

New Plan vs. GSEPS Comparison Chart

Comparison of ERS New Plan and the Georgia State Employees Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS).

ERS	New Plan	GSEPS
Overview		
Plan Type	Pension Only Plan: • Pension • Option to save in Peach State Reserves (PSR) 401(k) or 457 with no employer match	Hybrid Plan: • Pension • Automatically enrolled in Peach State Reserves (PSR) 401(k) Plan with employer match
Eligibility	Hired before January 1, 2009	Hired on or after January 1, 2009
Vesting	10 years of Creditable Service	10 years Creditable Service for ERS pension 5 years Creditable Service for PSR 401(k) 401(k) vesting schedule for employer match and associated earnings: • 20% each year • 100% vested at 5 years of Creditable Service
Pension Benefit Formula Factor	2% Formula salary x .02 x Years of Creditable Service	1% Formula salary x .01 x Years of Creditable Service
Group Term Life Insurance (GTLI)	GTLI included in plan	No GTLI
Contributions		
Employee Pension Contributions	1.5% of pay each pay period1.25% pension0.25% GTLI	1.25% of pay each pay period
PSR Employee Contributions	Optional up to federal IRS limits. Can change contributions at any time.	New GSEPS members automatically enrolled at 5%. Can change contributions at any time.
Employer Contributions	Pension : Employer makes contributions on member's behalf. These contributions are not refundable to member.	Pension: Employer makes contributions on member's behalf. These contributions are not refundable to member.
	PSR: No employer match or other contributions	 PSR Employer Match: 100% match up to 5% for first five years of service Starting with sixth year of service, match increases ½% each year up to a maximum of 9% match with 13 years of Creditable Service, as long as member contributes at least 5%
Considerations		
Pension	2% Pension guaranteed for life	1% Pension Guaranteed for life
PSR Retirement Savings	Optional and no employer match	Potential 9% employer match 401(k) subject to the fluctuations of the stock market
Total Contributions	1.5% total contribution for 2% guaranteed pension and GTLI	1.25% Contribution for 1% guaranteed pension 5% 401(k) Contribution to receive full employer match Must contribute 6.25% of salary for full GSEPS benefits

For more information about the New Plan or GSEPS, visit the plan pages at ers.ga.gov