



## Pre-tax Plans comparison chart

	Traditional 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan	Traditional 401(k) Savings & Investment Plan	403(b) Tax Deferred Annuity Plan
Who's eligible to participate?	All regular and contractual State employees		State educational institution employees
Who's eligible for the State match?	All State employees in the State Employees' Alternate Contributory Pension Plan		
Are payroll deductions pretax?	Yes (after FICA deduction)		
What's the minimum I may contribute?	\$5 per biweekly pay		
What's the maximum I may contribute?	\$18,000 effective this calendar year (may be adjusted in future years for inflation) <sup>1</sup>		
May I "catch-up" in a later year?	Age 50 or older bonus: \$6,000 effective this calendar year. Special 457(b) catch-up provision available within 3 years of retirement. These two provisions may not be used in the same year. <sup>1</sup>	Age 50 or older bonus: \$6,000 deferral effective this calendar year <sup>1</sup>	
May I contribute to more than one Plan at the same time?	Yes – but with the following limitations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$18,000 457(b) and/or Roth 457(b) + \$18,000 401(k) and/or Roth 401(k) = \$36,000/yr<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• \$18,000 457(b) and/or Roth 457(b) + \$18,000 403(b) = \$36,000/yr<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• \$18,000 457(b) and/or Roth 457(b) + combination of 403(b) &amp; 401(k)/Roth 401(k) not to exceed \$18,000 = \$36,000/yr<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>		
How often may I change my contribution amount?	Unlimited		
What are the costs to participate?	0.14% of your account value a year, capped at \$2,000 per year, plus 50 cents per month per account. <sup>2</sup>		
What are the current investment options?	Investment Contract Pool Mutual Funds Target Date Retirement Funds		Vanguard Money Market Mutual Funds Target Date Retirement Funds
May I roll over money from other retirement accounts into my Maryland Supplemental Retirement account? <sup>3</sup>	Yes – from a 457(b), 401(k), 403(b), thrift savings plan or IRA into your supplemental retirement account		
May I roll over my supplemental retirement account to another type of retirement account, like an IRA?	Yes – to a 457(b), 403(b), 401(k) or IRA, upon leaving State service	Yes – to a 457(b), 403(b), 401(k) or IRA, upon leaving State service or obtaining age 59½	
May I withdraw money from my account while employed?	Yes, but only at age 70½ or older, or qualify for an unforeseeable emergency withdrawal	Yes, but only at age 59½ or older, or qualify for a hardship withdrawal	
When may I begin withdrawals from my account without a penalty? <sup>4</sup>	When you leave State employment, regardless of age	If you leave State employment at age 55 or older, or at age 59½ regardless of employment. Other exceptions may apply. Consult your tax or legal advisor for more information	
May I change my withdrawal option, amount or frequency once I start payout?	Yes, excluding purchased annuities		
Must I elect my payout date when I leave State employment?	No – payouts not required until 70½ and separated from State service		
Is there a loan provision and a hardship/emergency provision?	Yes		

**NOTE: 401(a) Match Plan:** The withdrawal rules are the same for the 401(a) and 401(k) plans except that in the 401(a) plan, distributions are not permitted until separation from State service.

<sup>1</sup> Source: *IRS Announces 2015 Pension Plan Limitations*, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

<sup>2</sup> In addition, each of the mutual funds offered by the plan has fund expenses that are netted directly from the mutual fund's daily price. These will vary based upon the mutual fund selected. Also, some mutual funds may impose a short-term trade fee. Please read the underlying prospectuses carefully. NOTE: some mutual funds pay reimbursements that offset fees, see our "Mutual Fund Savings" pamphlet and your account statement for more information.

<sup>3</sup> As you make decisions about rolling over assets especially qualified retirement plans and IRAs, keep in mind that each type of account has different rules about fees, when you can access your funds, surrender charges and tax penalties.

<sup>4</sup> Withdrawals are taxed as ordinary income.

**Money market funds: Investment in the fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other federal government agency. Although the fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in a money market fund.**

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## After-tax Plans comparison chart

	Roth 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan	Roth 401(k) Savings & Investment Plan
Who's eligible to participate?	All regular and contractual State employees (including employees in higher education institutions)	
Who's eligible for the State match?	All State employees in the State Employees' Alternate Contributory Pension Plan	
Are payroll deductions pretax?	No	
What's the minimum I may contribute?	\$5 per biweekly pay	
What's the maximum I may contribute?	\$18,000 effective this calendar year (may be adjusted in future years for inflation) <sup>5</sup>	
May I "catch-up" in a later year?	Age 50 or older bonus: \$6,000 effective this calendar year. Special 457(b) catch-up provision available within 3 years of retirement. These two provisions may not be used in the same year. <sup>5</sup>	Age 50 or older bonus: \$6,000 deferral effective this calendar year <sup>5</sup>
May I contribute to more than one Plan at the same time?	Yes – but with the following limitations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$18,000 457(b) and/or Roth 457(b) + \$18,000 401(k) and/or Roth 401(k) = \$36,000/yr<sup>5</sup></li> <li>• \$18,000 457(b) and/or Roth 457(b) + \$18,000 403(b) = \$36,000/yr<sup>5</sup></li> <li>• \$18,000 457(b) and/or Roth 457(b) + combination of 403(b) &amp; 401(k)/Roth 401(k) not to exceed \$18,000 = \$36,000/yr<sup>5</sup></li> </ul>	
How often may I change my contribution amount?	Unlimited	
What are the costs to participate?	0.14% of your account value a year, capped at \$2,000 per year, plus 50 cents per month per account. <sup>6</sup>	
What are the current investment options?	Investment Contract Pool Mutual Funds Target Date Retirement Funds	
May I roll over money to or from other retirement accounts into my Maryland Supplemental Retirement account? <sup>7</sup>	Yes – but only a direct rollover from another Roth 457(b) account.	Yes – but only a direct rollover from another Roth 401(k) account.
Will my distributions be taxed?	Qualified distributions are not subject to federal or Maryland income tax. If not a qualified distribution, investment earnings are subject to ordinary income tax and possibly a 10% early withdrawal penalty. <sup>8</sup>	
When may I begin withdrawals from my account without a penalty? <sup>4</sup>	When you leave State employment, regardless of age	If you leave State employment at age 55 or older, or at age 59½ regardless of employment. Other exceptions may apply. Consult your tax or legal advisor for more information
May I change my withdrawal option, amount or frequency once I start my payout?	Yes, excluding purchased annuities	
Must I elect my payout date when I leave State employment?	No – payouts not required until 70½ and separated from State service	
Is there a loan provision and a hardship/emergency provision?	Yes	

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<sup>7</sup> As you make decisions about rolling over assets especially qualified retirement plans and IRAs, keep in mind that each type of account has different rules about fees, when you can access your funds, surrender charges and tax penalties.

<sup>8</sup> Generally, a Roth 401(k) or Roth 457(b) distribution is a qualified distribution if: 1) the first Roth contribution has been in the account for 5 years (the five-year period begins January 1 of the year a member first makes a Roth contribution into the account); and 2) a member is age 59½, (and for the Roth 457(b) has separated from State service) or has died or become disabled under IRC section 72(m)(7). Distributions made prior to these requirements being met are nonqualified distributions, and earnings could be taxable.

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