



Guide to understanding your 1099-R

This is an example of a 1099-R tax form. The contents of many of the form's boxes are described below. If you have questions regarding your 1099-R, contact your tax advisor or the IRS at 800-829-1040. If you have questions about your retirement benefits, contact us at 800-547-6657 or visit www.drs.wa.gov.

1 Gross distribution – The total amount we paid you during the tax year.

2a Taxable amount – The taxable portion of Box 1. If this box is empty, see explanation of 2b.

2b Taxable amount not determined – If this box is checked, we did not have all of the information needed to calculate your taxable amount. Refer to IRS publication 575, *Pension and Annuity Income* for assistance.

Total distribution – If this box is checked, the distribution you received closed your account.

4 Federal income tax withheld – The total amount of federal income tax withheld during the tax year.

5 Employee contributions – The after-tax (non-taxable) contributions, if any, that you recovered tax free during the tax year. DRS most commonly uses Box 5 for basis recovery which is calculated using any post-tax retirement contributions you paid in. This is usually for work done prior to 1984 before retirement contributions switched to pre-tax. See the IRS website for a full explanation of basis recovery.

7 Distribution code – The code identifying the type of benefit (retirement, disability, beneficiary, etc.) you received in the tax year. **The codes are listed on the back of this page.**

9b Total employee contributions – The total amount of after-tax contributions you paid to your retirement system while working. We use this to determine the after-tax contribution amount shown in Box 5. This amount is only shown during your first year of retirement.

1 Gross distribution		OMB No. 1545-0119		Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc.
\$		20XX		
2a Taxable amount		Form 1099-R		
\$				
2b Taxable amount not determined <input type="checkbox"/>		Total distribution <input type="checkbox"/>		Copy C For Recipient's Records
3 Capital gain (included in box 2a)		4 Federal income tax withheld		
\$		\$		
5 Employee contributions /Designated Roth contributions or insurance premiums		6 Net unrealized appreciation in employer's securities		This information is being furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.
\$		\$		
7 Distribution code(s)	IRA/SEP/SIMPLE <input type="checkbox"/>	8 Other	%	
9a Your percentage of total distribution	%	9b Total employee contributions	\$	

You may receive more than one 1099-R if you:

- Retired from more than one retirement system.
- Reached age 59½ during the tax year.
- Are receiving your own retirement benefit and a survivor benefit from someone else.
- Are receiving your own retirement benefit and a payment resulting from a divorce.
- Received a retirement benefit and a refund of contributions within the same tax year.

Distribution codes used in Box 7

The following codes identify your distribution:

- 1** – You are either:
 - Under the age of 55 and withdrew your retirement contributions; or
 - A retiree under age 55 who withdrew an annuity at retirement without rolling it over to an IRA, qualified plan or tax-sheltered annuity.
- 2** – You are either:
 - Over the age of 55, but under 59½ and withdrew your retirement contributions; or
 - A service retiree who is younger than 59½.
- 3** – You are receiving a disability retirement.
- 4** – You are a beneficiary, survivor or estate receiving payment(s) from a deceased member or retiree's account.
- 7** – You are receiving a service retirement and you are over the age of 59½.
- G** – You directly rolled your payment into an IRA.