

RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY

Definitions:

Retirement:

The receipt of retirement benefits after the member has made an application and has fulfilled all requirements for a retirement benefit.

Protective Occupations:

WRS members who are classified “protective category employees” are as follows:

- Protective without Social Security: firefighters who are not covered under the federal Social Security program.

Earliest or Minimum Retirement Age:

The minimum age at which a member can begin receiving a retirement annuity, if the person also meets all other eligibility criteria to receive an annuity. Age is determined by employment category that a person is in when terminating all WRS–covered employment.

Employment Category	Earliest Retirement Age
General Employees and Teachers	55
Elected Officials and State Executive Retirement Plan Employees	55
Protective Occupation Employees who terminated after 1980	50
Protective Occupation Employees who terminated before 1981	55

Normal Retirement Age:

The age at which you may begin receiving a retirement annuity that is not reduced by an actuarial age reduction factor. The normal retirement ages for the various employment categories are as follows:

Employment Category	Normal Retirement Age
General employees and Teachers	65
Elected Officials and State Executive Retirement Plan Employees	62
Protective Occupation Employees with less than 25 years of creditable service	53
Protective Occupation Employees who terminated before 1981 regardless of years of service	55