

**California Department of Human Resources
Memorandum**

TO: Personnel Management Liaisons (PML)

SUBJECT: 1959 Survivor Benefit Rate Increase	REFERENCE NUMBER: 2014-014
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On June 18, 2014, CalPERS Board approved the contribution rates for the 1959 Survivor Benefit for eligible State employees. The total monthly contribution approved for the 1959 Survivor Benefit is \$11.10 for fiscal year 2014-15. The State employee and employer monthly contribution rates will be \$5.55 effective July 1, 2014.

Pursuant to Government Code section 21581(c), the contribution for State employees covered under the 1959 Survivor Benefit – 5th Level may be \$2 per month as long as the combined employee and employer cost for this benefit is \$4 per month. If the total cost of this benefit exceeds \$4 per month, the employee and employer shall equally share the cost of the benefit.

State employees under the Judges' Retirement System and Legislators' Retirement System are not covered under the 1959 Survivor Benefit – 5th Level.

Questions related to the 1959 Survivor rate increase should be directed to CalHR as provided in this memorandum. If you have questions related to CalPERS membership eligibility and benefit information, please contact CalPERS at (888) 225-7377 or visit the CalPERS website at www.calpers.ca.gov.

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