

# CARES Act Notice

## To all participants in the CalPERS 457 Plan:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020, helping ease some of the financial pressures facing Americans in the wake of COVID-19. If you have been impacted by COVID-19 and meet the Eligibility Requirements, the Act allows more access to retirement savings.

CalPERS appreciates that this is a challenging situation and you may need access to your retirement savings in the CalPERS 457 Plan. It's important to weigh the immediate benefit of taking a loan or plan distribution, however, with the long-term consequences of depleting your retirement savings.

### **You satisfy the Eligibility Requirements to receive benefit relief if you are an individual who experiences one (1) of the following:**

- You are diagnosed with the virus SARS-CoV-2 or with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) by a test approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Your spouse or dependent is diagnosed with such virus or disease by such a test.
- You experience adverse financial consequences as a result of:
  - being quarantined, furloughed or laid off or having work hours reduced due to such virus or disease.
  - being unable to work due to lack of child care due to such virus or disease, closing or reducing hours of a business owned or operated by the individual due to such virus or disease.
  - meeting such other factors as may be issued in Treasury guidance.

### **If you meet one of the eligibility requirements described above, your expanded options include:**

#### **Coronavirus-related distributions (CRD) from your CalPERS 457 Plan**

- You can request a CRD of up to an aggregate amount of \$100,000 through December 31, 2020.
- The CRD is not subject to the mandatory federal 20% tax withholding that otherwise apply to distributions.
- You may elect to have the CRD included in your gross income ratably over three years or the total distribution included as income for 2020. Your distribution will be reported for the 2020 tax year. You should work with your Tax Advisor in regard to your taxes.
- The \$100,000 CRD maximum applies on an individual basis for all of your retirement plans and IRAs. If you take a CRD from another Plan or IRA, you are responsible for tracking your limits to ensure that you do not exceed the \$100,000 maximum.

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**If you meet one of the eligibility requirements described above, your expanded options include:** *(continued)*

**Coronavirus-related increase in loan maximum (if your employer has adopted the Loan Provision)**

- You may take a new coronavirus-related loan from your CalPERS 457 Plan up to the lesser of \$100,000 or 100% of your vested account balance.
- Your existing plan loans (if any) will count against the number of loans available under the plan, as well as your maximum loan amount available.
- You may take this loan beginning March 27, 2020 through September 23, 2020.

**Coronavirus-related delay in loan repayments (if your employer has adopted the Loan Provision)**

- You may delay the repayment that is due on your new or existing loan for a period of one year for those loan repayments that are due from March 27, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
- When repayments recommence, the loan repayment amount will be adjusted to reflect the loan repayment delay and include accrued interest during the delay period.

**IMPORTANT:** In order to receive the coronavirus-related relief, you will be required to certify that you satisfy one of the Eligibility Requirements at the time of the request. For more information or to elect one of these CRD options, please call **800-260-0659** weekdays between 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (excluding stock market holidays) to speak with a Participant Service Representative.

**Other relief for all CalPERS 457 Plan participants regardless of whether or not you meet the Eligibility Requirements.**

**Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)**

- There are no required RMDs for 2020.
- You will receive an additional communication if RMDs are applicable to you.

*Please note that CalPERS and the CalPERS 457 Plan recordkeeper, Voya Financial, cannot provide you with tax advice. Prior to taking an action, you should speak with your tax advisor.*