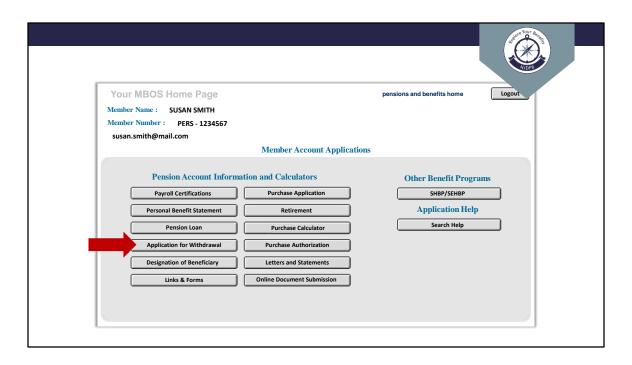


This step-by-step guide will assist active Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF), and Police Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) members with submitting a withdrawal application.

Active pension members must use the Member Benefits Online System (MBOS) to submit the withdrawal application. Authorized users can register for an MBOS account here: https://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/mbos-register.shtml

For assistance with the registration process, see the *Active MBOS Registration* video in our video gallery: https://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/videos.shtml

Please note, if you have already registered for MBOS, you will not be able to register again. If you need assistance accessing your existing MBOS account, please see our MBOS Troubleshooting videos in our video gallery.

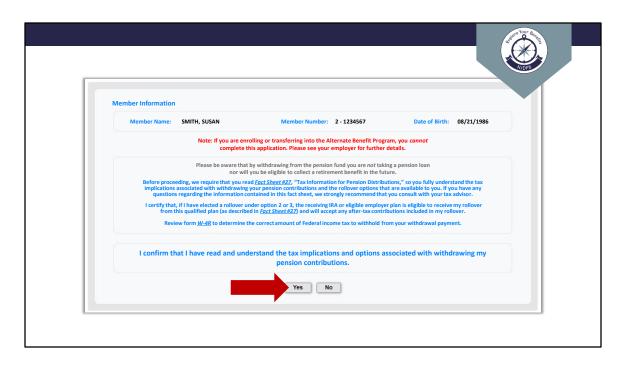


Once you have accessed your MBOS account, click the "Application for Withdrawal" button to begin.

To exit the withdrawal application anytime before your final submission, click the "Home" button located at the top of your MBOS screen.

It is important to note that only individuals whose employment has ended are eligible to withdraw from their retirement system. Participation in PERS, TPAF, or PFRS is a condition of employment if the employee's position meets the retirement system's enrollment criteria.

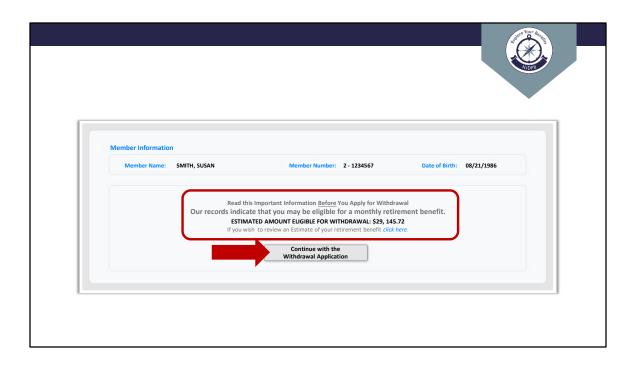
It is also important to note withdrawing from the pension system is NOT the same as applying for a pension loan. For more information regarding pension loans, please see the *Pension Loans* fact sheet available on our website or the *Applying for a Pension Loan* video available in our video gallery.



On the first page, you must certify that you have read the *Tax Information for Pension Distributions* fact sheet and understand the tax implications associated with withdrawing your pension.

If you have not read the fact sheet, click the "Fact Sheet #27" hyperlink to be redirected to it.

When you are ready to proceed, click the "Yes" button.



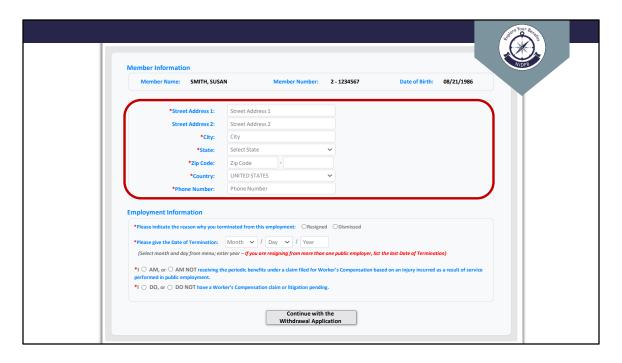
If your pension account is vested with 10 years of service, or you have met the retirement requirements for a service retirement for your retirement system and membership tier, a message will appear alerting you that you may be eligible for retirement benefits.

If you wish to review an estimate of your retirement benefits, select the "click here" hyperlink to be redirected to the MBOS Retirement Estimate Calculator.

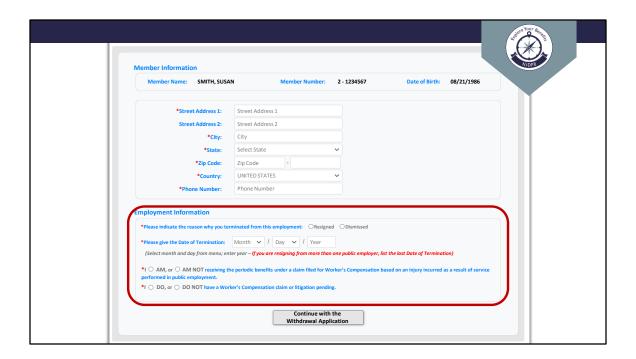
Please note that if you are eligible for a monthly retirement benefit but choose to withdraw your pension contributions, you will forfeit your right to that benefit.

If you wish to proceed with the application for withdrawal, click the "Continue with the Withdrawal Application" button to go to the next page.

If you are not vested or eligible for a monthly retirement benefit, you will not see this screen and will begin on the next page.



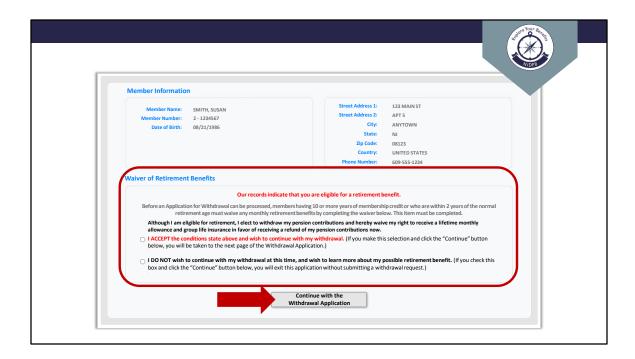
Provide your current contact information at the top.



At the bottom of that screen, answer the questions regarding your termination of employment.

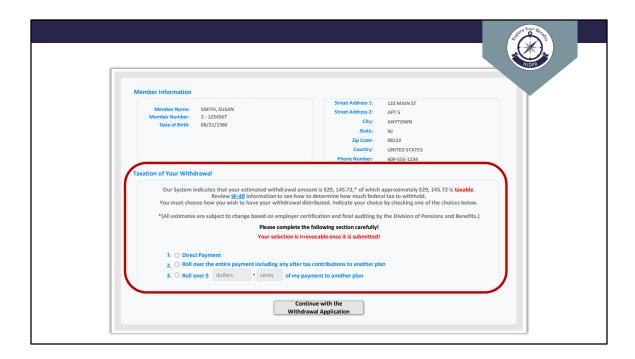
When done, click the "Continue with the Withdrawal Application" button.

If you are receiving periodic benefits under Workers' Compensation, or have a Workers' Compensation claim or litigation pending, applying for a withdrawal may jeopardize those benefits. To continue with your withdrawal, you must complete a waiver of any pension benefits associated with a Workers' Compensation award. See the *Workers' Compensation* fact sheet for more information.

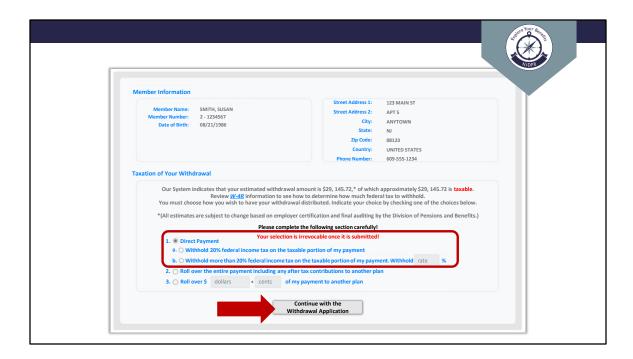


If our records indicate that you are eligible for a monthly retirement benefit, you will need to waive that benefit before proceeding.

Select the appropriate bubble and then click "Continue with the Withdrawal Application" button.

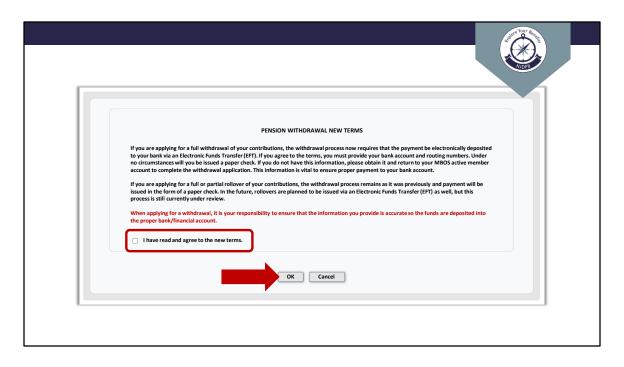


If you opted to waive your monthly retirement benefits and continue the withdrawal process, you will select how you wish to have your withdrawal distributed.



If you choose a direct payment, you must indicate what percentage you'd like withheld for federal taxes. It is recommended that you review the linked W-4R form to determine how much federal tax to withhold.

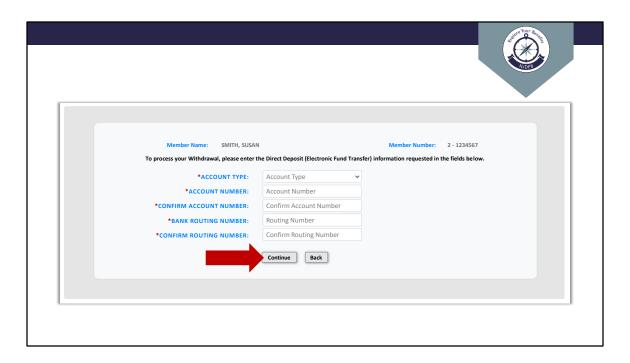
When ready, click "Continue with the Withdrawal Application" button.



If you elect to have the payment made to you, you must agree to the pension withdrawal terms regarding your payment being electronically deposited to your bank via an Electronic Funds Transfer, or EFT.

Once you have thoroughly reviewed the terms, check the box to indicate you have read and agree to the terms.

Then click "OK."



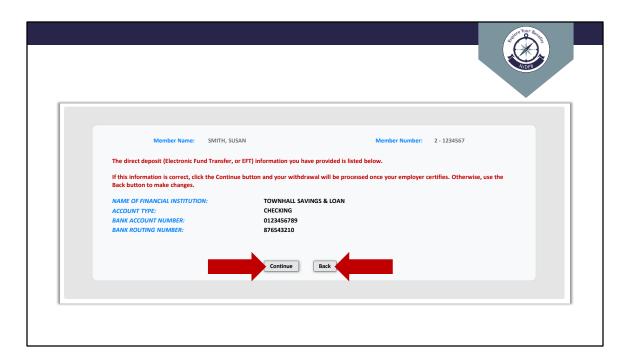
A new page will open with fields for you to provide your bank information.

Select the account type from the drop down.

Then enter your bank account number in the appropriate field and then reenter it in the field below to confirm your account number.

Next enter your bank's nine-digit routing number in each field indicated.

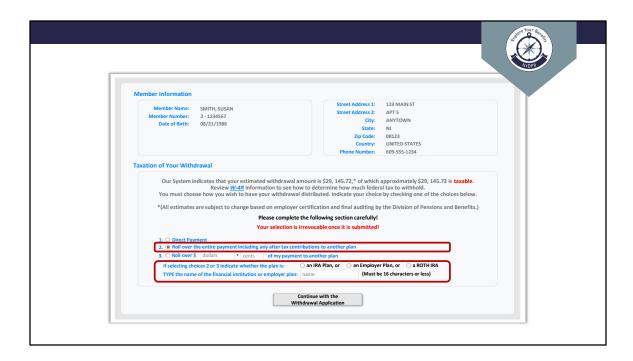
Then click the "Continue" button.



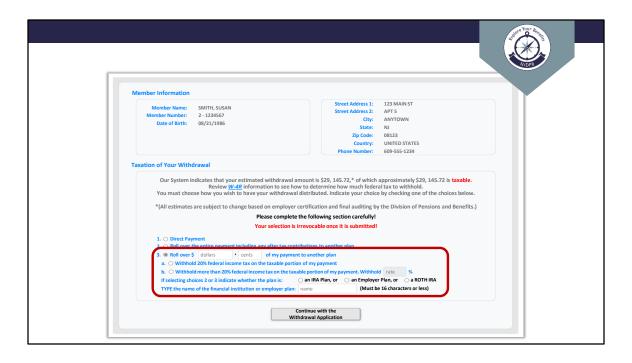
The direct deposit information you have provided will appear. Verify that the information listed is correct.

To make any corrections, click the "Back" button.

Otherwise, click the "Continue" button to proceed with to the withdrawal application summary page.



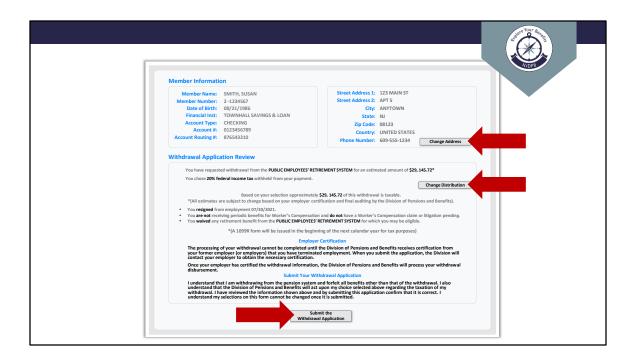
If you choose payment option 2, you will indicate whether the plan is an IRA, an employer-sponsored plan, or a Roth IRA, and provide the name of the financial institution or employer plan. Your qualified plan must already be established before requesting the rollover and you must verify that your plan will accept the funds. The rollover check will be sent to you (made payable to your financial institution) and you will be responsible for forwarding it to your plan.



If you choose payment option 3, you must indicate the amount you would like to roll over in addition to the percentage you wish to be withheld for federal income tax.

Like payment option 2, you will indicate whether the plan is an IRA, an employer-sponsored plan, or a Roth IRA, and provide the name of the financial institution or employer plan. Your qualified plan must already be established before requesting the rollover and you must verify that your plan will accept the funds. The rollover check will be sent to you (made payable to your financial institution) and you will be responsible for forwarding it to your plan.

When ready, click "Continue with the Withdrawal Application" button.



Once all of the requested information has been provided, carefully review your application summary.

To update your contact information, click the "Change Address" button.

To change your payment option, tax withholding, or direct deposit information, click the "Change Distribution" button.

If everything is correct, click the "Submit the Withdrawal Application Button."

To exit the Application for Withdrawal without submitting, click the "home" button located at the top of your MBOS screen.



A confirmation page will appear when your withdrawal application has been successfully submitted.

You should keep a copy of this confirmation for your records. Click the "Print/View" button to print or save your withdrawal confirmation.

A W-4R form is automatically generated upon the submission of your withdrawal application. To print or save a copy of this document, click the "Completed W-4R" button.





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If you have any questions regarding withdrawing from the retirement system, you can reach out to the Division of Pensions & Benefits by telephone, email, or postal mail.

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