

2026 Paydays for Retirees and Beneficiaries

Your benefits are paid at the beginning of the month for the previous month's benefits. For tax reasons, your December retirement check is always dated the first day of the New Year.

The [State Controller's Office](#)* issues checks and determines mailing dates. If you have direct deposit, contact your financial institution to see when funds are placed in your account.

Benefit Month	Southern California/ Out of State Mailing Date**	Northern California Mailing Date**	Direct Deposit Date
January	January 28	January 28	January 30
February	February 25	February 25	February 27
March	March 30	March 30	April 1
April	April 28	April 28	May 1
May	May 28	May 28	June 1
June	June 29	June 29	July 1
July	July 29	July 29	July 31
August	August 28	August 28	September 1
September	September 28	September 28	October 1
October	October 28	October 28	October 30
November	November 25	November 25	December 1
December	December 29	December 29	January 4, 2027

* You can access the State Controller's Office webpage at www.sco.ca.gov

** The State Controller's Office distinguishes Northern and Southern California using ZIP codes:

- » Southern California is between 90000 through 93599
- » Northern California is between 93600 through 96199