

Retiree eNews Bulletin MARCH 2023

GIC Annual Enrollment

The Group Insurance Commission's (GIC) Annual Enrollment period will be held April 5 - May 3, 2023. You can review your health, dental, and life insurance benefit options and compare plan offerings during this time. The Benefit Decision Guides are available to view on the GIC website.

If you have questions about your GIC health and other insurance benefits or premiums, please contact them direct at 617-727-2310 and select option # 2 or complete their online Contact the GIC request form. Thank you.

Reminder: Annual Statements of Earned Income (Section 91A) Due April 18th

As a reminder, all disability retirees, including those who retired under accidental disability, are required by law (M.G.L. c. 32, § 91A) to submit a statement of their earnings to PERAC (Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission), which mails disability retirees an Annual Statement of Earned Income every year which they must usually complete on or before April 15th of each year. This year's due date for submitting the 91A forms to PERAC is April 18th, in correspondence with the IRS

Did you Know?

The Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism provides a consistent and updated schedule of fun events all over Massachusetts. They range from offering new places to casually dine to family style vacation spots! Fully explore what Massachusetts has to offer. You may be surprised at what you find!

PRIM Board Election Update

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws c.32, §23 (2A(a)), and plan rules, the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (PRIM) is conducting a regularly scheduled election for the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System representative on the PRIM Board. The elected member will serve a three-year term without compensation beginning July 2023.

Official Ballots were mailed to all eligible voters. Votes must be either (a) received at the designated mailing address at or before 5:00 P.M. EST; or (b) electronically submitted before midnight EST on May 5, 2023.

For more information, click here to visit PRIM's website. Please note, all questions regarding the PRIM Election should be directed to PRIM.

tax deadline.

All pertinent W-2 forms, 1099 forms, other requested tax forms and proof of income, and any other documentation requested by PERAC must be included with the statement. For more information, visit PERAC's Annual Statement of Earned Income FAQs online.

If you have not received your statement or have questions, please contact PERAC at 617-666-4446.

The MSRB is Hiring!

Are you looking to return to the workforce or a retiree interested in learning a new skill set?

The Massachusetts State Retirement Board ("MSRB") is a multi-generational and diverse department within the Office of the State Treasurer that administers a defined benefit retirement plan for eligible employees of the Commonwealth and certain independent entities. The MSRB supports more than 91,000 active members and 66,000 retirees and beneficiaries. We offer a hybrid in-office and remote employment arrangement with the opportunity to work in Downtown Boston.

Click here for some of our current openings.

Is there something you would like us to communicate in an upcoming *Retiree eNews Bulletin*? If so, let us know!

E-mail your request or comments to MSRBCommunications@tre.state.ma.us.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Have you, or are you, planning to move? If so, be sure to notify the Board

2022 Federal and State Tax Filing and Payment Deadline Approaching!

As a reminder, the IRS Tax deadline to file returns is April 18, 2023. Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Monday, October 16, 2023, to file.

The announcement also noted that certain taxpayers living overseas or disaster victims in states such as California, Alabama, and Georgia might have later filings. Click here to read the entire IRS announcement.

Likewise, taxpayers in Massachusetts will have until April 18, 2023, to file their state 2022 income tax returns.

Beware of Tax Filing Misinformation on Social Media!

According to the IRS Newsroom, there is an increase in misleading or inaccurate tax information being shared on social media. This can involve common tax documents like Form W-2 or even more obscure forms like Form 8944. The IRS indicates that the posts usually encourage people to submit false information.

"There are many ways to get good tax information, including from a trusted tax professional, tax software and IRS.gov. But people should be incredibly wary about following advice being shared on social media," said IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel.

Click here to read the entire news release, and note the IRS recommends reviewing their official website or social media channels to fact-check information

of your address change! Retirees who already have summer and winter addresses on file with the Board can call us to request the address update.

Otherwise, you'll need to notify the Board in writing. You can download our Change of Address form here!

Contact us:

Boston Office:

Downtown Crossing One Winter Street, 8th Floor Boston, MA 02108

Springfield Office:

436 Dwight Street, #109A Springfield, MA 01103

Tel: 617-367-7770

Note: MSRB phones are answered Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., except on state holidays.

and learn how to fill out forms accurately.

The Massachusetts State Retirement Board wishes everyone a healthy Spring season!

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