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The information in this index has been included to provide employers with information and instructions on how TRSL-covered employees can obtain retirement benefit estimates prior to applying for retirement/DROP.

TRSL provides its members with two options for obtaining a retirement benefit estimate:

- Use the online tools through [myTRSL](#) **or**
- Submit a [benefit estimate request](#) to TRSL

Online benefit estimates via myTRSL

Members who have registered for [myTRSL](#) will have access to the Benefit Estimate Calculator. This online calculator preloads an employee's personal information that is on file with TRSL to calculate a **projection** of his or her retirement benefit.

The online calculator is provided as a service for our membership to create a **self-generated estimate**. It will not include current fiscal year salary or credit for eligible sick or annual leave, which would be added after retirement (if applicable).



Estimates created with the Online Benefit Calculator provide a useful tool when planning for retirement. However, some TRSL members should not use (or do not have access to) the online calculator.

Because of the complexities of the calculations, the online calculator should not be used for the following members:

- School food service Plan A (System 2) members
- Members considering [Disability Retirement](#)
- Members considering an Annual COLA Option (ACO)
- Members with transfer or reciprocal service credit from (or with) another Louisiana public retirement system
- Members who have been enrolled in multiple TRSL systems
- Members contemplating a purchase of service credit and would like estimates to see the effects of purchasing varied amounts of service credit

EXAMPLE: difference in retirement benefits and/or earliest retirement eligibility between purchasing 1 year vs. 1.50 years of service

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The online calculator is not available for the following members:

- Members with part-time service at any time during their career
- Members with LSU service credit before January 1, 1979
- Members who have participated in DROP
- Members in inactive status with less than five (5) years of service credit

Members who desire an estimate but do not have access to (see above) or should not use (see previous page) the online calculator should be instructed to request a benefit estimate by submitting a [Benefit Estimate Request](#) (Form 10).

Where members can find their benefit estimate in myTRSL

Vested members with a [myTRSL](#) account will see a Projected Retirement Eligibility and Benefit Estimate on their dashboard once they log into myTRSL. Clicking on “View Details” will bring them to their member statements.

Map Your Road to Retirement

Projected Retirement Eligibility and Benefit Estimate View Details			
Scenario	Fiscal Year of Eligibility	Age	Maximum Monthly Benefit Amount
Early Retirement	2031 - 2032	56	\$1,984.00
Regular Retirement/DROP Eligibility	2035 - 2036	60	\$3,238.00

These estimates are based on information as reported by your employer(s) as of 6/30/2025 and assume continuous TRSL-covered, full-time employment.

To estimate their future retirement benefit in myTRSL using the pre-loaded calculators, vested members have two options:

- They can click on “Estimate Your Retirement Benefit” under the “My Estimates” tab. This will take them to the Benefit Estimate Calculator.
- They can also click on “Get a Benefit Estimate” under “Quick Links” to pull up the calculator.

PLEASE NOTE: The Benefit Estimate Calculator is also available to members with less than five years of service credit. It’s under the “My Estimates” tab.

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Benefit estimate requests

TRSL members are encouraged to obtain an estimate prior to submitting an application for retirement or DROP.

- Benefit estimates will not include credit for eligible sick or annual leave, which would be added after retirement (if applicable).
- These estimates also will not include current year salary.
- If the member is requesting a benefit estimate due to a possible/pending purchase of service, [contact TRSL](#).

Benefit estimates

- TRSL recommends members request a benefit estimate approximately one to three years before retirement or DROP
- A letter will be mailed to the member acknowledging receipt of their estimate request. *Allow two to three weeks for TRSL processing.*

Benefit estimate request procedures – for employers

1. Instruct member to submit a completed [Benefit Estimate Request \(Form 10\)](#) and include the following information:
 - a. Projected retirement date** – Estimate cannot be computed without this date. Member can enter “When 1st Eligible” if retirement date is unknown.
 - b. Type of Estimate desired** (Service, Initial Lump-Sum Benefit, Disability Retirement, Entering DROP, or Retirement after DROP)
 - c. Current and complete mailing address** for the member
 - d. Beneficiary date of birth** – Required to compute retirement options 2, 2A, 3, 3A
 - e. For Disability Retirement estimates** – Note any minor children and provide the youngest child’s date of birth (if applicable).
 - f. ACO** – If member is interested in receiving an estimate with the [annual COLA option](#), check the appropriate box.

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2. **Certify all of the member's questionable years** online through EMIS, TRSL's secure employer database, so that the estimate can be calculated with the member's accurate service credit amount. Refer to the Questionable Years Outstanding Report or view employee's Account History screen in EMIS to identify questionable years. (See [Index 6.0](#) for information on certifying questionable years.)

Disability estimates

Employees who are interested in a disability retirement estimate must submit a completed [Benefit Estimate Request](#) (Form 10) since the online benefit estimate calculator does not compute disability estimates.

Employers should certify all of the employee's questionable years.

A Disability Estimate is **not** an application for Disability Retirement. Employees who wish to apply for a disability retirement must submit a completed [Application for Disability Retirement](#) (Form 12). Refer to [Index 12.0](#) for more information on Disability Retirement.

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Frequently asked questions

- 1. One of our employees wants to use the online calculator to create an estimate. Where is the calculator located?**

The online calculator is only available through myTRSL. Employees who are currently enrolled and active in TRSL can sign up for myTRSL at any time. See our publication, [How to Register for myTRSL](#), for member sign-up instructions.

- 2. Why is the online calculator not available for employees who have part-time service credit?**

TRSL members with part-time service credit may be able to retire much sooner due to additional eligibility credit. When TRSL receives an estimate request from members with part-time service, our retirement analysts review the member's account history and any eligibility credit earned to determine their first eligibility date for retirement or DROP.

- 3. Can the [Benefit Estimate Request \(Form 10\)](#) be faxed instead of mailed?**

Yes, the TRSL fax number (225-925-4779) is provided at the top of the request form.

- 4. How will the employee know if TRSL has received the Form 10 benefit estimate request?**

Within 10 days, the member should receive either (1) a letter acknowledging the benefit estimate request or (2) the actual estimate (depending on volume of requests).

Members should allow two to three weeks (after receiving the acknowledgement letter) for TRSL to calculate and mail the estimate.