 with 5 years

## ILSB example - Max lump sum

Age	Reduction	Age	Reduction
35	\$ 6.28	58	\$ 7.38
36	\$ 6.30	59	\$ 7.48
37	\$ 6.32	60	\$ 7.59
38	\$ 6.34	61	\$ 7.71
39	\$ 6.37	62	\$ 7.83
40	\$ 6.39	63	\$ 7.97
41	\$ 6.42	64	\$ 8.11
42	\$ 6.45	65	\$ 8.26
43	\$ 6.48	66	\$ 8.42
44	\$ 6.51	67	\$ 8.60
45	\$ 6.55	68	\$ 8.78
46	\$ 6.59	69	\$ 8.98
47	\$ 6.63	70	\$ 9.20
48	\$ 6.67	71	\$ 9.43
49	\$ 6.72	72	\$ 9.68
50	\$ 6.78	73	\$ 9.96
51	\$ 6.83	74	\$ 10.26
52	\$ 6.90	75	\$ 10.58
53	\$ 6.96	76	\$ 10.94
54	\$ 7.04	77	\$ 11.34
55	\$ 7.11	78	\$ 11.76
56	\$ 7.20	79	\$ 12.23
57	\$ 7.29	80	\$ 12.74

**EXAMPLE:** 57-year-old retiree with a 58-year-old beneficiary

Maximum option	\$2,700/month	
Cost per \$1,000	\$7.29	
Maximum lump sum	\$97,200	
Maximum reduced monthly benefit	\$1,992/month	

#### ILSB example - 50% max lump sum

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**EXAMPLE:** 57-year-old retiree with a 58-year-old beneficiary

Maximum option	\$2,700/month	
Cost per \$1,000	\$7.29	
50% Maximum lump sum	\$48,600	
Maximum reduced monthly benefit	\$2,350/month	

#### ILSB questions to ponder:

- Do I need a lump sum amount to use in retirement?
   By taking a lump sum up front, you will reduce your regular monthly benefit.
- Is the reduction in benefits permanent?
   Yes, the reduction applied to monthly benefits is permanent.
- What factors determine the reduction?
   Your age at the time of retirement and the amount of the lump sum you choose are both determining factors.

## ILSB vs. DROP

ILSB	DROP
You can take a lump sum of up to 36 months of the Maximum Option retirement benefit.	You can participate in DROP for up to 36 months.
There is no participation window.	There is a limited participation window.
At the time you choose ILSB, you retire.	At the time you choose DROP, you continue working.
You pay for your nest egg by taking a reduced benefit for life.	You pay for your nest egg by working during DROP participation.
Your regular monthly retirement benefit is reduced.	Your regular monthly retirement benefit is frozen, not reduced.
Participation is an irrevocable decision.	Participation is an irrevocable decision.

## Applying for retirement



- You can submit your retirement application <u>as early as six months</u> <u>before</u> your desired date of retirement or DROP beginning date.
- You will need to complete all purchases, transfers, and/or reciprocals of service credit before the effective date of retirement or entering DROP.
- TRSL recommends you coordinate your retirement or DROP beginning date with your employer. Your employer will verify your service credit and sick leave.

## Applying for retirement

There are two ways you can apply for retirement:



Apply online through MEMBER ACCESS: www.TRSL.org/memberaccess



Submit Form 11 & Form 15D

- Application for Service Retirement, ILSB, or DROP (Form 11)
- Direct Deposit of Benefits (Form 15D)

NOTE: Members applying for DROP do not submit the Form 15D at time of entering DROP.

## Apply through Member Access

 Select "Apply for Retirement" from the "My Retirement" drop-down menu.



NOTE: Two weeks after submission of the Form 11 to TRSL, you will receive an acknowledgment letter in the mail.

#### Applying through Member Access

Application for Service Retirement, ILSB, or DROP				
Applications may be canceled before cashing any benefit check, including estimated benefit payments and direct deposits. Your application may be submitted within six months before your effective retirement/DROP date. It is your responsibility to submit you application before your selected retirement/DROP date.				
Your retirement information	(Must be completed)			
Select one:			Date of retirement/DROP begin date	
Service – 06-11A	○ ILSB — 06-11A5	O DROP — 06-11F	(mm/dd/yyyy)	
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Street address/P.O. Box		**	Your date of birth	
City	State ** LA-LOUISIANA	Zip _ **	Name of Employer	
* include area code Months of contract  9 9 10 11 12	Work telephone*		Job title	

Information for you and your spouse will automatically load from your account, but you will be able to make changes, if necessary.

## How TRSL pays your benefits

- Monthly benefits are paid on the first of the month.
  - » Your first benefit payment will be a paper check; subsequent payments will be direct deposited.
  - » Your retirement can only be canceled if a benefit payment has not been negotiated (includes direct deposit).
- For Service and ILSB, there is a 30-day waiting period.
  - » This period begins on your retirement date. However, we must have your estimated affidavit as well as your direct deposit form to determine your benefit.
- You will receive estimated benefits as first payments.
  - » This partial benefit will continue monthly until TRSL finalizes your benefit. (For DROP participants: The estimated benefit is your DROP deposit amount plus your after-DROP estimated benefit, if applicable.)

#### "What is a retroactive payment?"

A few months after retirement, you will receive a letter regarding a one-time retroactive payment once your final benefit is calculated:

- "Retro" payments include the difference between your estimated checks and your final monthly benefit.
- Your final benefit calculation will include any remaining sick leave that converts to service credit.



## Summary

- ILSB lets members retire and take a portion of their retirement benefit in a one-time, lump-sum payment.
- ILSB does not take away your lifetime monthly benefit;
   it does reduce it.
- Unlike DROP, there is no window for ILSB; you can retire at any time once you reach eligibility. However, you can not have participated in DROP.

#### Things to do now

- Register for Member Access.
- Submit copies of important documents:
  - » Social security cards (member and beneficiary)
  - » Birth certificates (member and beneficiary)
  - » Legal documents (including divorce decrees, judgment of separation, and/or community property settlements)
- Update address & beneficiary/ies.
- Get a retirement estimate:
  - » Use Member Access or
  - » Submit Form 10

#### Online access to your TRSL account

Member Access is a secure website where you have all the tools you need to plan for retirement:



- View service credit, contributions and beneficiary designations
- Create a benefit estimate
- Update your name or address
- Apply for retirement

#### Create your account today!

#### Create a benefit estimate

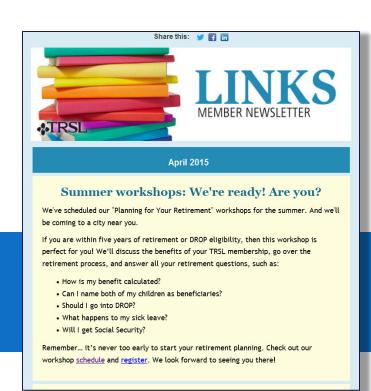
#### Online calculators loaded with your account information



- 1. Log on to Member Access.
- 2. Under "My Retirement" drop-down menu, select "Estimate Your Retirement Benefit."
- 3. Enter your desired retirement date and click "Create Estimate!"

#### Register for MEMBER ACCESS @ www.TRSL.org

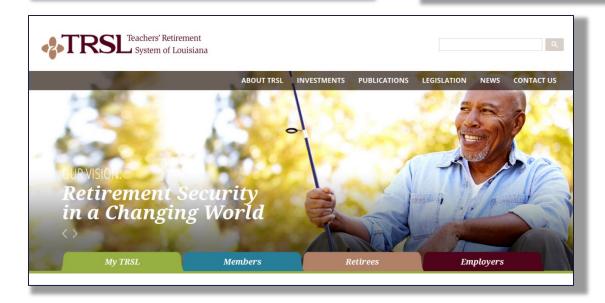
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#### www.TRSL.org

<u>Direct Deposit of DROP or ILSB Account Withdrawals</u> (Form 11R) - *Use 15D for regular benefits* <u>Direct Deposit of Benefits</u> (Form 15D) - *Use 11R for DROP or ILSB account withdrawals* <u>Addendum to Direct Deposit of Benefits - Nonspousal Joint Signer(s)</u> (Form 15JS)



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