

Frequently Asked Questions about PSEBA

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Before you email Anthony Bolton with the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA) with your questions about the Public Safety Employees Benefits Act (PSEBA), please take a moment to look at these answers and see if your question is answered here.

1. What is PSEBA?

As noted on the letter included in the packet you were sent, PSEBA is the Public Safety Employees Benefits Act, a law that allows full-time Police, Firefighters, EMTs, and Corrections Officers who are catastrophically injured while on the line of duty (and who have retired due to the injury) to request PSEBA benefits from their local pension board or the municipality for which they previously worked. Simply put, these benefits are similar to standard disability insurance benefits but include more benefits.

2. Does this relate to Workers Compensation (Work Comp)?

No. This pertains only to those employees who were catastrophically injured in the line of duty, and in the case of an employee covered under an Illinois public pension fund, were awarded a line-of-duty disability benefit and then subsequently were awarded the PSEBA health insurance benefit

3. Who does PSEBA cover in my municipality?

PSEBA only covers FULL-TIME police/firefighters/corrections officers/EMTs.

4. What if my municipality does not have a police/fire department or EMTs?

The only thing we need from you is to fill out the first two entries on the first page of the “Employer Subject to PSEBA Reporting Form” with the name of your municipality in the first blank and a “Zero” in the second blank and return that first page to us via the e-mail address, fax number, or mailing address supplied in the packet you were sent.

5. What if my municipality does not have any full-time officers or does not have any full-time officers who have been catastrophically injured while on the line of duty and had to retire because of that injury?

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6. Can I just call/e-mail/send a letter saying that we do not have any PSEBA recipients?

Unfortunately, no. Due to the PSEBA law, we need a copy of the form we sent you (and have posted online for your convenience) filled out with the accurate data for your municipality. A phone call, e-mail, picture, letter, etc. do not count.

7. What do we do if we have full-time police/firefighters/corrections officers who are receiving PSEBA benefits?

In that case, you will need to fill out the supplied Employer form and send the Employee form to your employee/former employee now receiving PSEBA benefits and request them to fill it out and return it to you, at which point you would return their form and your own Employer form to us. If you have completed these forms previously in 2020 and if there have not been any updates on the information previously provided to us, we only need the past Three Fiscal Years of information from you, not every year since PSEBA began.