



RETIREMENT BENEFIT ESTIMATE REQUEST

Please return the completed form to:
Ventura County Employees' Retirement Association
1190 South Victoria Avenue, Suite 200, Ventura, CA 93003
Phone: (805) 339-4250 Fax: (805) 339-4269

For a general estimate, you may use the online Retirement Benefit Calculator on the VCERA website at:
[County of Ventura - Pension Calculator](#)

Estimates provided for retirement dates more than 1 year into the future will be calculated using the current compensation measurement period. Your estimate will be sent to your home address.

Please Note: Completion time for Estimate Requests is 10 to 12 weeks.

[Please Print]

Name: _____ Date: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Retirement Date:* _____

Employee ID # _____ Phone: Work _____ Home _____

Home Address:

Spouse's Name: _____

Spouse's Date of Birth: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**See the back of this form for information regarding choosing a retirement date*

Things to consider when choosing a retirement date

- If you are a General Tier I or Safety member, Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) are posted to eligible retirees on April 1 of each year. If you are planning to retire in the spring and retire on or before April 1, you will be eligible for the retirement benefit increase that occurs on that April 1. If you retire after April 1, you will be eligible for a retirement benefit COLA starting on the *following* April 1.
- If you plan to retire around an age quarter on your birthday, 3 months after your birthday, 6 months after your birthday, or 9 months after your birthday – you may want to choose a retirement date that is on or after your age quarter. You are granted an additional .25 of age credit on these quarter dates (up to age 55 for Safety and age 65 for General members).
- If you are eligible for and plan to redeem vacation or annual leave, plan your retirement date so the redemption (up to allowed maximums) is included in your final average salary measurement period. The measurement period is the highest consecutive (usually final) 12 months for General Tier I and Safety members or 36 months for General Tier II members.
- If you had a previous membership in VCERA and you withdrew the funds, you can make a redeposit and then receive service credit for that time. Also, if you have unpaid medical leave, non-member Ventura County service prior to 1/1/92, military service, or other qualifying public service, you may be able to purchase the service credit for that time. Choose a retirement date after you have completed any redeposit or purchase to assure you receive credit.

**Please contact a VCERA Retirement Specialist at (805) 339-4250
if you have questions about choosing a retirement date.**