

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Retirement Boards

FROM: Joseph E. Connarton, Executive Director

RE: Retirement Guide Mailing

DATE: February 22, 2016

The Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission is pleased to provide you with copies of PERAC's retirement guides, updated through July 1, 2015. The updating of these guides was a coordinated effort across several PERAC units in our effort to capture the many changes to retirement law since pension reform was enacted. While we have continued to keep an updated guide on our website, this guide will be the first printed version PERAC has produced in several years.

Copies of The Massachusetts Public Employee Retirement Guide (two versions, depending on date of membership), The Guide to Survivor Benefits for Public Employees (two versions, depending on date of membership) and The Guide to Disability Retirement for Public Employees (only one version) will be distributed this week to the 104 retirement boards in accordance with a distribution formula based on membership size.

There are three ways you and your members may obtain additional copies of these guides. You may download the guides for free on our website, mass.gov/perac. The guides will be available for purchase at the counter of Room P-11 at the plaza level of the McCormack State Office Building, One Ashburton Place, Boston. You may also mail order guides from the printer. Details about mail order will be available on our website, in the retirement guides section.

We trust that these guides will help you provide all members with clear, accurate and up to date information. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact this office.

