

GASB 67 & 68 Census Data Testing & Participating Employer Financial Information

Washington State Department of Retirement Systems



Agenda

- Census Data Testing
- Participating Employer Financial Information
- Communication and Resources Available

Census Data Testing

- Examples of Census Data Received by DRS from Participating Employers on active employees:
 - Eligible compensation
 - Date of hire
 - Years of service
 - Marital status
 - Date of birth
 - Date of termination or retirement
 - Employment status

Census Data Testing

- The Office of the State Actuary (OSA) utilizes census data in the preparation of actuarial valuations and the calculation of the total pension liability(TPL)
- February 2014, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) State and Local Government Expert Panel (SLGEP) issued a whitepaper recommending the testing of census data at the employer level to allow an auditor to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence that the census data reported to the actuary is correct.

Census Data Testing

- Winter 2014, DRS contracted with the SAO to collaborate with the DRS plan auditors to perform census data testing needed to support the audit of the schedules for employer implementation of GASB 68.
- February 2015, SAO began the census data testing of DRS employers for fiscal year (July-June) 2013, total of 79 employers were selected by the DRS plan auditor.

Census Data Testing

- April 2015, SAO completed the census data testing of DRS employers for fiscal year 2013 and began the census data testing of 75 employers for fiscal year 2014.
- SAO contacts employers that are selected by the plan auditor for census data testing.
- The census data testing focuses on the completeness and accuracy of pensionable wages and contributions reported to DRS by the employer.

Participating Employer Financial Information

To assist employers with implementation of GASB 68, effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014

- DRS to publish audited schedules May of 2015 on the DRS website
 - Schedules of Collective Pension Amounts
 - Fiscal Year 2014
 - Schedules of Employer and Nonemployer Allocations
 - Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014
 - Notes to Schedules

Participating Employer Financial Information

- Schedules of Employer Allocations will be based on Employer Contributions
- Included in Allocation
 - Employer Contribution transmittals processed by DRS during the fiscal year (July-June)
- Excluded from the Allocation
 - One time billings
 - DRS Administrative Fees
 - CAFR accruals prepared at the Plan Level

Participating Employer Financial Information

- GASB 67 was implemented in the DRS 2014 CAFR and is available to assist employers with implementation of GASB 68
 - Disclosures in Note 2, Section B beginning Page 49
 - Required Supplementary Information (RSI) begins on Page 84
- The DRS CAFR became available in November 2014 on the DRS website:

<http://www.drs.wa.gov/administration/annual-report/cafr/>

Communication

- DRS utilizes an e-mail distribution list for GASB communication to employer financial preparers based on responses to the 2014 DRS GASB survey, OFM contacts (State), and SAO contacts (Local) to ensure information is received by all employers.

Tools and Resources

- DRS updates GASB frequently asked questions and resources on the DRS website for employers.

<http://www.drs.wa.gov/employer/gasb/default.htm>

- Web service available to employers to access the contribution detail used by DRS in determining their proportionate shares of the NPL of each cost-sharing plan.

<http://www.drs.wa.gov/employer/eservices/default.htm>

Tools and Resources

- Detailed accounting instructions should come, as always, from:
 - State Auditor's Office (for local governments)
 - State Office of Financial Management (for state agencies)
 - Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (for school districts).

Contacting DRS

- DRS Employer Support Services will assist when you have questions:
 - employersupport@drs.wa.gov
 - 360-664-7200 or toll-free 800-547-6657

Questions?

