



FAQ's about Pension Plan Enrollment

1. **Why do I have to enroll in a Pension Plan?**

By law, all public employees in Ohio must be enrolled in one of the 5 statewide public pension plans or in the Cincinnati Retirement System (CRS). Public employees in Ohio do NOT pay Social Security taxes on their wages.

2. **Who must be enrolled in the Cincinnati Retirement System?**

Effective February 5, 2012, ALL newly hired City employees EXCEPT:

- Sworn Police and Fire personnel;
- Mayor and Members of City Council;
- Police recruits enrolled in the Cincinnati Police Academy;
- Rehired retirees from the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund (OPF)

3. **What if I worked for another Ohio public agency before I started with the City?**

Pension service credit earned under any Ohio public retirement system can be purchased (if withdrawn) or transferred (if still on deposit) into the Cincinnati Retirement System by an active, contributing CRS member. The purchase or transfer of prior service by CRS members is subject to CRS rules.

4. **When do I have to enroll in the pension plan?**

You must be enrolled as a member of the Cincinnati Retirement System (CRS) on the date you are hired. Your enrollment in CRS is irrevocable for the duration of your employment with the City of Cincinnati.

5. **What information is required for enrollment?**

Your legal name, home address, telephone number, date of birth, Social Security number, the name of your Department & Division, your job title, your hire date, the name of your legally married spouse and living children (if applicable), the name, address, date of birth, and Social Security number for your designated beneficiaries.