

## Are withdrawals from the SSS P.E.S.O. Fund allowed?

Withdrawals of up to 35% of the total contribution of the member are allowed. However, withdrawals made before the fifth (5th) year of membership shall be charged with a corresponding penalty and management fee.

## When shall a member's SSS P.E.S.O. Fund account mature?

A member shall receive the SSS P.E.S.O. Fund contributions and earnings upon successful filing of retirement or total disability in the Regular SSS Program.

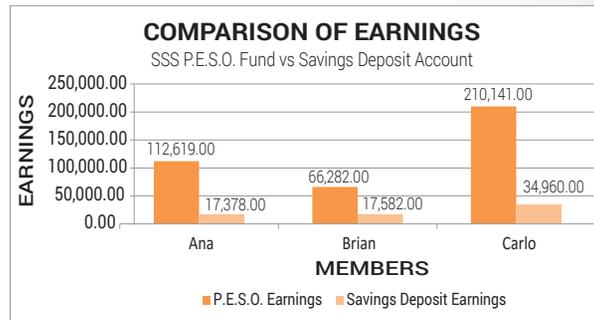
Should the member die, all contributions and earnings shall be distributed equally to the listed beneficiaries.

## Comparison of Earnings (for illustration purposes only)

The table shows a comparison of earnings from contributions made by three (3) SSS P.E.S.O. Fund members with the following details:

- Ana invests ₱12,000 per year beginning at age 25. At age 34, she stops. She has invested for 10 years with a total contribution of ₱120,000.
- Brian invests the same ₱12,000 but begins at age 35 and continues the annual investment until age 59. He has invested for 24 years with a total contribution of ₱288,000.
- Carlo is the most diligent saver. He invests ₱12,000 per year beginning at age 25 and continues investing until age 59. He has invested for 34 years with a total of ₱408,000.

- Ana, Brian, and Carlo shall all retire at age 60. All their investments shall earn interest up to the date of their retirement.
- The assumed fund growth rates are at 3.75%, 1.85% and 1.85% per annum for Retirement Account, Medical Account and General Purpose Account, respectively.



Brian has invested more than twice as much as Ana, yet Ana's earnings are higher. She saved for just 10 years while Brian saved for 24 years. This is the power of compound interest: the investment earnings of Ana in her 10 early years of saving is working to her advantage. Brian can't equal the earnings of Ana, even if he saves for an additional 20 years.

The best scenario is that of Carlo, who begins saving early and doesn't stop until retirement. Note how the amount he has saved is higher than that of Ana's or Brian's. Slow and steady annual investment and most importantly, beginning at an early age, is the key to a more secured future.

Compound interest works well for those who start early. It pays to start saving now.

Enroll in the SSS P.E.S.O. Fund today!



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PROVIDENT FUND  
FOR MEMBERS**



# SSS P.E.S.O. Fund for Members

## Why is saving for the future important?

Saving for the future allows us to enjoy a comfortable retirement by enabling us to:

- Cover daily expenses
- Fund what we love to do
- Prepare us for emergencies

The future, however, is getting more expensive as family dynamics are changing, people live longer, and an active lifestyle is adopted.

## When should a person start saving?

Saving should be done consistently, as early as possible, even in small amounts. Time is of the essence, especially if the retirement fund offers compound interest, such as the SSS P.E.S.O. Fund.

## What is the SSS P.E.S.O. Fund?

The SSS P.E.S.O. Fund (Personal Equity and Savings Option) is a voluntary provident fund offered exclusively to SSS members in addition to the Regular SSS program.

Through this program, members who have the capacity to contribute more are given the opportunity to save more in order to receive higher benefits in the future.

## Why is the SSS P.E.S.O. Fund a good investment?

The program provides an option for SSS members to save for their retirement through:

- Enjoyment of tax-free benefits;
- Investment of contributions in risk-free instruments;
- Grant of guaranteed earnings;
- Use of the power of compound interest.

## Who can join the SSS P.E.S.O. Fund?

The program is open to all employees, self-employed (SE), voluntary (VM), and OFW members who have met the following qualifications:

- 54 years of age and below;
- Have paid contributions in the Regular SSS program for at least six (6) consecutive months within the 12-month period immediately prior to the month of enrollment;
- SE, VM, and OFW members should be paying the maximum amount of contributions under the Regular SSS program;
- Have not filed any final claim under the Regular SSS program.

## How can an SSS member join the SSS P.E.S.O. Fund?

SSS members can enroll in the program over-the-counter at any SSS branch, or online via My.SSS at [www.sss.gov.ph](http://www.sss.gov.ph).

## How will a member contribute in the SSS P.E.S.O. Fund?

Contributions to the program may be made by the member any time, ensuring only that a corresponding contribution in the Regular SSS program is also made for the same month.

For SE, VM, and OFW members, said contribution in the Regular SSS program should be based on the maximum Monthly Salary Credit (MSC).

Each member shall be allowed a maximum contribution of P500,000 per annum and a minimum of P1,000 per contribution.

## How is the SSS P.E.S.O. Fund allocated?

The contributions and earnings of a member shall be allocated to three (3) types of accounts:

ACCOUNT TYPE	PERCENTAGE ALLOCATION
 Retirement/ Total Disability	65% with guaranteed earnings based on 5-year T-Bond rates
 Medical	25% with guaranteed earnings based on 364-day T-Bill rates
 General Purpose (education, housing, livelihood, unemployment)	10% with guaranteed earnings based on 364-day T-Bill rates