

# Physically Taxing Titles



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This fact sheet provides information for Chapter 96 members employed in physically taxing titles. Use this fact sheet in conjunction with the brochure that describes your Chapter 96 Plan to get a complete understanding of your benefits and obligations. See pages 2-4 for the Official List of Physically Taxing Positions.

## What does it mean if my title is classified as physically taxing?

It means that your job duties are physically strenuous and that your title is on the Official List of Physically Taxing Positions established and maintained by the NYC Office of Labor Relations. (The list of physically taxing positions as of February 6, 2006 begins on page 2 of this fact sheet.) For your pension, it also means that if you belong to a Chapter 96 Plan (either the 55/25 or 57/5 Plan) you can take advantage of early retirement provisions. Specifically, you can retire as early as age 50 with 25 years of Credited Service in a physically taxing title.

## How do I know if I am eligible for the physically taxing early retirement provisions?

Only members of a Chapter 96 Plan who are employed in a physically taxing title are eligible for the physically taxing early retirement provisions specified in the Chapter 96 Plan of which they are a participant. Members of the 62/5 Plan are not eligible for these provisions.

You do not have to be in a physically taxing title at retirement as long as you are in a Chapter 96 Plan and have met the physically taxing age and service requirements. For example, if you were promoted to a managerial title after rendering at least 25 years of physically taxing service, you may retire as early as age 50 as a participant in a Chapter 96 Plan. Participants in the 55/25 Plan must be on active payroll when filing for retirement; participants in 57/5 do **not** have to be on active payroll when filing for retirement.

## How do I know which Chapter 96 Plan I belong to?

[Log in](#) to your MyNYCERS account to find your plan and tier information in the "Member Summary" tile on your homepage. Or find your plan in your Annual Disclosure Statement (ADS) in your MyNYCERS account each spring. If you do not have a MyNYCERS account, registering for one is quick and easy – just visit [nycers.org/register](http://nycers.org/register) to get started.

## What is the cost for the physically taxing early retirement benefit?

In addition to basic and additional member contributions required of Chapter 96 participants, members in physically taxing titles pay an additional 1.98% of their gross wages on ALL Credited Service (except 55/25 Plan participants with a membership date prior to

7/1/1993 who are only required to pay on all Credited Service rendered after 1/1/95 for the right to retire early).

## Can I choose not to participate in physically taxing early retirement provisions?

No. If you are in a Chapter 96 Plan and your title is on the physically taxing list, you are automatically subject to these provisions and must contribute 1.98% of gross wages, regardless of your age or ability to reach 25 years of Credited Service in a physically taxing title.

## Do the early retirement provisions provide for a larger retirement benefit?

The provisions simply provide for a reduced retirement age with 25 years of Credited Service in a physically taxing title. All other provisions of your Chapter 96 Plan (55/25 or 57/5), such as retirement benefit formulas, death benefits and disability benefits, remain the same.

## If I do not want to retire when I reach age 50 with 25 years of Credited Service in a physically taxing title, can I get a refund of my contributions when I retire?

For physically taxing members in the 55/25 Plan, the employee portion (50%) of the 1.98% rate will be refunded if you have credit for 25 or more years of Credited Service in a physically taxing title and are at least age 55 when you retire for service, provided you were in active service for at least six months in each of the two 12-month periods immediately preceding your retirement. For physically taxing members in the 57/5 Plan, the employee portion (50%) of the 1.98% rate will be refunded if you have credit for 25 or more years of Credited Service in a physically taxing title and are at least age 57 when you retire for service, provided you were in active service for at least six months in each of the two 12-month periods immediately preceding your retirement.

## What if I leave City service before I have 25 years of Credited Service in a physically taxing title?

While you would not be able to collect a benefit under the physically taxing early retirement provisions described in this fact sheet, you may be able to collect a retirement benefit based on the rules and provisions of your Chapter 96 Plan. For additional information, consult the brochure for your plan, available on [nycers.org](http://nycers.org).



**PLEASE NOTE: This list is established and maintained by the NYC Office of Labor Relations (OLR) and subject to change. Prior to filing for retirement, you should confirm that your title is on the list and that you meet the physically taxing plan requirements.**

## OFFICIAL LIST OF PHYSICALLY TAXING POSITIONS

Able Seaman	91501	Borough Supervisor (Watershed Maintenance)	91343	Deputy City Sheriff	30312
Administrative Superintendent of Water and Sewer Systems	10081	Bricklayer	92205	Deputy Sheriff	30305
Ambulance Corpsman	00222	Bridge and Tunnel Maintainer	90703	Diesel Tractor Operator	91209
Apprentice Construction Laborer	90748	Bridge Painter	91805	District Foreman	91325
Area Supervisor (Highway Maintenance) Level I and II	91352	Bridge Repairer and Riveter	92310	District Foreman (Highway and Sewer Maintenance)	91326
Asbestos Handler	31313	Bridgeman and Riveter	92310	District Foreman (Highway Maintenance)	91337
Asbestos Handler Supervisor	31314	Building Repairer	90755	District Foreman (Sewer Maintenance)	91338
Asphalt Steam Roller Engineer	91601	Building Repairman	90755	District Foreman (Water Supply)	91328
Asphalt Worker	92405	Cable Splicer	91707	District Foreman (Watershed Maintenance)	91327
Assistant Bridge and Tunnel Maintainer	90794	Cable Splicer's Helper	91708	District Supervisor	91325
Assistant Captain (Ferry Service)	91504	Captain (Engineer)	91513	District Supervisor (Highway Maintenance)	91337
Assistant City Highway Repairer	90692	Captain (Ferry)	91510	District Supervisor (Water and Sewer Systems)	91309
Assistant Gardener	81309	Captain (Sludge Boat)	91516	District Supervisor (Watershed Maintenance)	91327
Assistant Highway Repairer	92403	Captain (Tugboat)	91519	Dockbuilder	92010
Assistant Monument Restorer	92231	Caretaker (Housing Authority)	90645	Driller	92415
Assistant Real Estate Repairer	81706	Carpenter	92005	Electrician	91717
Assistant Real Estate Repairman	81706	Carriage Upholsterer	90706	Electrician (Automobile)	91719
Assistant Resident Buildings Superintendent	80305	Cement Mason	92210	Electrician's Helper	91722
Assistant Stock Handler	12207	Chauffeur-Attendant	91217	Elevator Mechanic	90710
Assistant Stockman	12205	Chief Caretaker (Housing Authority)	81715	Elevator Mechanic's Helper	90711
Associate Park Service Worker	81106	Chief Marine Engineer	91522	EMS Assistant Borough Chief*	00268
Auto Lawn Mower Operator	91205	Chief Marine Engineer (Diesel)	91523	EMS Borough Chief*	00269
Auto Machinist	92505	Chief Mate	91526	EMS Division Chief*	04763
Auto Mechanic	92510	Chief of Hospital Transportation Services	91285	EMSS (Level 1)	96321
Auto Mechanic (Diesel)	92511	City Laborer	90702	EMSS (Level 2)	96322
Basin Machine Operator	91206	City Park Worker	90641	Emergency Medical Specialist - EMT	02220
Blacksmith	92305	City Parking Meter Service Worker	90642	Emergency Medical Specialist - Paramedic	02240
Blacksmith's Helper	92306	City Pest Control Aide	90643	Exterminator	90510
Boiler Room Operator (Housing Authority)	91619	Climber and Pruner	81303	Farmer	90714
Boilermaker	90751	Coal Handler	12105	First Assistant Marine Engineer (Diesel)	91533
Boilermaker's Helper	90752	Coal Passer	91604	Flagger	92215
Borough Foreman	91340	Communication Electrician	91762	Foreman	91310
Borough Foreman (Highway and Sewer Maintenance)	91341	Communication Electrician's Helper	91761	Foreman (Exterminators)	90535
Borough Foreman (Highway Maintenance)	91351	Construction Laborer	90756	Foreman (Highway and Sewer Maintenance)	91311
Borough Foreman (Sewer Maintenance)	91352	Core Drill Operator	92410	Foreman (Highway Maintenance)	91321
Borough Foreman (Watershed Maintenance)	91343	Core Drill Operator's Helper	92411	Foreman (Sewer Maintenance)	91322
Borough Supervisor	91340	Crane Engineman	91607	Foreman (Traffic Device Maintenance)	90935
Borough Supervisor (Highway Maintenance)	91351	Crane Engineman (AMPES)	91611	Foreman (Water and Sewer Systems)	91308
		Crane Operator	91607	Foreman (Watershed Maintenance)	91314
		Crane Operator (AMPES)	91611		
		Deckhand	91529		
		Deckhand (Tugboat)	91530		

Foreman Asphalt Worker	92470	Gasoline Engine Operator (Marine)	91536	Marine Oiler	91546,
Foreman Auto Machinist	92571	Gasoline Roller Engineer	91616		91547,
Foreman Auto Mechanic	92572	General Mechanic	90715	Marine Sounder	91548
Foreman Blacksmith	92374	General Park Foreman	81135	Marine Stoker (Oil Burning)	91553
Foreman Boilermaker	90776	General Superintendent of Repairs to Distribution	91397	Marine Stoker	91552
Foreman Bricklayer	92271	Glazier	90716	Mariner	91501
Foreman Bridge Painter	91871	Handyman, Grade 1	90717	Mason's Helper	92225
Foreman Bridgeman and Riveter	92372	Handyman, Grade 2	90718	Mate	91556
Foreman Cable Splicer	91777	High Pressure Boiler Operator (Floating Equipment)	91632	Mate (Tugboat)	91557
Foreman Carpenter	92071	High Pressure Plant Tender	91650	Menagerie Keeper	81910
Foreman Crane Engineman	91612	Highway Repairer	92406	Metal Lather	92330
Foreman Crane Engineman (AMPES)	91617	Highway Repairer Trainee	92404	Monument Artisan	92230
Foreman Dockbuilder	92072	Horseshoer	92320	Monument Restorer	92241
Foreman Electrician	91769	Horseshoer (Fireman)	92321	Mortuary Caretaker	52010
Foreman Elevator Mechanic	90769	Hostler	81901	Mortuary Technician	52015
Foreman Furniture Maintainer	92770	Housepainter	91820	Motor Grader Operator	91210
Foreman Furniture Maintainer (Upholstery)	92771	Housesmith	92325	Motor Vehicle Dispatcher	91219
Foreman Glazier	90778	Housing Caretaker	82009	Motor Vehicle Foreman	91232
Foreman Highway Repairer	92472	Housing Exterminator	90511	Motor Vehicle Operator	91212
Foreman House Painter	91872	Housing Fireman	91619	Motor Vehicle Supervisor	91232
Foreman Lineman	91778	Housing Stock Handler	12213	Oiler	91628
Foreman Machinist	92670	Housing Stock Worker	12203	Oiler (Portable)	91627
Foreman of Gardeners	81335	Housing Storekeeper	12218	Oiler (Stationary)	91626
Foreman of Housing Caretakers	82011	Housing Supply Handler	12208	Painter	91830
Foreman of Housing Exterminators	90536	Housing Supply Man	12212	Paramedic Ambulance Corpsman	00224
Foreman of Mechanics	90774	Keystone Shovel Engineer	91622	Park Foreman	81110
Foreman of Mechanics (Motor Vehicles)	92570	Laborer	97053	Park Service Worker	81105
Foreman of Traffic Device Maintainers	90904	Laborer (City Rent)	41288	Park Supervisor	81111
Foreman Painter	91873	Lead Abatement Worker	31311	Parking Meter Collector	41110
Foreman Paver	92471	Line Repairer	91728	Paver	92420
Foreman Plasterer	92272	Line Repairer's Helper	91729	Pile Driving Engineer	91631
Foreman Plumber	91972	Lineman	91728	Pile Driving Fireman	91632
Foreman Roofer	90775	Lineman's Helper	91729	Pilot (Tugboat)	91560
Foreman Sheet Metal Worker	92343	Loader and Handler	54511	Pipe Caulker	91910
Foreman Ship Carpenter	92073	Machinist	92610	Plant Maintainer/Oiler (Hospitals)	00435
Foreman Steam Fitter	91971	Machinist's Helper	92611	Plant Maintainer/Tender (Hospitals)	00434
Foreman Water Supply	91313	Maintainer (Bridges and Tunnels)	90807	Plasterer	92235
Furniture Maintainer (including all specialties)	92705, 92706, 92709	Maintenance Man	90698	Plasterer's Helper	92236
Furniture Maintainer's Helper	92710	Maintenance Worker	90726	Plumber	91915
Garage Foreman	91235	Marble Setter	92220	Plumber's Helper	91916
Gardener	81310, 93048	Marble Setter's Helper	92221	Principal Mortuary Caretaker	52065
Gas Fitter	91905	Marine Engineer	91542	Principal Mortuary Technician	52017
Gasoline Engineman (Marine)	91536	Marine Engineer (Diesel)	91543	Principal Park Supervisor	81112
				Rammer	92425
				Real Estate Repairer	81707

Real Estate Repairer (DGS)	82022	Superintendent of Sewer Service	91367	Supervisor of Housing Exterminators	90536
Real Estate Repairman	81707	Superintendent of Sewer Systems	91367	Supervisor of Housing Stock Workers, Level I	12204
Resident Buildings Superintendent	80310	Superintendent of Water and Sewer Systems	91312	Supervisor of Ironwork	92376
Rigger	90734	Supervising Ambulance Corpsman	00223	Supervisor of Mechanics	90774
Rofer	90735	Supervising EMSS (Level 1)	96331	Supervisor of Mechanics (Mechanical Equipment)	92575
Rubber Tire Repairer	90736	Supervising EMSS (Level 2)	96332	Supervisor of Mechanics (Motor Vehicles)	92570
Scowman	91563	Supervising Foreman of Cable Splicers and Lineman	91779	Supervisor of Menagerie	81960
Second Assistant Marine Engineer (Diesel)	91566	Supervising Housing Groundskeeper	81350	Supervisor of Motor Transport	91279
Second Mate	91569	Supervising Housing Groundsman	81350	Supervisor of Park Operations	81160
Senior Bridge and Tunnel Maintainer	90766	Supervising Parking Meter Collector	41112	Supervisor of Park Operations and Maintenance	81113
Senior Building Repairer	90777	Supervising Parking Meter Service Worker	41113	Supervisor of Tractor Operators	91224
Senior Building Repairman	90777	Supervisor	91310	Supervisor of Traffic Device Maintainers	90904
Senior Deputy Sheriff	30310	Supervisor (Exterminators)	90535	Supervisor Paver	92471
Senior Foreman (Exterminators)	90560	Supervisor (Highway and Sewer Maintenance)	91311	Supervisor Plasterer	92272
Senior Foreman of Housing Exterminators	90561	Supervisor (Highway Maintenance)	91321	Supervisor Plumber	91972
Senior Foreman Traffic Device Maintainer	90960	Supervisor (Sewer Maintenance)	91322	Supervisor Roofer	90775
Senior Garage Foreman	91236	Supervisor (Water and Sewer Systems)	91308	Supervisor Sheet Metal Worker	92343
Senior Menagerie Keeper	81935	Supervisor (Watershed Maintenance)	91314	Supervisor Ship Carpenter	92073
Senior Mortuary Caretaker	52035	Supervisor Auto Machinist	92571	Supervisor Steam Fitter	91971
Senior Mortuary Technician	52016	Supervisor Auto Mechanic	92572	Supervisor Water Supply	91313
Senior Motor Vehicle Foreman	91233	Supervisor Blacksmith	92374	Third Assistant Marine Engineer	06253
Senior Motor Vehicle Supervisor	91233	Supervisor Boilermaker	90776	Third Mate	06252
Senior Sewage Treatment Worker	90767	Supervisor Bricklayer	92271	Tinsmith	92350
Senior Supervisor (Exterminators)	90560	Supervisor Bridge Painter	91871	Tractor Operator	91215
Senior Supervisor Communication Electrician	91764	Supervisor Bridge Repairer and Riveter	92372	Traffic Device Maintainer	90910
Senior Supervisor of Housing Exterminators	90561	Supervisor Cable Splicer	91777	Traffic Enforcement Agent Level III and IV	7165A, 7165B
Senior Supervisor of Line Repairers and Cable Splicers	91779	Supervisor Carpenter	92071	Water Plant Operator	91010
Senior Supervisor of Park Operations	81165	Supervisor Communication Electrician	91763	Watershed Maintainer	91011
Sewage Treatment Worker	90739	Supervisor Crane Operator	91612	Water Tender	91572
Sheet Metal Worker	92340	Supervisor Crane Operator (AMPES)	91617	Wehr Grader Operator	91216
Ship Carpenter	92025	Supervisor Dockbuilder	92072	Welder	92355
Ship Caulker	91920	Supervisor Electrician	91769	Welder (Electric)	92356
Sign Painter	91835	Supervisor Elevator Mechanic	90769	Well Driver	90748
Stationary Fireman	91650	Supervisor Furniture Maintainer	92770	Window Cleaner	90749
Steam Roller Engineer	91655	Supervisor Furniture Maintainer (Upholstery)	92771		
Steam Fitter	91925	Supervisor Glazier	90778		
Steam Fitter's Helper	91926	Supervisor Highway Repairer	92472		
Stock Handler	12214	Supervisor Line Repairer	91778		
Stock Man	12210	Supervisor Machinist	92670		
Stock Worker	12200	Supervisor Painter	91873		
Stone Cutter	92240	Supervisor of Housing Caretakers	82011		
Superintendent of Repairs to Distribution	91376				

\*Note: Only those persons who have served in these titles immediately following their service in other titles which are on the physically taxing list will be entitled to include all their service in the Chiefs titles in computing their years of service for the purpose of early retirement pursuant to Administrative Code 13-162.

