

Long-Term Disability

Tier 2 Firefighters

Look inside for an overview of your generous LTD benefits.



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PEHP LTD

Your Reliable Safety Net

Firefighter service employees, PEHP Long-Term Disability (LTD) is your safety net should you become disabled and unable to work. This important benefit is paid for by your employer at no cost to you. Volunteer firefighters see page 3 for your specific benefits.

After a three-month waiting period, LTD provides two-thirds of your regular monthly salary for accidental bodily injury, disease, or illness if you're unable to perform your regular job. If you're disabled by external force or violence while performing your job, you may be eligible to receive 100% of your regular salary.



After two years on LTD, if you can't perform any gainful employment, you may apply for "ongoing" LTD. To continue receiving the benefit, you must be unable to perform any gainful employment due to physical disability.

Firefighter Service Employee LTD Basics	
Benefit Amount	Two-thirds of your salary
Waiting Period	Three months; closest to first of the month
First 24 months of LTD	Must be unable to perform your regular firefighter duties
After 24 months of LTD	Must be unable to perform any gainful employment due to physical disability (includes sedentary work)
Maximum Benefit	Age 65* or 25 service years with Utah Retirement Systems**
Line of Duty Benefit (External Force/Violence)	100% of regular salary

*Exception is if date of disability is age 60+. See Page 4.

**Go to www.urs.org for details about years of service required for you to retire.

Learn More About PEHP LTD

Answers to our most frequently asked questions

Who is eligible?

Most firefighters (service and volunteers) hired on or after July 1, 2011 are eligible for LTD; contact us if you need to confirm your eligibility. The Legislature created the benefit as a bridge from active to retirement status therefore URS post-retirees are ineligible, and retirement is the only benefit available to employees who have accrued full years of service toward URS retirement.

When should I apply for LTD benefits?

You can apply for LTD benefits if you are unable to perform your firefighter job and have a last day of work in your firefighter job. We encourage you to apply as soon as you stop working. You must apply within six months from the last day you worked full-duty in your regular job.

How do I apply for LTD benefits?

Contact our office for a phone interview and then you will be mailed an application and other forms to sign. See contact information on the back page.

What happens to my URS retirement accrual while I am on LTD?

You may continue to earn years of service credit toward URS retirement if your employer has signed a benefit protection contract. Check with your employer.

Vocational Rehabilitation	Services include counseling and assistance returning to your regular job or finding new employment.
Rehabilitative Employment	May be able to work while on LTD. Requires prior approval. LTD benefits partially reduced.
Psychological Care Reimbursement	LTD may reimburse for copays for care while on LTD for psychological reasons. Requires prior approval.

How does PEHP LTD confirm I am disabled?

We must confirm your disability and impairment with objective medical documentation. We do this by collecting and reviewing medical records from your healthcare providers.

Volunteer Firefighter Benefits

Volunteer firefighters who began duty on or after July 1, 2011, may be eligible for PEHP Long-Term Disability benefits. The benefit is limited to line-of-duty injury and pays 50% of the lowest monthly compensation of a firefighter of a city of the first class in Utah. You must meet specific criteria to be eligible. For more detailed information, contact PEHP Long-Term Disability at 801-366-7583 or 800-365-7347 or see Utah Code Title 49.

Are there limits to my benefit?

Medical or psychological conditions that existed prior to eligibility may not be a basis for LTD benefits until you have had one year of continuous LTD eligibility.

For disabilities caused by psychological illness, benefits are limited to the first initial 24 months unless you're institutionalized.

How long can I receive LTD benefits?

If you are unable to perform your regular job and you remain disabled, you may remain on disability up to 24 months.

At the end of 24 months, you can apply for ongoing benefits if you can't perform any gainful employment, based on objective medical documentation.

As long as you meet the disability requirements you can remain on LTD until you reach age 65 or have enough years of service toward retirement to retire, whichever comes first.

If you become disabled at or after age 60, LTD is payable as follows (unless you accrue enough years of service toward retirement to retire first):

Age 60 or 61	»	five years
Age 62 or 63	»	four years
Age 64 or 65	»	three years
Age 66, 67 or 68	»	two years
Age 69 or older	»	one year

Does other income affect my LTD benefits?

LTD benefits are reduced when you receive income from sources such as Social Security, workers' compensation, third-party payments, sick/vacation pay and wages from rehabilitative employment.

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Note: This brochure offers a brief overview only. For detailed information about your LTD benefits, go to www.pehp.org or contact our office.

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