

## 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.

### **Forms and Guides** [3]

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.

### **Frequently Asked Questions** [5]

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.

### **Videos** [10]

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!

## Tags:

[Traditional Plan](#) <sup>[11]</sup>

[Retirement Plans](#) <sup>[12]</sup>

---

**Source URL:** <https://www.surs.org/traditional-plan>

## Links

[1] <https://www.surs.org/portable-plan>

[2] [https://www.surs.org/video/tutorials/traditional\\_plan/traditional\\_plan.html](https://www.surs.org/video/tutorials/traditional_plan/traditional_plan.html)

[3] <https://www.surs.org/forms-guides-traditional-plan>

[4] <https://www.surs.org/sites/default/files/pdfsx/Guide-TRD.pdf>

[5] <https://www.surs.org/general-faqs>

[6] <https://www.surs.org/helpful-sites>

[7] <https://www.surs.org/shepherd.surs?flk=Trad&shp=6>

[8] [https://www.surs.org/sites/default/files/pdfsx/Two\\_Tier.pdf](https://www.surs.org/sites/default/files/pdfsx/Two_Tier.pdf)

[9] <https://www.surs.org/retirement-application-builder-defined-benefit-plans>

[10] <https://www.surs.org/videos#trad>

[11] <https://www.surs.org/tags/traditional-plan>

[12] <https://www.surs.org/tags/retirement-plans>