



The STAR Bulletin is a newsletter designed for District of Columbia annuitants in the Judges', Teachers', Police Officers' and Firefighters' retirement plans. The STAR Bulletin's mission is to give you information, highlight current events, and keep you up-to-date on STAR and your retirement. We hope this Bulletin is informative for you.



STAR will expand service beginning in the fall of 2005. STAR will service all annuitants on the Police Officers', Firefighters', Teachers' and Judges' retirement plans. STAR currently supports all annuitants under the Judges' Plan, individuals who retired on or before June 30, 1997, and their survivors. This fall, STAR will begin to service all "new" retirees as well as the annuitants who retired after June 30, 1997. The expansion of services will bring an additional 3000 annuitants on to the STAR rolls along with 40 or so new retirees each month.

- For those of you who are already served by STAR (retired before June 30, 1997), the level of support you receive will not change or be impacted by the expansion.
- For those of you coming to STAR this fall (retired after June 30, 1997), you will receive a detailed package of information providing you with all of the relevant information six to eight weeks before receiving your first payment from STAR.



On or about October 1, 2005, we expect the responsibility for processing annuities and customer service for the District of Columbia's retired Police Officers, Firefighters and Teachers to transfer from the District's Office of Pay and Retirement Services (OPRS) to the District of Columbia Retirement Board (DCRB). With the transfer, the role of the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of D.C. Pensions (ODCP) remains the same. The organizations are working closely to ensure a smooth transition. One of our goals is to make this transition as transparent as is possible for you. To that end, there will be no interruption in service; you will continue to receive your payments on the first business day of each month. You will continue to receive Earnings Statements that outline your annuity payment, as well as notification when your annuity changes.



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STAR Questions: Email: STAR@do.treas.gov

- When sending any correspondence or materials, please include your telephone number so that we may contact you if we have any questions.
- We will advise you of new contact information prior to the transition date.

★ Important Information ★

You should have received your 1099-R form by now. If you have not received this important tax form, please contact us and be sure to provide your correct mailing address.

At this time of year, many individuals start to consider changing the tax withholding from their annuity payments. To adjust your federal withholding, complete a form W-4P, *Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments*, and submit it to us. Remember, you also have the right to choose not to have federal income tax withheld from your annuity payment.