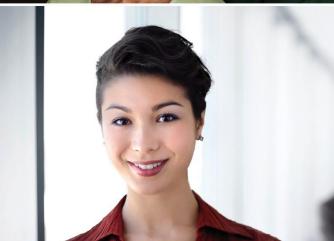


VRS Hybrid Retirement Plan Features and Benefits







Version 04/23

Introductions





Virginia Retirement System & DCP

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Learn About Your Plan



New members with no previous VRS creditable service and a membership date on or after January 1, 2014:

Eligible Members	Ineligible Members
 State employees School division employees Political subdivision employees Judges appointed or elected to an original term New members who are eligible for ORP must elect ORP or Hybrid 	 State Police Officers' Retirement System (SPORS) members Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System (VaLORS) members Political subdivision members who are covered by enhanced benefits for hazardous duty employees

What is the Hybrid Retirement Plan?

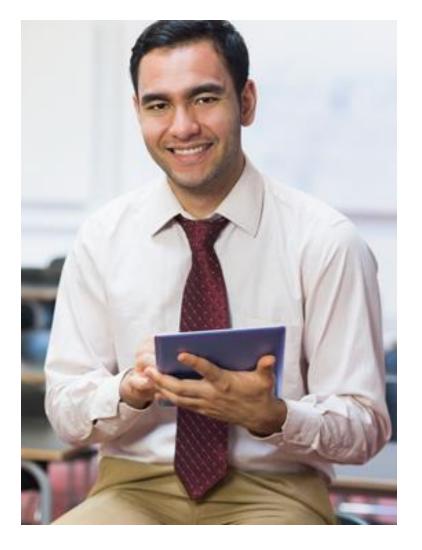


Combines the features of a **defined contribution** plan and a **defined benefit** program:

Defined Benefit (DB)	Defined Contribution (DC)
 Provides the <i>foundation</i> of your future retirement Pays a monthly retirement benefit <i>VRS</i> manages the investments and related risk for this component 	 Provides a tax-deferred savings plan Pays a retirement benefit based on contributions to the plan and the investment performance of those contributions You manage the investments and related risk for this component

Contributions



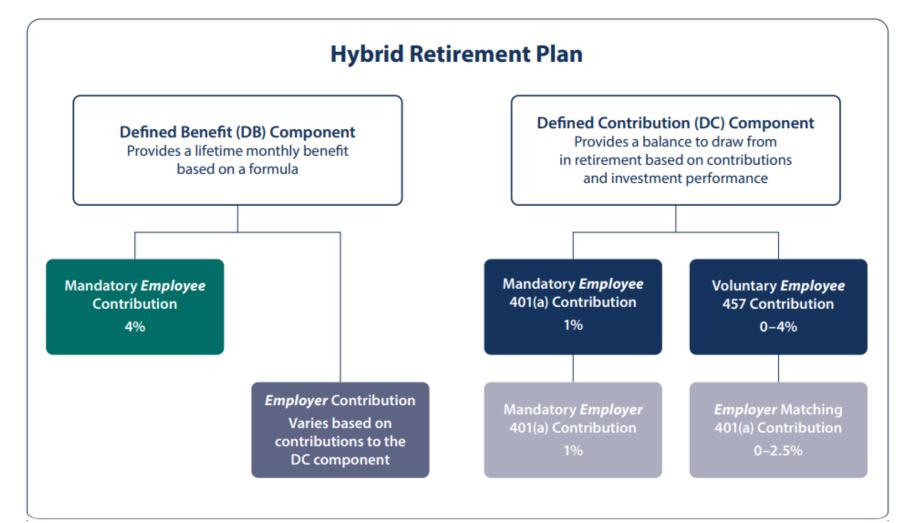


Hybrid members make two types of contributions to the hybrid plan:

- mandatory contributions, which all members are required to make;
- and additional voluntary
 contributions that you may choose to make.

Contributions Illustration





How Much Can I Contribute?

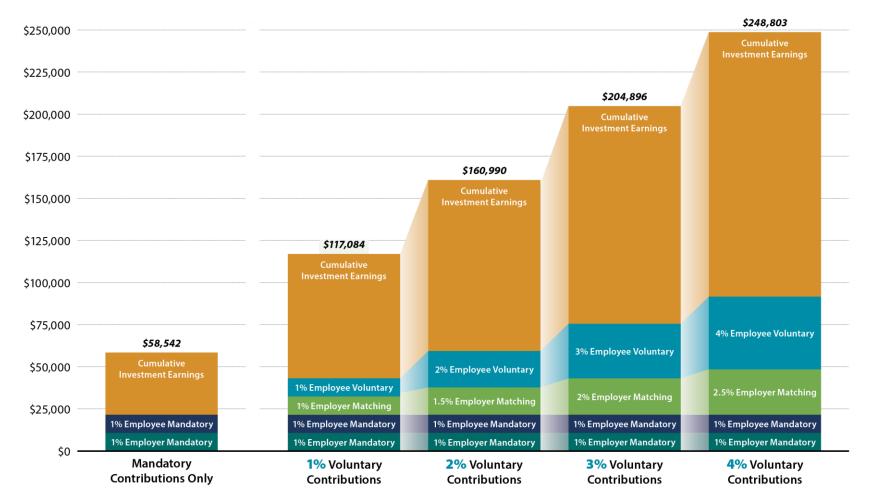


Totals	DCP			VRS	
Employee	Defined Contribution Employee Mandatory — 401(a)	Defined Contribution Employer Mandatory — 401(a)	Defined Contribution Employee Voluntary — 457	Defined Contribution Employer Match for Voluntary — 401(a)	Defined Benefit Employee
5.00%	1.00%	1.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.00%
5.50%	1.00%	1.00%	0.50%	0.50%	4.00%
6.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	4.00%
6.50%	1.00%	1.00%	1.50%	1.25%	4.00%
7.00%	1.00%	1.00%	2.00%	1.50%	4.00%
7.50%	1.00%	1.00%	2.50%	1.75%	4.00%
8.00%	1.00%	1.00%	3.00%	2.00%	4.00%
8.50%	1.00%	1.00%	3.50%	2.25%	4.00%
9.00%	1.00%	1.00%	4.00%	2.50%	4.00%

* Voluntary contributions can be changed on a quarterly basis

Benefits of Increasing Contributions to the Hybrid





For illustrative purposes only and based on a monthly income of \$3,000; assumes semimonthly employee contribution made on 15th and 30th of each month and a 6% average annual return after 30 years. The final account balance does not account for plan fees or expenses, which would reflect lower net returns. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so when shares are redeemed they may be worth more or less than the original cost.

SmartStep to 4%



• Save easier with small annual voluntary contribution increases

- Choose your SmartStep increase amount and month
- Contributions increase automatically, each year, up to 4%
- Gradual increases = less impact on your paycheck
 - See how much: Hybrid Paycheck Calculator



Choose SmartStep Now!

- Log in to your Hybrid 457 account at <u>varetire.org/hybrid</u>, select Change Contributions from the dropdown menu
- Choose your amount and month

Auto-Escalation: Hybrid 457 Plan



DCP Virginia Retirement System

Automatically increase voluntary contributions by 0.5%

- First Auto-Escalation occurred January 1, 2017
- Every three years 2023, 2026.....
- Everyone not contributing the full 4% voluntary
- Members will be able to opt-out

<i>Before</i> Auto-Escalation	<i>After</i> Auto-Escalation
0.00%	0.50%
0.50%	1.00%
1.00%	1.50%
1.50%	2.00%
2.00%	2.50%
2.50%	3.00%
3.00%	3.50%
3.50%	4.00%

Why Should You Save?



Retirement income from Social Security depends on salary during working years

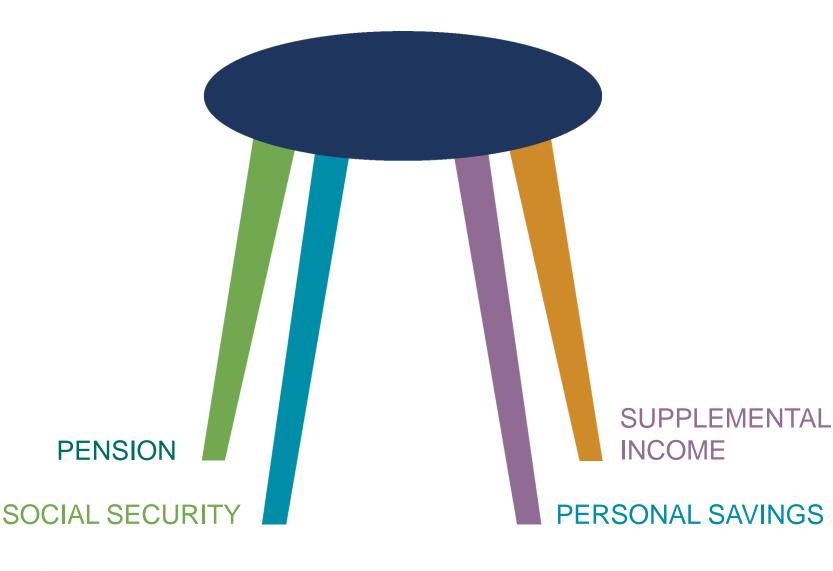
 2021 average annual benefit for retired workers was about \$19,370*

Income from VRS pension benefit depends on salary, age and years of creditable service



Personal Savings — Role in Retirement





Starting Early vs. the Cost of Waiting





Assumptions: The starting salaries for both individuals at age 25 was \$36,000. Each received a 2.5% annual salary increase, and each earned a 6% annually compounded return. Contributions are made at the beginning and in the middle of each month. This example is not intended to guarantee an actual rate of return. Actual returns may be more or less, depending on your investments.

Benefits of Tax-Deferred Savings



	Before Tax	After Tax
Annual Pay	\$30,000	\$30,000
Before Tax Contribution	-1,800	N/A
Income Subject to Taxes	28,200	30,000
Federal Taxes*	-3,384	-3,600
Net Income	24,816	26,400
After-TaxContribution	N/A	-1,800
Spendable Income	\$24,816	\$24,600

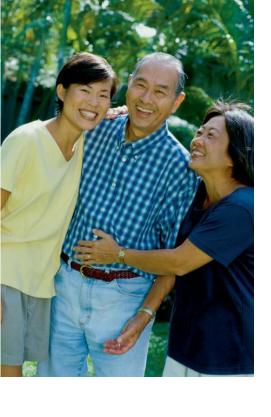
*Assumes a flat 25% tax bracket without the standard deduction. Taxes due upon withdrawal.

Rollovers

- Incoming rollovers are allowed into the Hybrid 457 Deferred Compensation Plan
- You can rollover from the following plan types:
 - 401(a) plans other than the Hybrid 401(a) Cash Match Plan
 - 401(k) plans
 - 457(b) plans
 - 403(b) plans
 - Federal Thrift Savings Plan
 - Traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA)
- Incoming rollovers are not permitted into the Hybrid 401(a) Cash Match Plan

Note: Employee must otherwise be eligible for a distribution from the plan they are requesting the rollover <u>out</u> of.

*If you rolled funds from another retirement plan into your Hybrid 457 Deferred Compensation Account, you may withdraw those funds while you are still employed. Depending on the plan type, withdrawals made prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% penalty, plus state and federal income tax withholding.



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Additional Savings Opportunities





Your employer may also offer a supplemental plan, such as a 457 or 403(b)





You must make the maximum 4% voluntary contribution to the Hybrid 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to receive a cash match on contributions to a supplemental plan

The IRS imposes an annual contribution limit on 457 plans, which includes the Hybrid 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, the Commonwealth of Virginia 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, and any other 457(b) plan that your employer may provide.



Your Investment Options



Asset Classes



• Cash Equivalents and Stable Value Investments

- Short-term, highly liquid securities that pay interest
- Seek to preserve the value of your investment
- Returns are generally low and may not outpace inflation
- Bonds
 - Loans to an organization in exchange for interest payments
 - May offset higher risk of stocks in aggressive investment portfolio
 - May help keep pace with inflation in conservative investment portfolio

Stocks

- Shares of ownership in a company
- Highest potential for growth
- Higher degree of risk

Investment Paths



Do-It-For-Me Path

Help-Me-Do-It Path

Do-lt-Myself Path

Do-It-For-Me Path





Help-Me-Do-It Path





Do-It-Myself Path

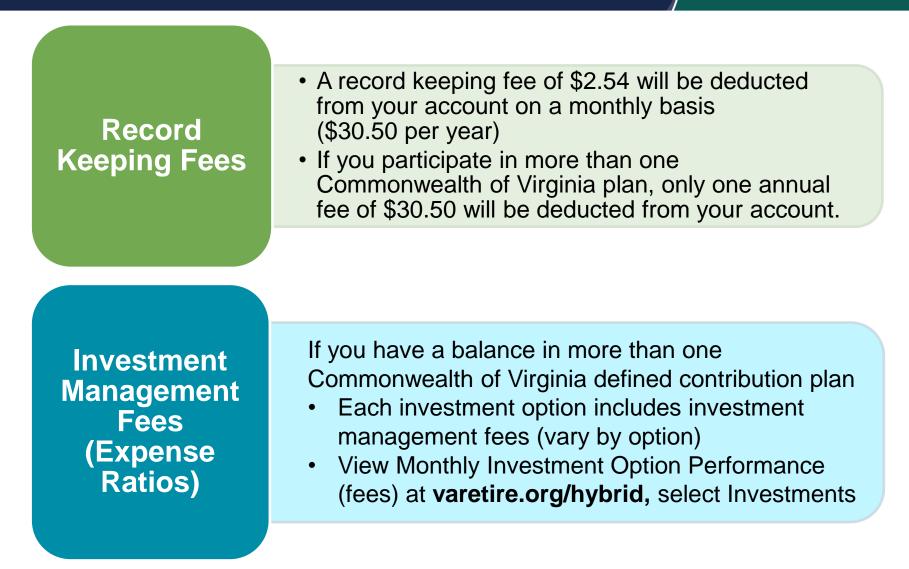


Self-Directed Brokerage Account

- For knowledgeable investors who wish to manage investments without assistance.
- Allows you to select from thousands of publicly traded mutual funds, exchange traded funds (ETFs) and individual securities, in addition to your Plans' core investment options.
- When transferring assets to your brokerage account, you are required to leave at least \$2,500 in your core investments other than the Virginia Retirement System Investment Portfolio.

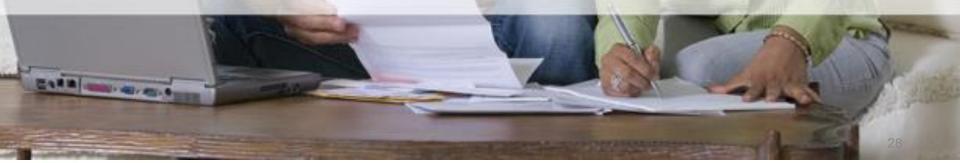
Learn About Your Plan — Fee Structure







Benefit Payments and Distribution Options



Defined Benefit Component



- You receive a monthly benefit at retirement
- You must be vested (have five years of creditable service) and meet age and service requirements
- The benefit is based on a formula:

Average Final Compensation

- × Retirement multiplier
- × Total years of creditable service

Annual unreduced benefit amount



Defined Benefit Retirement Eligibility



Reduced Retirement	Unreduced Retirement
Age 60 with at least 5 years of creditable service	Age + Creditable Service = 90 OR Social Security Normal Retirement Age with 5 years of creditable service

Social Security Retirement Ages



Year of Birth	Normal Retirement Age	Year of Birth	Normal Retirement Age
1937 or earlier	65 years	1955	66 + 2 months
1938	65 + 2 months	1956	66 + 4 months
1939	65 + 4 months	1957	66 + 6 months
1940	65 + 6 months	1958	66 + 8 months
1941	65 + 8 months	1959	66 + 10 months
1942	65 + 10 months	1960 or later	67 years
1943-54	66 years		

Defined Benefit Retirement Options



Basic Benefit



Survivor Option



Partial Lump-sum Option Payment

Advance Pension Option

Deferred Retirement



If you leave your member contributions and interest with VRS and become a deferred member, you will retain your VRS membership and eligibility for any future benefits

Vested members may be eligible for a future retirement benefit if you meet age and service requirements



Refund Implications



If you separate from your employer, you may take a refund of your defined benefit member contribution account



If you take a refund of the defined benefit member contribution account:

- You lose VRS membership
- You lose eligibility for any future VRS benefits
- You should consider the tax implications
- You forfeit any non-vested employer contributions in the defined contribution component

Defined Contribution Vesting





Virginia Retirement System

Member Contributions: You are **immediately** vested in any funds that **you contribute** to the hybrid plan.

Employer Contributions: You must be vested to be eligible to take a distribution of *employer* contributions.

Defined Contribution Vesting Schedule		
After 2 years of creditable service	50%	
After 3 years of creditable service	75%	
After 4 years of creditable service	100%	

If you aren't 100% vested when taking a distribution, then you'll forfeit any non-vested employer contributions based on the vesting schedule.

Taking a refund of defined benefit funds will result in the forfeiture of non-vested employer funds.

Taking a distribution from the defined contribution component does not require you to take a refund from the defined benefit component.

Defined Contribution Distributions





- Leave money in the plan
- Upon separation from service, you can take a distribution from your Hybrid 401(a) Cash Match Plan and/or your Hybrid 457 Deferred Compensation Plan
- In-service distributions are only allowed from rollover assets from the Hybrid 457 Deferred Compensation Plan
- Hybrid 457 Deferred Compensation Plan
 - No early withdrawal penalty for distributions
- Hybrid 401(a) Cash Match Plan
 - Withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to the IRS 10% early withdrawal penalty tax
- Other exceptions may apply



Other Things to Consider



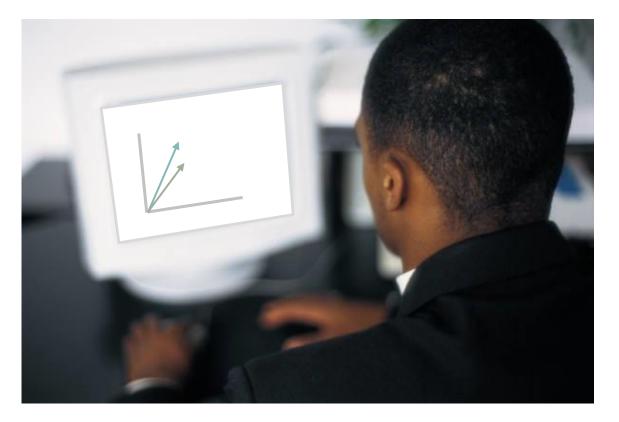
Purchase of Prior Service Credit



You must be active

Increases your service credit under the plan

Cannot be eligible for another benefit based on this service



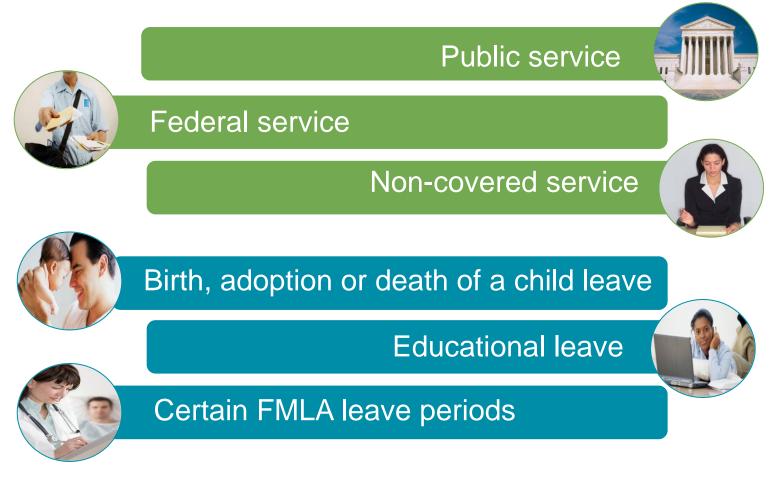
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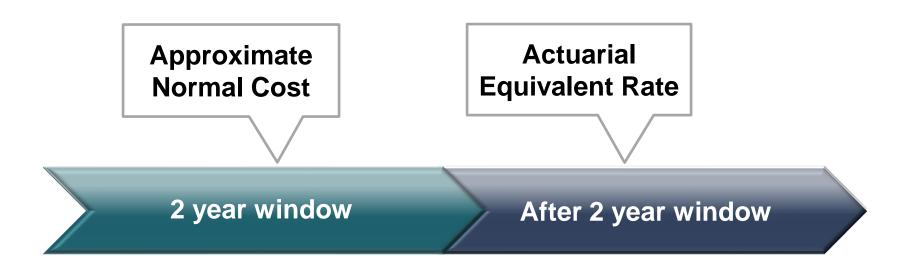


Active Duty Military Service: you can purchase a separate 48 months



Cost to Purchase Service





*Does not apply to refunded service

Refunded Service



No cost window

Cost is based on the refunded amount with interest



Purchase Methods





Lump-sum

Purchase Payment Agreements

Combination

VSDP



Sick leave

Family and personal leave

Short and long-term disability

Long-term care

Return-to-work programs

VLDP





Short and long-term disability

Long-term care

Return-to-work programs

Your employer may offer a comparable plan

Transferring Between Employers



lf you	then you have			
state	state (with no break in service*)	no new waiting period		
state	state (with a break in service*)	one year waiting period		
state	school/political subdivision	one year waiting period		
school/political subdivision	school/political subdivision	one year waiting period		

* A break in service is defined as at least one full calendar month 46

Long-term Care





VSDP and VLDP Long-term Care Plans

Basic Life Insurance



Natural death benefit

Accidental death benefit



Optional Life Insurance





Coverage is available for yourself, your spouse and dependent children

Death in Service



Defined Benefit Component

Non-Work Related (vested): Monthly benefit or refund

Non-Work Related (non-vested): Refund

Work Related: Monthly benefit and refund

Defined Contribution Component

Balance of all vested funds



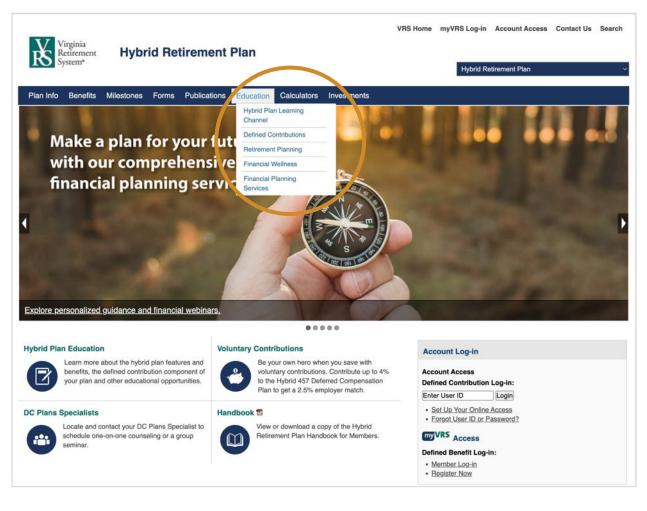


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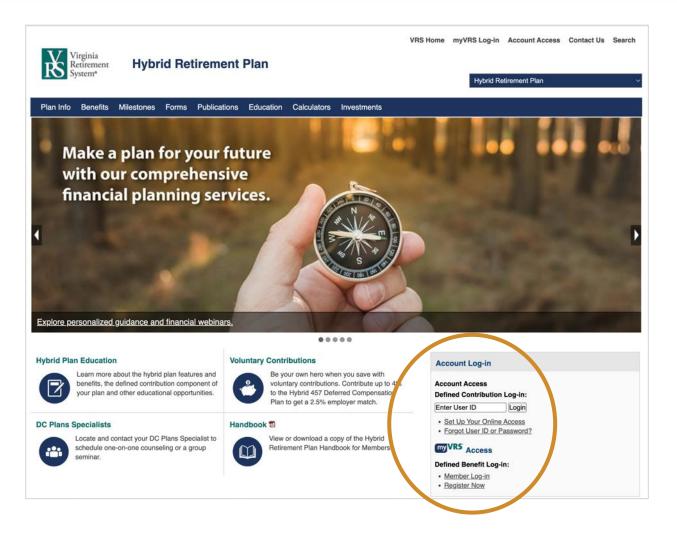




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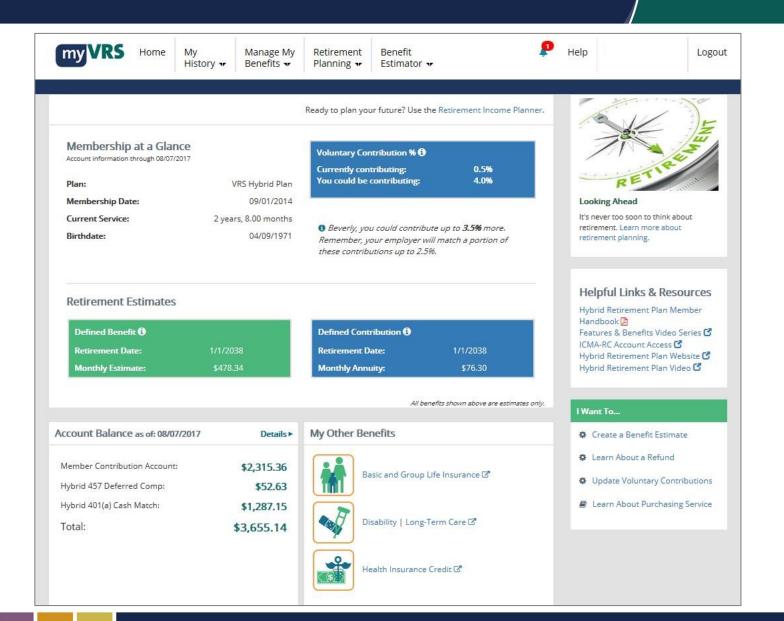
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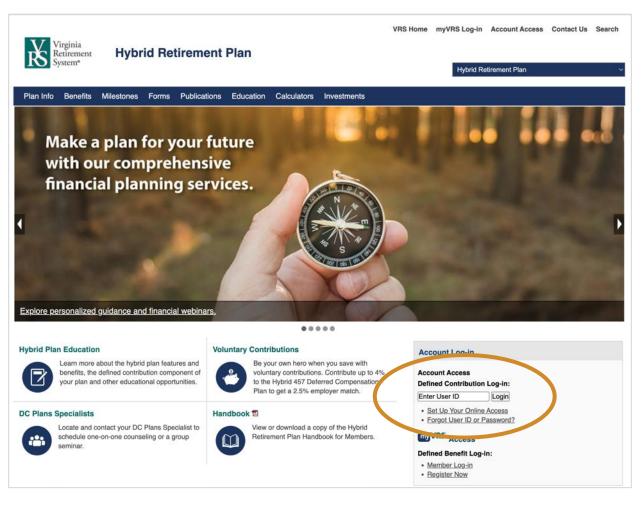
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				Talk with a counselor about your retirement options, Call VRS toll-free at 1-888-827-3847, or visit the Counseling Center at 1111 E. Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219 from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Walk-in counseling is on a first-come first-served basis. Limited scheduled appointments also are available.					
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✓ Retiree Health Benefits Program									
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✓ Health Insurance Credit Eligibility									
✓ Leaving Employment With Basic Group Life Insurance									
✓ Converting Sick Leave to Service Credit						DC			
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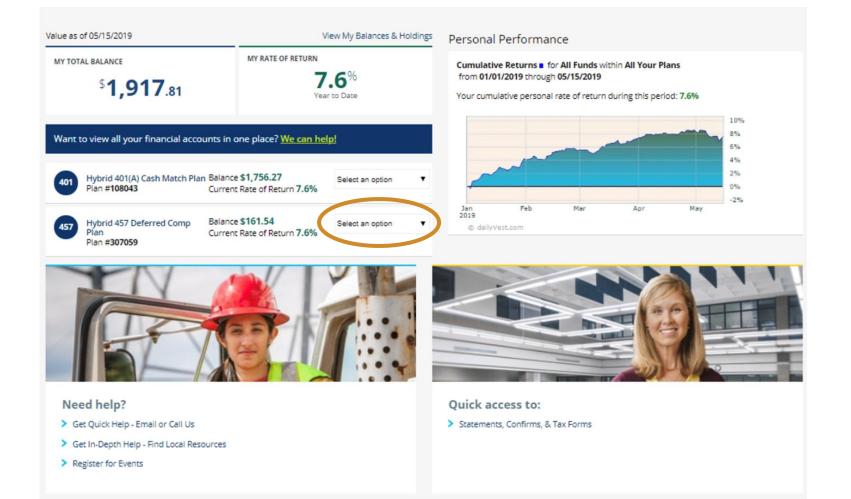




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Account Access — Overview





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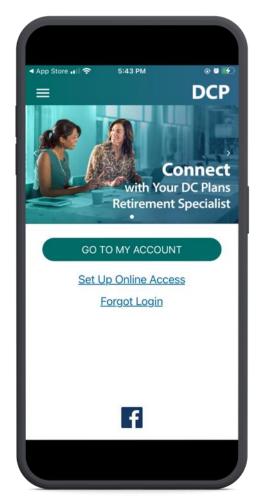
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Contact Information



VRS Defined Benefit

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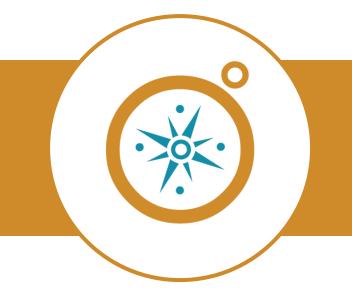
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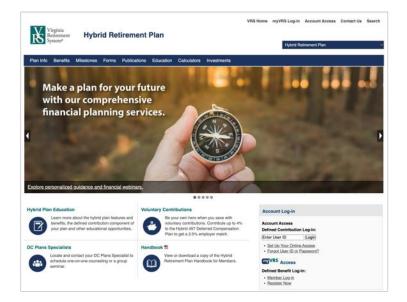
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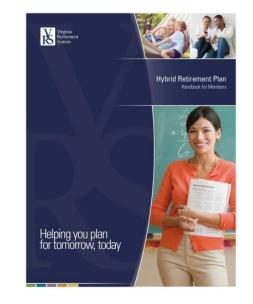
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Hybrid Retirement Plan Resources



General resources for defined benefit and defined contribution components





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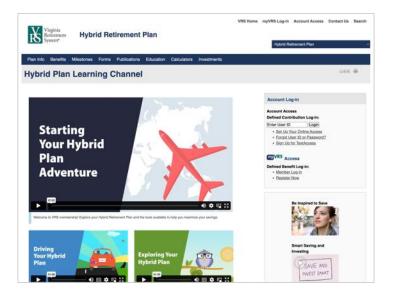
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Register for your myVRS account and name DB and life insurance beneficiaries



Consider your life insurance and long-term care needs



Consider purchasing service, if applicable



Set up DCP Account Access and name DC beneficiaries



Maximize voluntary defined contributions in the Hybrid Plan



Consider enrolling in your employer's 457 or 403(b) retirement savings plan(s)



Review your investment options periodically

Thank You!



We welcome your questions. Thank you!