



Direct Deposit Request

TRS278 (09-16)

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: This form is to be used only for the deposit of payments from the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS).

TRS through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has the ability to electronically deposit an annuitant's monthly benefit and certain other payments to an authorized financial institution. The financial institution may be any bank, savings and loan association, or similar institution, or federal or state chartered credit union in which the annuitant has a checking or savings account. In order for TRS to deposit the annuitant's payments into a financial institution, the annuitant must sign the TRS 278 Direct Deposit Request form. **Do not use this form if you intend to transfer your entire monthly TRS benefit from the financial institution shown on the front side of this form to a foreign country.**

PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED PERSONALIZED CHECK TO THIS FORM.



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ANNUITANT INFORMATION

The annuitant's name, social security number, mailing address, home telephone number, and work telephone number, if any, should be typed or printed in the appropriate lines.

ACCOUNT HOLDER AGREEMENT

After reading the conditions of the depository agreement, the annuitant, annuitant's attorney-in-fact, or guardian of the annuitant's estate must sign and date the form. If the attorney-in-fact signs the form on behalf of the annuitant, the power of attorney document must be attached to the form. If a guardian signs the form on behalf of the annuitant, the Order and Letters of Guardianship or other legal document must be attached to the form. If you have already provided these legal documents and TRS has accepted them, you do not need to provide an additional copy with this form.

The monthly benefit may only be deposited in an account in which the annuitant has an interest. The routing number should reflect the number for electronic transfers, which may be different from the routing number for the branch bank at which the account is held. The annuitant, by signing this form, authorizes the financial institution to communicate and disclose relevant information to TRS concerning the parties who have an interest in this account and to recover erroneous payments from the account holders. By signing this form, the annuitant represents that the financial institution agrees to accept the electronic transfer from TRS on behalf of the annuitant and verifies that the annuitant is an individual having an interest in the account in which the TRS payments will be deposited.

TERMINATION OF DIRECT DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

This direct deposit agreement shall remain in effect until terminated by:

- cancellation by the annuitant, attorney-in-fact, or guardian by written notice to TRS that gives TRS a reasonable opportunity to act upon such notice; or
- written notice from TRS to the annuitant indicating TRS's termination of the agreement; or
- the closing of the account by the annuitant or authorized legal representative.

A monthly annuity is payable to a TRS annuitant through the month in which the person dies. TRS is authorized by law to send a final monthly payment of an annuity to a financial institution.