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## How Do I Start My Benefits?

Are you thinking about retiring soon but not sure how to start? We'd like to meet with you! IPERS' retirement counselors are available by phone, in person, and via the web. Our goal is to meet with every member before retirement to avoid surprises after retirement. [Contact us](#) to schedule your appointment.

## Upcoming Membership Survey

Essman Research has been hired to conduct an awareness study of IPERS membership. If you receive a phone call, please take time to share your views. The information we gain from members will help us create better communication and training tools.

## Tax Prep Time Is Coming Up

Your IPERS benefit is subject to federal income tax and state income tax. Learn more on our [website](#). 1099-R tax forms will be mailed to IPERS retirees by 1/31/2016. Retirees can access previous years' forms online through [My Account](#).

## Watch Your Mail for IPERS' Financial Summary

Your copy of IPERS' fiscal year 2015 [annual report summary](#) will be mailed soon. Watch for it and learn how you can count on IPERS for a safe and secure retirement.

## Service Purchase Rules Change

Effective January 1, 2016, purchasing IPERS service is part of the retirement process. If you need more information about this, see the [Service Purchase FAQ](#) and the online presentation, [Purchasing Service: Is It Right For You?](#)

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