

The Coordinating VRS Benefits e-courses are available in the Commonwealth of Virginia Learning Center (COVLC). Each course provides an in-depth look at the benefits and resources available. Employers may complete all of the e-courses in the series, or choose individual ecourses as needed; however, VRS recommends completing the two foundational courses first: VRS Resources and VRS Membership.

To access a course in the COVLC, click the course link below; then log into the COVLC to be directed to the selected course. In addition, the e-courses and related documents can be searched individually using keywords for additional subject-related tools.

Be sure to review the questions at the end of this document for more information about the COVLC and Coordinating VRS Benefit E-courses.

# Death-in-Service

**Topics Include:** 

- Eligibility for benefits based on the type of death
- Work-related and non-work related deaths
- Special circumstances, such as death while on short- or long-term disability
- Completing a death claim

**Keywords**: Death-in-Service, VRS-E, Coordinating VRS Benefits

**Disability Retirement** 

#### **Topics Include:**

- Eligibility
- Disability retirement calculation
- Other retirement benefits
- Application process

Keywords: Disability Retirement, VRS-E, Coordinating VRS Benefits

Hazardous Duty

#### **Topics Include:**

- Position eligibility for State Police Officers' Retirement System (SPORS), Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System (VaLORS) and political subdivisions with enhanced hazardous duty benefits
- Service retirement eligibility
- Multipliers and the hazardous duty supplement
- Transferring positions
- Other benefits, such as disability retirement and the purchase of prior service credit

Keywords: Hazardous Duty, VRS-E, Coordinating VRS Benefits



# Health Insurance Credit

#### **Topics Include:**

- Eligibility
- Health insurance credit amount
- Application process
- How the credit is paid
- Health insurance credit for disability retirees

**Keywords:** Health Insurance Credit, VRS-E, Coordinating VRS Benefits

## Life Insurance

#### **Topics Include:**

- Eligibility requirements
- Benefit features of group life and optional life insurance and how to enroll in each
- Changes in coverage for different life events, such as a marriage or retirement
- Employer responsibilities

Keywords: Life Insurance, VRS-E, Coordinating VRS Benefits

Purchase of Prior Service

#### **Topics Include:**

- Types of prior service eligible for purchase
- Cost of purchases
- Payment methods
- Purchase process

Keywords: Purchase of Prior Service, VRS-E, Coordinating VRS Benefits

Refunds and Distributions

#### **Topics Include:**

- Eligibility
- Refund amount
- Refund and distribution implications
- Request process
- Deferred retirement

Keywords: Refunds and Distributions, VRS-E, Coordinating VRS Benefits



# Service Retirement

#### **Topics Include:**

- Eligibility requirements for service retirement for VRS Plan 1, Plan 2 and the Hybrid Retirement Plan
- Payout options, including the Basic Benefit, Survivor Option, Partial Lump-sum Option Payment and the Advance Pension Option
- Retirement process, including available resources and required documents
- Post-retirement topics including life insurance, the health insurance credit and employment after retirement

Keywords: Service Retirement, VRS-E, Coordinating VRS Benefits

Virginia Sickness and Disability Program

#### **Topics Include:**

- How short-term disability works, initiating a claim, income replacement, income adjustments, return to work, why short-term disability benefits end
- Income replacement on long-term disability, income adjustments, why long-term disability benefits end
- Benefit amounts for the VSDP Long-term Care Plan, coverage levels, how to apply for benefits, how to continue coverage
- Commonwealth of Virginia Voluntary Group Long-term Care Insurance Program eligibility, premium rates, program benefits

**Keywords:** VSDP, VRS-E, Coordinating VRS Benefits

VRS Membership

#### **Topics Include:**

- VRS membership
- Retirement systems and plans
- Employee and employer contributions
- Member benefits

Keywords: VRS Membership, VRS-E, Coordinating VRS Benefits



# **VRS Resources**

#### **Topics Include:**

- Online resources, such as the employer manual, myVRS Navigator, myVRS, Employer Update, job aids and checklists, the Virginia Learning Center and forms
- Team resources, such as Employer Representatives, Employer Support Team, Hybrid Retirement Plan Support Team, and the Products and Services Training Team.

Keywords: VRS Resources, VRS-E, Coordinating VRS Benefits

## How do I determine which Coordinating VRS Benefits courses to take?

Employers may complete all of the e-courses in the series, or choose individual e-courses as needed. VRS recommends completing the two foundation courses first: VRS Resources and VRS Membership.

## How long are the Coordinating VRS Benefits courses?

Most courses take approximately one hour or less.

## Are the courses graded?

The courses do not include any type of assessment.

## Can I print a list of the training courses I have completed?

You can print a certificate of completion after you complete each course. You can also print or view a transcript of the courses you have taken. The COVLC Overview video provides step- by-step user instructions.

## Does anyone else have access to my training records?

A small group of employees at VRS will have access to your training activity. Your employer also may request reports on the training activity of its employees.

## Accessibility

If you are unable to access myVRS Navigator online training materials due to a disability, contact VRS at <u>edu@varetire.org</u> to request an accessible format. For more information about website accessibility and Section 508 compliance, review VRS' <u>web policy</u>.

## Support

If you have questions or comments about Coordinating VRS Benefits training, contact VRS Education and Training at <u>edu@varetire.org</u>.