

Annual Update:

When there is a change to your monthly payment, you will receive notification of the change. The Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Commission

(STSC) is pleased to provide you with your January 2022 Notification of Deposit. Your January payment reflects the **2023 Cost of Living Allowance**

(COLA) increase of 5.2%, plus any changes in Federal and Provincial income tax rates.

Cost of Living Allowance Increase:

Section 22 of *The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Act* provides an annual COLA for retired teachers, spousal benefit recipients and dependents. **For those who began receiving payments during the 2022 calendar year, the COLA will be prorated.** Allowances are adjusted

each January 1 by 80% of the percentage increase obtained by dividing the average Canadian consumer price index (CPI) for the 12 months ending on the 31st day of October of the previous year by the average CPI for the 12 months ending on the 31st day of October one year earlier.

Your annual increase is provided to help offset the effects of inflation. The 2023 COLA is the highest amount applied to superannuation benefits since 1984 when COLA was 5.4%.

2022 T4A Income Tax Slips:

The CRA T4As are **scheduled** to be mailed from the STSC **the week beginning February 6, 2023**. For those who superannuated part way through the year, you will receive a separate T4A

for the group life insurance taxable benefit from when you were teaching. For those who were in receipt of a disability benefit and superannuated part way through 2022, you could

receive up to three T4As. One for your disability benefit, one for superannuate benefit and one for the group life insurance taxable benefit from when you were teaching.

Power of Attorney:

To ensure you have the proper legal authority in place if you are unable to carry out your financial instructions, you may have authorized a family member or trusted friend to be your Power of

Attorney. A Power of Attorney is a legal document that gives someone else the right to act on your behalf, like managing your financial affairs in your absence.

If you have provided a Power of Attorney to a trusted person, a copy of this document should be forwarded to the Commission to keep on file.

Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Commission Launches New Website!

In May 2022, the STSC launched a new redesigned website to replace the former website that was developed in 2002. The new website is easier to navigate with a fresh modern look.

Items available on the website will include member forms relating to the administration of the teachers' superannuation, group life insurance plan, information on the

Commission and the teacher benefit plans it administers, links to other relevant pension and benefit websites, along with the Commission's annual reports. **Check out the new website at www.stsc.gov.sk.ca.**

Request to Confirm Receipt of Pension Payments coming in July 2023:

It's considered a best practice in the pension industry for plan administrators to periodically contact its superannuates and receive confirmation that they are indeed receiving their pension benefits. Beginning in 2017, the STSC implemented a process where each pension recipient that receives a benefit from the Teachers' Superannuation Plan will be mailed a letter every three years requesting, they confirm in writing they are receiving their pension entitlement. These periodic pension confirmations have been successful in identifying a small number of deaths that

were not reported to the Commission resulting in pension payments continuing to be paid to people not entitled to receive the benefit. In these cases, the payments were discontinued and monies were returned to the Fund. This type of periodic validation is very important to ensure the integrity of the Plan. The primary purpose of this pension confirmation is to certify the proper person entitled to the pension benefit is receiving their payment. In July 2023, the Commission will be mailing out a letter asking pension recipients to sign and return the letter to the STSC to confirm

they are receiving their pension benefits. The pension confirmation letter will include a self-addressed postage paid return envelope for each person's convenience. This project will be complete once each pension payment is successfully confirmed and reconciled. The Commission sincerely appreciates your timely response to its pension confirmation request. **Please watch for the pension confirmation letter scheduled to be mailed out by the second week of July 2023.**

Important Reminders:

Your Beneficiary - If you had a change in personal circumstance, it is important to update your designated nominees/beneficiaries for your pension and group life insurance. This is especially important if you have a change in a family

situation due to marriage, divorce or death. Please note common law status is only recognized under *The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Act* if you are not married.

A beneficiary form for group life insurance benefits will supersede a Last Will and Testament. You can find the Group Life Beneficiary and the Appointment of Nominee forms on our website.

Banking Information - For security reasons, changes to your bank information cannot be taken over the telephone. To update your

account information, please send a void cheque attached to a letter that includes your Social Insurance Number, or a direct

deposit authorization signed by yourself. You can find the Direct Deposit form on our website provided below.

Address - Thinking of moving? Don't forget to let the Commission know! Inform us of your new address change and include your

Social Insurance Number. This will ensure that you receive your T4A and any other correspondence in a timely manner.

Below is our contact information. You can find an address change form on our website.

2023 Pension Deposit Dates:

January 31, 2023
February 28, 2023
March 31, 2023
April 28, 2023

May 31, 2023
June 30, 2023
July 31, 2023
August 31, 2023

September 28, 2023
October 31, 2023
November 30, 2023
December 22, 2023

Update Your Pension Information with the STSC:

New information for address changes, banking information or providing copies of a Power of Attorney are accepted by the STSC by email, Canada Post or via fax. The Commission and its Administrative team welcome any comments you wish to share regarding our services.

Send your comments and questions to:
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Regina SK S4S 0B1

Email: mail@stsc.gov.sk.ca
Fax: 306-787-1939
Telephone: 1-877-364-8202 or 306-787-6440
Website: www.stsc.gov.sk.ca

Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan Extended Health and Dental Statements:

The Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan (STS) advises that STS Group Benefit members will receive a statement for

Extended Health and Dental premiums paid for 2022 in February 2023.

Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan Benefits:

The STS would like to remind you that if you are the primary plan holder on the STS Group Benefits Plan and qualify, or will soon qualify, for the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan at age 65, **please send a copy of your**

letter from the Ministry of Health to the STS office. If you have been notified by the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan that you no longer qualify, please provide a copy of that letter to the STS office.

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