

For faster service and increased security, you may file your Tier VI Ordinary Disability Retirement Application online in the secure section of our website. Log in and go to **Electronic Forms**.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Before you complete this application, we strongly recommend that you read the Ordinary Disability Retirement brochure.

#### Filing Information

You may qualify for ordinary disability retirement if you satisfy the following requirements:

- a) You have at least 10 years of Total Service Credit.
- b) You file your disability retirement application within three months of the last date you were on active payroll; or, if you were on any leave of absence without pay for medical reasons, you file the application within 12 months of the date you receive notice that you have been terminated.
- c) You file a complete application for disability retirement, as defined below, and the TRS Medical Board determines that that you are disabled.

If you believe that you are eligible for ordinary disability retirement, please complete the application and then, in the presence of a notary public, sign the application where required. You may mail this application to TRS, or someone acting on your behalf may file it at TRS' offices.

In order for your ordinary disability retirement application to be considered complete, TRS requires the following documents:

☐ "Tier VI Ordinary Disability Retirement Application" (OD6) [Contained in this document]	☐ "Report of Applicant's Physician" (DI32) [Contained in this document]
☐ "Applicant's Personal Report of Disability" [Contained in this document]	☐ Medical records documenting the disability (not exceeding 200 pages)
☐ "Authorization for Release of Health-Related Information" (DI47) [Contained in this document]	

**NOTE:** Your application will be considered incomplete until we receive all of the components listed above. Incomplete applications will be archived after three months, and you must submit a new complete application to reactivate your filing for ordinary disability retirement.

#### **Medical Board Evaluation**

Once TRS has received all components of your application for ordinary disability retirement, we will contact you to schedule an interview and examination by the doctors on TRS' Medical Board. The Medical Board will determine your eligibility for ordinary disability retirement, and TRS will notify you of the Medical Board's decision within 5 days.

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#### **Changing Information**

You may change your payment option up to 30 days from the date your disability retirement application was approved or 30 days from your effective retirement date, *whichever is later*. Such changes become irrevocable at the end of the 30-day time period. Please note that the "Report of Applicant's Physician" may not be amended after it is filed.

You may change any information on your application after you have submitted it; TRS must receive your changes no later than one day before your effective retirement date — except for your payment option (see the previous paragraph). To make changes to your application, you may review your changes with a Member Services Representative online, using the chat feature in the secure section of our website.

### **Cancelling Your Application**

If you decide not to retire under ordinary disability retirement, you may cancel your "Tier VI Ordinary Disability Retirement Application" by submitting a "Cancellation Request Form" (code MI5) or by submitting an equivalent request online. TRS must receive this form at least one day before your meeting with the Medical Board, regardless of the date on which you mailed the form or the postmark date on the envelope. Please note that you may NOT cancel your "Tier VI Ordinary Disability Retirement Application" after the Medical Board approves your disability retirement.

#### **Denial of Your Application**

Your accident disability retirement application may be denied if the Medical Board does not deem you to be physically or mentally disabled at the time of your examination. For information on how to appeal the Medical Board's decision, please see the *Ordinary Disability Retirement* brochure.

#### IF YOUR APPLICATION IS APPROVED

#### **Electronic Fund Transfer**

TRS requires bank account information from retiring members in order to pay their benefits directly by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). If TRS does not have account information to transmit your retirement allowance by EFT, or if there is an issue with your current account, your payments (including advance payments) will be delayed.

If you are currently paid on the City of New York payroll through direct deposit for work in a position that entitles you to TRS membership, you will be automatically enrolled to receive your monthly benefit payments (including advance payments) via EFT. You do not need to do anything; these payments will be automatically deposited in your account via EFT.

However, you would need to file an "EFT Election at Retirement Form" (code BK66) for any of the following scenarios:

- If you want your monthly benefit payments (including advance payments) to be deposited via EFT in a different account;
- If you are currently paid on the City of New York payroll through direct deposit for work in a position that does not entitle you to TRS membership (e.g., substitute or per diem teacher); or
- If you are not currently paid on the City of New York payroll through direct deposit.

An online version of "EFT Election at Retirement Form" is located in the secure section of the TRS website. To avoid delays in receiving your benefit payments, you should file the "EFT Election at Retirement Form" along with your retirement application.

For more information, please see the *Electronic Fund Transfer* brochure, which is available on the TRS website.

#### HOW TO COMPLETE THE TIER VI ORDINARY DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION

#### In Part A: PERSONAL INFORMATION

All information must be provided.

#### In Part B: TDA ELECTION

If you are not a participant in TRS' TDA Program, you may skip this section.

If you are a participant in TRS' TDA Program, you will continue to maintain your account after you retire; this is sometimes called TDA Deferral status.

If you have **any open TDA loans**, you must continue to repay these loans during your retirement. You may repay your loan(s) through automatic deductions from your monthly retirement allowance (including any advance payments) or repay your outstanding loan(s) by making separate payments to TRS each month.

#### In Part C: RETIREMENT DATE ELECTION

Read the policy regarding how your effective retirement date is determined, then provide your initials in the space provided.

#### In Part D: PAYMENT OPTION ELECTION AND BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

You must elect **ONLY ONE** payment option in Part D for your retirement allowance and designate beneficiaries if your payment option includes that provision. In all cases, you will receive your retirement allowance each month for as long as you live. If you want to provide for beneficiaries, you have several choices, each of which will reduce the amount of your monthly retirement allowance. For additional information, please see the *Retirement Payment Options: Tiers III/IV/VI* brochure.

When designating beneficiaries on this form, please provide their Social Security numbers (or alternative taxpayer ID numbers) and as much contact information as possible. This information will help TRS process any benefits that later become payable without unnecessary delay. If you want to designate additional beneficiaries, you can do so by completing the "Retiring Member's Additional Beneficiary Form" (code EN22) and filing it with your retirement application. Please note that you may designate a **trust only for lump-sum payments**.

Your payment options are categorized as follows:

#### **Maximum Payment Option**

#### **Continuing Payment Options**

- Option 1
- Option 2

#### **Guaranteed Number of Payments Options**

- Option 3 (5-Year Certain)
- Option 4 (10-Year Certain

### **Pop-up Options**

- Option 5-1
- Option 5-2

#### If you elect a Continuing Payment or Pop-up Option:

- These options provide for one primary beneficiary only. You may not designate a trust or organization as your beneficiary.
- Your beneficiary's age is a factor in computing the amount of your monthly retirement allowance payments; **therefore**, **you must submit proof of your beneficiary's date of birth in conjunction with this application**.
- You must provide your beneficiary's Social Security number on your application. This information is needed for TRS to pay
  your beneficiary without delay when benefits become payable. We ask you to provide complete contact information for your
  beneficiary to aid in this process.

# In Part E: DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY FOR FRACTIONAL PAYMENT OF RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE AND DEATH BENEFIT #2

When designating beneficiaries on this form, please provide their Social Security numbers (or alternative taxpayer ID numbers) and as much contact information as possible. This information will help TRS process any benefits that later become payable without unnecessary delay.

#### **Fractional Payment**

You must designate a beneficiary to receive any fractional payment that may be due for the month in which you die. This fractional payment will be payable provided that you do not die on the last day of the month; the payment will be based on the number of days that you are alive during that month.

#### Death Benefit #2

You must also designate a beneficiary to receive Death Benefit #2, a lump-sum, post-retirement death benefit. The amount of this death benefit will be based on the death benefit in force on your retirement date (a maximum equaling three years' salary, subject to age reductions). The actual amount payable to your beneficiary will also depend on the amount of time between your retirement date and your death, as shown in the table below.

Year of Death After Retirement Date	Amount of Death Benefit #2
1 <sup>st</sup> Year	50% of benefit in force on member's retirement date
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	25% of benefit in force on member's retirement date
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year or later	10% of the death benefit in force on member's retirement date, or 10% of the benefit in force at age 60, whichever is greater

Please note the following about these two separate death benefits:

- If you want to designate more beneficiaries than space allows on this form, you may file the "Retiring Member's Additional Beneficiary Form" (code EN22) with your retirement application.
- The beneficiary you designate to receive your fractional payment or Death Benefit #2 benefit need not be the same beneficiary as you designate in Part D.
- If your beneficiary predeceases you, the fractional payment or Death Benefit #2 benefit will be made to your estate unless you designate another beneficiary for this payment.
- You may designate a person, organization, or trust as your beneficiary.
- You may change your fractional beneficiary designation at any time after you file this application by filing a "Designation of QPP Fractional Beneficiary Form" (code EN24).
- You may change your Death Benefit #2 beneficiary designation at any time after you file this application by filing a "Change of Beneficiary Form for the Post-Retirement Death Benefit under Death Benefit #2" (code EN34).

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#### In Part F: AFFIRMATION OF UNDERSTANDING

You must sign and date the statement in the presence of a notary public, who must then complete Part G.

#### In Part G: NOTARIZATION

You must have this form notarized. The date in this notary section must be the same date that you enter in Part F.

#### ATTACHED FORMS

#### APPLICANT'S PERSONAL REPORT OF DISABILITY

#### "AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF HEALTH-RELATED INFORMATION"

Please complete the Personal Report of Disability and the "Authorization for Release of Health-Related Information," sign and date them, and return them with your "Tier VI Ordinary Disability Retirement Application."

#### "REPORT OF APPLICANT'S PHYSICIAN"

Please have this form completed, signed, and returned to TRS by your physician.

**Note:** In addition to the above forms, which are contained in this document, you must also supply supporting medical records. See page 1 for details on ensuring that your filing for ordinary disability retirement is complete.

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NOTE: Please print in black or blue ink, and initial any changes that you make on this application. For each selection that you make throughout this application, you must write your initials in the space provided and check the corresponding box.

### PART A: PERSONAL INFORMATION

All information must be provided.

First Name	MI Last Name	Social Secur	ity Number (last 4 digits only) — <b>X X</b> — — — — — —
Permanent Home Address		Apt. No. TRS Membe	rship Number
City	State Zip Code	Primary Phor	e Number (Check one: ☐Home ☐Work☐Mobile)
Personal Email Address		Alternate Pho	one Number (Check one: Home Work Mobile)
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):			
Check here if you entered new contact Please keep your contact information up to "Member's Change of Address Form" (code	date. You can visit our		
PART B: TDA ELECTION			
If you are not a participant in TRS' TDA F			
<b>If you are a participant in TRS' TDA Prog</b> TDA Deferral status.	ram, you will continue	to maintain your accoun	t after you retire; this is sometimes called
If you have <b>any open TDA loans</b> , you must Please select below how to repay your loan		e loans during your reti	rement.
I elect to repay my outstanding lo advance payments).	an(s) through automati	c deductions from my m	onthly retirement allowance (including any
I elect to repay my outstanding lo	an(s) by making separa	ate payments to TRS ea	ch month.

PART C: RETIREMENT DATE ELECTION

If the TRS Medical Board approves your application, you will have the opportunity to elect a retirement date that is within 90 days of the approval date.

If TRS does not receive your election within 90 days of the approval date, TRS will default your retirement date to the later of a) the date you filed your accident disability retirement application or b) the day after the last day you were paid on payroll.

Please read the following statement, check the box, and provide your initials in the space provided.

I have read and understand the above information about how my effective date of retirement will be determined.

I understand that I cannot be on payroll as of my retirement date.

#### PART D: PAYMENT OPTION ELECTION AND BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

Please elect **ONLY ONE** of the payment options listed in Part D. Choose and complete any additional elections under your payment option. If you elect an option that provides a death benefit, you **must** designate a beneficiary. **In addition, all options require a beneficiary for your fractional payment**.

If you need to designate additional beneficiaries (primary, contingent, or fractional), please file a "Retired/Retiring Member's Additional QPP Beneficiary Form" (code EN22) or online equivalent.

For more information about the percentage of your retirement allowance that you can leave your beneficiaries, please see the *Retirement Payment Options: Tiers III, IV, and VI* brochure.

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MAXIMUM PAYMENT OPTION	
Maximum Payment Option	Highest monthly retirement allowance, but does not provide a death benefit.
THEN Go to Part E to designate a	beneficiary for your fractional payment and for Death Benefit #2.

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PART D (Continued)					
GUARANTEED NUMBER OF PAYMENTS OPTIONS	S				
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Option 3 (5-year certain)	not been ma	lyments only if 6 ade before your	0 payments have death.		
Option 4 (10-year certain)		lyments only if 1 ade before your	20 payments have death.		
THEN Designate your primary and contingent be fractional payment and for Death Benefit	•	go to <b>Part E</b> to o	designate a beneficiary for a		
DESIGNATION OF PRIMARY BENEFICIARY					
Beneficiary Name:		Check One:	Date of Birth:		
Street:	Percent (if applicable)%	Male □ Female □	Relationship:		
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Beneficiary Name:		Check One: Male □	Date of Birth:		
Street:	Percent (if applicable)%	Female $\square$	Relationship:		
City, State, Zip:	, applicable)/	Beneficiary Soc. Sec. No.:			
Beneficiary Name:		Check One: Male □	Date of Birth:		
Street:	Percent (if applicable)%	Female	Relationship:		
City, State, Zip:		Beneficiary So	c. Sec. No.:		
DESIGNATION OF CONTINGENT BENEFICIARY					
Beneficiary Name:		Check One:	Date of Birth:		
Street:	Percent (if applicable)%	Male □ Female □	Relationship:		
City, State, Zip:	, applicable)/	Beneficiary Soc. Sec. No.:			
Beneficiary Name:		Check One: Male □	Date of Birth:		
Street:	Percent (if applicable)%	Female	Relationship:		
City, State, Zip:		Beneficiary So	c. Sec. No.:		

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PART D (Continued)				
CONTINUING PAYMENT OPTIONS				
	Payment to Beneficiary			
Option 1	Lifetime payments equal to 100% of your reduced monthly retirement allowance.			
Option 2	Lifetime payments equal to your choice of 75%, 50%, or 25% of your monthly retirement allowance.			
Choose one of the following				
75%				
50%				
25%				
	OR ———			
Option 5-1 ("Pop-up" option)*	Lifetime payments equal to 100% of your reduced monthly retirement payments.			
Option 5-2 ("Pop-up" option)*	Carry			
*If beneficiary predeceases you, your payments increase to	the maximum.			
THEN  Designate a beneficiary below, completing all beneficiary for a fractional payment and for De	contact information; then go to <b>Part E</b> to designate a eath Benefit #2.			
DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY				
Beneficiary Name:	Check One: Date of Birth:			
Street:	Male ☐ Relationship:			
City, State, Zip:	Beneficiary Soc. Sec. No.:			
Phone No.:	Email Address:			

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# PART E: DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARIES FOR FRACTIONAL PAYMENT OF RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE AND DEATH BENEFIT #2 (All Payment Options)

Regardless of your election in Part D, you must designate a beneficiary to receive the fractional portion of your retirement allowance for the month in which you die, and you must also designate a beneficiary for Death Benefit #2.

#### **DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY FOR FRACTIONAL PAYMENT**

Beneficiary Name:		- 1	Check One: Male □ Female □	Date of Birth:	
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DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY FO	OR DEATH BENEFIT #2	'			
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#### PART F: AFFIRMATION OF UNDERSTANDING

Please read the following statement and sign and date below in the presence of a notary. If you are an agent/legal representative signing on the member's behalf, please indicate this.

I understand that the filing of this application is irrevocable and cannot be withdrawn as of my initial payability date.

I also affirm my understanding of the following:

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- ELECTRONIC PAYMENT: That TRS pays retirement benefits by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) and that my payments (including advance payments) may be delayed if TRS does not have bank account information on file for me. If I am currently paid on the City of New York payroll through direct deposit, I will be automatically enrolled in EFT. I also understand that I must file an "EFT Election at Retirement Form" (code BK66) to register my bank account information with TRS in the following circumstances: a) if I want my payments deposited in a different account; b) if I am not currently paid on the City payroll through direct deposit: or c) if I am currently paid on the City payroll in a position that does not entitle me to TRS membership (e.g., substitute or per diem teacher).
- REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION: I must submit proof of my date of birth and, in some cases, my beneficiaries' dates of birth.
  - I have enclosed medical records documenting my disability.
- CHANGES AFTER FILING: I understand that any changes I chose to make to this form must be made no later than one day prior to my initial payability date, with the exception of the payment options and beneficiaries that I elected in Part D, which may be changed within 30 days after my initial payability date.
- OVERPAYMENT RECOVERY: If TRS determines that my retirement benefits from TRS are overstated. I am required to repay (or my beneficiaries may be required to repay) the resulting deficit amount in full, in accordance with TRS' applicable rules. If my retirement allowance payments are transmitted electronically to my financial institution, I authorize and direct my financial institution to immediately refund any overpayments to TRS, including all payments made by TRS on or after the date of my death, and to charge the same to my bank account. TRS' certification of overpayment shall be sufficient evidence of an overpayment.

If the funds remaining are not sufficient to permit my financial institution to fully refund overpayments by TRS. I authorize and direct my

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Official Title:			Expiration Date of Commiss	sion:	
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# Please Print Applicant's Name TRS Membership Number Primary Phone Number (Check one: ☐Home ☐Work☐Mobile) Address City State Zip Code Alternate Phone Number (Check one: Home Work Mobile) Email Address TO: Teachers' Retirement System of the City of New York 55 Water Street, New York, NY 10041 I believe I am incapacitated and unable to remain employed in my present position because \_\_\_\_\_\_ My physician, Dr. (Give name in full.) \_\_\_\_\_\_, advises me that (Give address.) Date (MM/DD/YYYY): Signature:

Please use the back of this form to add additional information (if necessary).

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Please add additional information (if necessary).

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# AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF HEALTH-RELATED INFORMATION



TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK (TRS) 55 Water Street, New York, NY 10041 www.trsnyc.org • 1 (888) 8-NYC-TRS

This form authorizes release of medical information, including HIV-related information, to the Teachers' Retirement System of the City of New York (TRS) pertaining to filing for disability benefits. This authorization complies with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Privacy Rule under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The information you provide may be protected from disclosure by federal and state privacy laws.

By initialing on page 2 where indicated and signing this form, you agree that medical information and/or HIV-related information may be provided to TRS and the TRS Medical Board and Medical Review Panel for the purpose of determining your eligibility for disability benefits.

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# PART A: PERSONAL INFORMATION Please provide the information below.

	First Name	MI	Last Name		Social Security Number (last 4 digits only)		
	Permanent Home Address			Apt. No.	TRS Membership Number		
	City	State	Zip Code		Primary Phone Number (Check one: Home Work Mobile)		
	Email Address				Alternate Phone Number (Check one: Home Work Mobile)		
Please kee	•	date. Y	ou can visit our		n update our records based on what you entered. o update your contact information anytime, or file a		
	•	ect the	information des	cribed on	derstanding of each statement. this form on proper request if TRS is not required by nformation is no longer protected by federal health		
	I understand that my medical records may contain information related to alcohol or drug abuse, genetic testing, psychiatric care, and/or confidential HIV/AIDS-related information.						
	I understand that if I am authorizing the use or disclosure of HIV/AIDS-related information, the recipient is prohibited from using or re-disclosing any HIV/AIDS-related information without my authorization unless permitted to do so under federal or state law. I also understand that I have the right to request a list of people who may receive or use my HIV/AIDS-related information without authorization. If I experience discrimination because of the use or disclosure of HIV/AIDS-related information, I may contact the New York State Division of Human Rights at 1 (888) 392-3644 or the New York City Commission on Human Rights at (212) 306-7450. These agencies are responsible for protecting my rights.						
	I have read this form and all of my questions about this form have been answered. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and accept all of the above and hereby authorize any hospital, medical group, or other organization to disclose all my medical information to the Teachers' Retirement System of the City of New York (TRS).						
Member's	Signature				Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		

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#### Please Print

Authorization to be completed and signed		
You are hereby authorized by me to fill of the City of New York (TRS), 55 Water	out this form and forward it to the Medical Board of the Teachers' Retirement Sy	rstem
Applicant's Name	TRS Membership Number	
Signature:	Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	-
To be completed and signed by applicant's  Report of disability in the case of	physician.	
Title:	Work location:	
I certify that the above applicant has been un	der my professional care since: Month Day Year	
The subjective and objective symptoms of wh	ich the applicant complains are as follows:	
Diagnosis:		
Treatment:		
Prognosis:		
In my opinion, and by reason of the above de physically or mentally incapacitated for the pe	scribed condition,	is approved.
Signed:	, M.D. Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	
DI32 (6/16)	STATEMENT TO BE RETURNED TO TRS)	

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