



County Employees' Retirement Fund

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Timetable for End of December Terminations

Many employees will end their county employment on December 31, 2021, and be eligible to commence their CERF Pension benefit on January 1, 2022.

Here are some helpful tips and timelines:

CERF needs Form 2V (Termination Vested) and 2B (Designation of Survivor) 30 to 90 days prior to commencement of CERF Pension benefits. Participants can sign and date those forms as early as October 3 of this year. Form 2V also requires completion by the county and signature of the County Clerk.

Please have all immediate retirees contact your county's Benefits Specialist at CERF. If you are not sure who your Benefits Specialist is, call CERF toll-free, 877-632-2373.

CERF Savings Online Enrollment

County employees can enroll online for the CERF 457 and 401(a) Savings Plan by going to <http://empowermyretirement.com> and clicking on the green "Register" button. Once registered, they can complete enrollment in the CERF 457 and 401(a) Plans. Online enrollment is an easy, secure way to enroll.

Medical Leave

Your county must have a written medical leave policy, stating the number of months allowed, in order for CERF to honor that as service credit, for a period up to 12 months. If your county simply follows the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993, a written statement to that effect must be included in your county personnel handbook.