

**WAC 415-113-030 Definitions for purposes of chapter 415-113 WAC.**

(1) All definitions in RCW 41.54.010 and WAC 415-02-030 apply to terms used in this chapter. Other terms relevant to the administration of chapter 41.54 RCW are defined in this chapter.

(2) **Average compensation** means the compensation used by a particular retirement system to calculate a dual member's service retirement allowance. The actual meaning of the term varies depending upon the retirement system. With respect to each dual member system, "average compensation" means:

(a) **First class city retirement systems:** Final compensation as defined in RCW 41.28.010;

(b) **LEOFF Plan 2:** Final average salary as defined in RCW 41.26.030 (12) (b);

(c) **PERS:** Average final compensation as defined in RCW 41.40.010 (17);

(d) **PSERS:** Average final compensation as defined in RCW 41.37.010 (14);

(e) **SERS:** Average final compensation as defined in RCW 41.35.010 (14);

(f) **Statewide cities retirement systems:** Final compensation as defined in RCW 41.44.030 (14).

(g) **TRS:**

(i) Plan 1: Average earnable compensation as defined in RCW 41.32.497 and 41.32.498;

(ii) Plans 2 and 3: Average final compensation as defined in RCW 41.32.010 (30); and

(h) **WSPRS:** Average final salary as defined in RCW 43.43.120 (15).

(3) **Dual member system** refers to the state and city retirement systems admitted to participate under chapter 41.54 RCW. These systems include:

(a) First class city retirement systems of Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane;

(b) Law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system (LEOFF) Plan 2;

(c) Public employees' retirement system (PERS) Plans 1, 2 and 3;

(d) Public safety employees' retirement system (PSERS);

(e) School employees' retirement system (SERS) Plans 2 and 3;

(f) Statewide cities employees' retirement system (SCERS);

(g) Teachers' retirement system (TRS) Plans 1, 2 and 3; and

(h) Washington state patrol retirement system (WSPRS) Plans 1 and 2.

(4) **First class city retirement systems** means the retirement systems for the non-LEOFF member employees of the cities of Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma authorized by chapter 41.28 RCW.

(5) **Member participant.**

(a) For all dual member systems administered by the department other than TRS Plan 1, "member participant" means a person who is employed for compensation in a dual member system qualifying position and is admitted into the membership of the system.

(b) For TRS Plan 1, "member participant" includes persons meeting the definition of (a) of this subsection and also includes members who are not employed for compensation but have accumulated contributions standing to their credit with TRS.

(c) This definition may not apply to first class city systems. See RCW 41.54.061 and WAC 415-113-005. If you have a question, you should contact the appropriate first class city system.

(6) **Multiple system benefit** means retirement allowances from two or more dual member systems calculated under chapter 41.54 RCW.

(7) **Multiple system participant** means a person who is a participant in two or more dual member systems.

(8) **Multiple system retiree** means a person who chooses to retire under the provisions of chapter 41.54 RCW.

(9) (a) **Nonmember participant** means a person who is no longer employed in a dual member system qualifying position but has not withdrawn his or her accumulated employee contributions.

(b) This definition does not apply to TRS Plan 1. A TRS Plan 1 member who meets the criteria of (a) of this subsection is a member participant.

(c) This subsection applies only to the retirement systems listed in RCW 41.50.030.

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