

1-2 years before retirement

- Sign up to access your retirement account at www.drs.wa.gov. Through online account access, you can also view your Deferred Compensation Program (DCP) and Plan 3 defined contribution accounts.
- Review your plan handbook for retirement eligibility rules (available on the DRS website or in the Personnel Resources Department).
- Use online account access to verify the accuracy of your service credit. If you find information you think is incorrect, contact DRS.
- Estimate your future monthly benefit by using the Online Benefit Estimator available through online account access.
- Sign up for DCP or another employer-sponsored voluntary retirement plan. You might also consider using the “catch-up” provisions to maximize your savings.
- Contact DRS to find out if you’re eligible to purchase optional service credit.
- Plan for your health care coverage during retirement by identifying options available to you.
- Register for a retirement seminar if you haven’t attended one in the last five years. You can also view a retirement seminar online.