

Missouri Public Pension Exemption



If you are receiving a benefit from a public pension system (such as MOSERS), and file a Missouri state tax return, you may qualify for the Missouri public pension exemption. If you qualify, you may be exempt from paying some or all Missouri state income tax on income you receive from MOSERS. Effective starting with the 2024 tax year, the Missouri state income tax exemption for public pensions will not exclude anyone based on filing status or adjusted gross income.

Please be aware that a state tax exemption does not affect the applicability of federal tax to your MOSERS pension benefits. It is important to assess your tax situation each year. Life events such as marriage, divorce, or a change in dependents may impact the amount you wish to have withheld. You may change your withholding election at any time during the year by completing the [Tax Withholding Authorization and IRS W-4P](#) forms.

MOSERS recommends you contact the Missouri Department of Revenue or a qualified tax advisor for additional information or answers to specific taxation or tax withholding questions. The amount of withholdings you elect does not change your tax liability. Information provided by MOSERS is not tax advice, and MOSERS' staff cannot legally advise you on how to fill out tax forms.

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