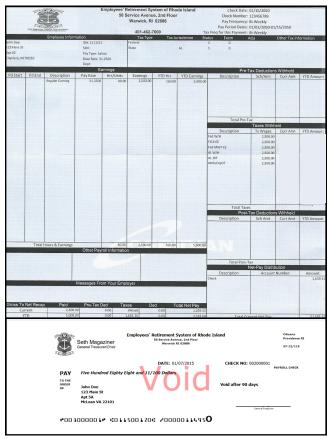
PENSION CHECK AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHANGES

The Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island (ERSRI) is embarking on a computer system upgrade to develop flexibility to meet the demands of our members and keep up with current technology. The full implementation of the upgrade, that will affect active members, retirees and employers, is scheduled to be live in the last quarter of 2015.

The first module to go live will be how we produce retiree monthly pension checks. In this newsletter, we'd like to update you with a few changes you'll need to know when you receive your January payment.

Hard-Copy checks

☑ For those members who receive hardcopy checks, there will be a different look and feel. The new check is a tri-fold perforated check (all one document) and the outside will look like the example at the right. You'll need to tear off the perforated edges of the document to open it and once you do, it will look like the example below.





There are a few reminders you should note.

• First, as in the past, monthly pension checks are due and available for cashing on the LAST business day of the month. Just as before, the check may arrive before the last business day but are only valid as of the date posted on the check.

• Because of potential delays in the postal service, ERSRI **strongly recommends** that you consider direct deposit to avoid any postal delays and lost checks. ERS-RI only replaces checks 10 days after the check date. Please contact our customer service team at 401-462-7600 for information on how to enroll or visit our website at <u>http://content.ersri.org/direct-deposit</u> to download the *Change of Direct Deposit* form and return it to ERSRI for processing.

<u>Direct Deposit</u>

☑ To see your personal information and make any changes to your account, you will still login to the current ERSRI site at <u>http://www.ersri.org</u>. In late January, 2015, the account login section on the top right of the home page will still have a button for retirees and one

for active members. You'll still click the **retiree button** and then be directed to a new page with two login buttons. For reviewing benefit payments prior to December 31, 2014 and changes, other than taxes, you'll be directed to login to our existing site. For viewing benefits payments after January 1, 2015 and making certain changes, you will click the other button. The first time you click the button to view new payments, you will need to self-register into our new temporary site. Remember to write down your *Login ID* and *Password* and keep it in a safe place after you've completed this step.