



## Fact Sheet #7 Tax Information

### INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING

A portion of your retirement benefit may be considered taxable income for both federal and Montana state income tax purposes. Each year, Montana Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) will send you an IRS Form 1099-R during the latter part of January. This form will provide you with the information necessary to file your income tax returns.

NOTE: If TRS does not have your current and correct mailing address, the 1099-R will not be forwarded to your new address; instead, it will be returned to TRS. Please be sure that you notify TRS, in writing, of any address changes so that you receive your tax information in a timely manner.

You may elect to have TRS withhold federal and/or Montana state income taxes directly from your monthly benefits. If you do not have taxes withheld, and you have a tax liability, you may be required to pay federal and/or state taxes on a quarterly basis. The method that you elect to utilize in paying any income tax liability is strictly a personal decision. While TRS will try to assist you in any way possible, we are not qualified to make tax decisions for you. We recommend that you contact a tax professional for further advice.

If you decide to modify your federal and/or Montana state income tax withholding status with TRS, you can download IRS Form W-4P and Form 115 Montana State Withholding Certification from [trs.mt.gov/trsinfo/forms](http://trs.mt.gov/trsinfo/forms) or contact our office to have the forms mailed to you.

NOTE: TRS cannot withhold state income taxes on your behalf for any state other than Montana.

### FEDERAL TAXES

IRS Publication 575, Pension and Annuity Income, discusses federal tax treatment of distributions you receive from pension and annuity plans. You can get a copy of this document on the web at [www.irs.gov/publications](http://www.irs.gov/publications) or by calling the IRS at (800) 829-3676.

### STATE TAXES

For more information regarding Montana state income taxes, please consult the State of Montana Department of Revenue on the web at [revenue.mt.gov](http://revenue.mt.gov) or by calling the Department of Revenue at (866) 859-2254 or (406) 444-6900.

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