

Traditional Plan

The SURS Traditional plan is the historical SURS Defined Benefit retirement plan. It was the only SURS plan available until 1998. It provides lifetime retirement benefits and a survivor benefit at no additional cost. However, the separation refund feature is not as generous as the [Portable plan](#) [1]. The Traditional plan is also the default plan assigned to members who fail to choose a plan within six months of certification.

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Resources for Traditional plan members including the [Traditional Member Guide](#) [4] and beneficiary designation, as well as information regarding service credit, insurance, and tax forms.

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Get answers to frequently asked questions regarding retirement, insurance, disability, refunds, and more.

[Helpful Sites](#) [6]

Use these links to find the latest tax forms available, locate a dentist in your area, learn about the State Universities Annuitant Association, and much more.

[Member Guide](#) [4] [7]

Learn more specific information about the benefits of the Traditional plan.

[Two-Tier Retirement System Chart](#) [8]

Compare the differences between the Portable, Traditional, and Self-Managed Plans.

[Retirement Application](#) [9]

Use this form to apply for retirement benefits of the Traditional plan.

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SURS [Videos](#) [10] to help guide you through various topics such as logging on and navigating the Member Website, the Benefit Estimator, information regarding the Traditional Plan, and more!

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