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New York State
Deferred Compensation Plan

A 457(b) Plan for Your Future



Now more than ever, the New York State Deferred Compensation Plan is designed to help simplify your life and serve you throughout your lifetime — even after you have retired or left public service.

To simplify your life, you may want to transfer other qualified accounts (e.g., 401(k), 403(b), IRA, 457) into your Plan account because of all the attractive benefits the Plan offers. When you are ready to receive benefit payments, the Plan provides maximum flexibility in the manner and timing of how you receive your benefits.

Many retirement planners and financial organizations are actively encouraging Plan participants to transfer their Plan assets to their respective companies. Perhaps you have received this type of solicitation. It is important you know that you are not required to transfer your Plan assets when you leave public employment. You are welcome to continue enjoying the benefits of participation in the state Plan.

This brochure highlights some of the many benefits of your continued participation, including:

- The flexibility to change the timing and amount of your benefit payment
- An annual state income tax deduction of up to \$20,000 for New York State residents who are at least age 59½ and receive periodic benefit payments
- The ability to withdraw funds upon leaving employment prior to age 59½ without incurring a 10% penalty; keep in mind that if any money in your Plan account was rolled in from another plan type, it may be subject to the 10% penalty
- Low investment and administrative fees
- The availability of a self-directed investment account for expanded investment opportunities

If you are considering rolling in other accounts or even rolling your Plan account out of the Plan, the opposite side of this brochure identifies some questions that you will want to ask to ensure that you make an informed decision.

We value your continued participation and believe that the Plan is better positioned than ever to serve you. If you have any questions about the Plan's services, please contact the HELPLINE or visit the Plan's website at nysdcp.com.

Advantages of the Plan

Easy-to-understand fees

The participant fee is a combination of a \$20 annual fee, paid in two \$10 semiannual installments, and an asset-based fee calculated based on a percentage of the participant's account balance. The current asset-based fee is 3.5 basis points. This fee is paid in two annual installments of 1.75 basis points in April and October. The asset-based fee is subject to change and is posted each quarter on the IPR provided to you in your quarterly statement; it is also available on the website. The asset-based fee is charged only on accounts with balances in excess of \$20,000 and is capped for accounts exceeding \$200,000. The participant and asset-based fees are deducted from the participant's accounts in April and October of each year. Administrative reimbursements by some of the Plan's mutual fund investment options are paid to accounts of participants who are invested in the mutual funds that pay the reimbursements.

Distribution flexibility

You may receive your Plan benefits any way you like: in single lump-sum payments or in monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual (periodic) installments. You have the ability to change your payout option at any time. You may increase or decrease your payout or stop your benefit payment altogether (subject to certain federal regulations). The option is yours.

\$20,000 tax exemption

The first \$20,000 in periodic Plan benefit payments you receive each year is exempt from New York State income tax, if you are a New York State resident and at least age 59½. You contributed money to the Plan on a pretax basis and it grew tax deferred. Now, some or all of the benefit payments you receive from the Plan may be excluded from your New York State income tax calculation.

Wide variety of investment options

The Plan offers a wide variety of investment options, including a stable income fund, balanced funds, bond funds, retirement date funds, and domestic and foreign stock mutual funds. This array of investment options may help you to fully diversify your portfolio.

Tax-deferred growth

Any growth of the assets in your Plan account will be tax deferred and free of income and capital gains taxes while your assets remain in the Plan. You will be responsible for taxes only when you take your money out. Withdrawals from the Plan are subject to ordinary income taxes.

Do you expect to be working after 72?

Many retirement plans require that benefit payments begin at age 72, whether or not you are still working. The Plan gives participants who attain age 72 the option of delaying benefits until retirement, along with the option of receiving benefit payments while they are still employed.

No penalty taxes for early withdrawals

Once you are eligible for a benefit payment from the Plan, there is no 10% penalty for payments made to you before age 59½. Benefit payments from other retirement plans prior to age 59½ may be made only for specific and documented purposes to avoid the 10% penalty. This is not the case in the Plan. However, keep in mind that if any money in your Plan account was rolled in from another plan type, it may be subject to the 10% penalty. If you are eligible for a benefit payment and not yet 59½, there are no other restrictions. Just let us know how much of your account balance you need.

Additional investment options

In addition to offering a diversified menu of investment options, the Plan permits participants to invest a portion of their account in mutual funds and exchange-traded funds outside the Plan's core offerings through a self-directed investment account provided by Charles Schwab & Company Inc., member SIPC, through the Schwab Personal Choice Retirement Account (PCRA). Fees and eligibility requirements apply. For information about this service and participation fees, please call the HELPLINE or visit the Plan's website.

No mandatory payouts

Many retirement plans require that the full amount of your account be paid automatically if your assets are less than \$5,000. The Plan does not require a minimum balance to continue participation in the Plan.

The New York State Deferred Compensation Plan has served you well

Whether you have been a participant in the Plan for 1 year or throughout your career, we hope the Plan has provided a strong vehicle to prepare you for retirement. Benefits of membership are available for all your qualified assets and do not stop when you retire or leave public employment. Let us continue to provide the quality service you have become accustomed to receiving.

The ability to transfer (roll over) assets between retirement plans is one of the many benefits provided by the Plan. For many participants, however, a rollover out of the Plan may not offer the best choice. The following are some of the questions you will need to get answers to before making a decision:

Tax consequences

- Will you be subject to a 10% penalty tax if you take a withdrawal before age 59½ from the roll-in plan provider?
- What is the tax impact of the transfer itself, if any? Plan representatives don't give tax or investment advice. See your tax advisor for answers to your specific questions.

Distribution flexibility

- Will the plan provider allow you to change your benefit payment option at any time without cost?
- Does the plan provider require an automatic distribution of your assets if you do not meet a minimum balance requirement?

Expense comparison

Expenses that are charged to your retirement plan may have a profound impact on the size of your account, particularly when they are compounded over time. While expenses may not be the only criteria you use in evaluating retirement plan providers, it makes sense to obtain an estimate for each category of expense you will incur before you make a decision. The chart below is designed to assist you in making such a comparison.

Category of Expense	NYSDCP	Provider A	Provider B	Provider C
Annual Maintenance Fee ¹	\$			
Fund Operating Expenses ²	Varies by fund			
Sales Loads (Front End, Back End)	\$0			
Contingent Deferred Sales Charge	\$0			
Investment Advisor Fee	\$0			
Mortality & Expense	\$0			
Total Estimate of Annual Expenses				

¹ See "Easy-to-understand fees."

² HOW TO OBTAIN A PROSPECTUS: Underlying fund prospectuses can be obtained by calling the HELPLINE at 1-800-422-8463. Before investing, carefully consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. The underlying fund prospectus contains this and other important information. Read the prospectuses carefully before investing.

Investment options and performance

- Does the plan provider offer reasonably priced investment options that are consistent with your objectives?
- What is the performance record of the investment options, or the investment advisor, net of fees? Please keep in mind that past performance does not guarantee future results.
- Can you make transfers between the options? Is there a charge for transfers?

Expenses (use the chart below to compare plans)

- Does the plan provider charge you an annual maintenance fee? Are there hidden costs?
- Will you pay an asset-based fee for the management of your account? Are there transaction costs?
- What are the operating expense ratios of the mutual funds or other investment products that you will be investing in?

Qualifications

- What professional certifications and licenses does the plan provider have?



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Plan Mission Statement:

The New York State Deferred Compensation Plan is a voluntary retirement savings plan that provides quality investment options, investment educational programs and related services to help state and local public employees achieve their retirement savings goals.

The New York State Deferred Compensation Plan is a state-sponsored employee benefit for state employees and employees of participating employers.

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TTY/TDD services are available 24 hours a day, toll-free at 1-800-514-2447.



Website

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