



# 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 brochure.) 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?** Your Annual Disclosure Statement (ADS), mailed each spring, specifies your plan. You may also visit our Customer Service Center, contact our Call Center, or log in to your MY NYCERS account to learn your plan.

**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.

**What 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 our website, [www.nycers.org](http://www.nycers.org).

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# OFFICIAL LIST OF PHYSICALLY TAXING POSITIONS

Able Seaman	91501	Bridge and Tunnel Maintainer	90703	District Foreman (Sewer Maintenance)	91338
Administrative Superintendent of Water and Sewer Systems	10081	Bridge Painter	91805	District Foreman (Water Supply)	91328
Ambulance Corpsman	00222	Bridge Repairer and Riveter	92310	District Foreman (Watershed Maintenance)	91327
Apprentice Construction Laborer	90748	Bridgeman and Riveter	92310	District Supervisor	91325
Area Supervisor (Highway Maintenance) Level I and II	91352	Building Repairer	90755	District Supervisor (Highway Maintenance)	91337
Asbestos Handler	31313	Building Repairman	90755	District Supervisor (Water and Sewer Systems)	91309
Asbestos Handler Supervisor	31314	Cable Splicer	91707	District Supervisor (Watershed Maintenance)	91327
Asphalt Steam Roller Engineer	91601	Cable Splicer's Helper	91708	Dockbuilder	92010
Asphalt Worker	92405	Captain (Engineer)	91513	Driller	92415
Assistant Bridge and Tunnel Maintainer	90794	Captain (Ferry)	91510	Electrician	91717
Assistant Captain (Ferry Service)	91504	Captain (Sludge Boat)	91516	Electrician (Automobile)	91719
Assistant City Highway Repairer	90692	Captain (Tugboat)	91519	Electrician's Helper	91722
Assistant Gardener	81309	Caretaker (Housing Authority)	90645	Elevator Mechanic	90710
Assistant Highway Repairer	92403	Carpenter	92005	Elevator Mechanic's Helper	90711
Assistant Monument Restorer	92231	Carriage Upholsterer	90706	EMS Assistant Borough Chief*	00268
Assistant Real Estate Repairer	81706	Cement Mason	92210	EMS Borough Chief*	00269
Assistant Real Estate Repairman	81706	Chauffeur-Attendant	91217	EMS Division Chief*	04763
Assistant Resident Buildings Superintendent	80305	Chief Caretaker (Housing Authority)	81715	EMSS (Level 1)	96321
Assistant Stock Handler	12207	Chief Marine Engineer	91522	EMSS (Level 2)	96322
Assistant Stockman	12205	Chief Marine Engineer (Diesel)	91523	Emergency Medical Specialist - EMT	02220
Associate Park Service Worker	81106	Chief Mate	91526	Emergency Medical Specialist - Paramedic	02240
Auto Lawn Mower Operator	91205	Chief of Hospital Transportation Services	91285	Exterminator	90510
Auto Machinist	92505	City Laborer	90702	Farmer	90714
Auto Mechanic	92510	City Park Worker	90641	First Assistant Marine Engineer (Diesel)	91533
Auto Mechanic (Diesel)	92511	City Parking Meter Service Worker	90642	Flagger	92215
Basin Machine Operator	91206	City Pest Control Aide	90643	Foreman	91310
Blacksmith	92305	Climber and Pruner	81303	Foreman (Exterminators)	90535
Blacksmith's Helper	92306	Coal Handler	12105	Foreman (Highway and Sewer Maintenance)	91311
Boiler Room Operator (Housing Authority)	91619	Coal Passer	91604	Foreman (Highway Maintenance)	91321
Boilermaker	90751	Communication Electrician	91762	Foreman (Sewer Maintenance)	91322
Boilermaker's Helper	90752	Communication Electrician's Helper	91761	Foreman (Traffic Device Maintenance)	90935
Borough Foreman	91340	Construction Laborer	90756	Foreman (Water and Sewer Systems)	91308
Borough Foreman (Highway and Sewer Maintenance)	91341	Core Drill Operator	92410	Foreman (Watershed Maintenance)	91314
Borough Foreman (Highway Maintenance)	91351	Core Drill Operator's Helper	92411	Foreman Asphalt Worker	92470
Borough Foreman (Sewer Maintenance)	91352	Crane Engineman	91607	Foreman Auto Machinist	92571
Borough Foreman (Watershed Maintenance)	91343	Crane Engineman (AMPES)	91611	Foreman Auto Mechanic	92572
Borough Supervisor	91340	Crane Operator	91607	Foreman Blacksmith	92374
Borough Supervisor (Highway Maintenance)	91351	Crane Operator (AMPES)	91611	Foreman Boilermaker	90776
Borough Supervisor (Watershed Maintenance)	91343	Deckhand	91529		
Bricklayer	92205	Deckhand (Tugboat)	91530		
		Deputy City Sheriff	30312		
		Deputy Sheriff	30305		
		Diesel Tractor Operator	91209		
		District Foreman	91325		
		District Foreman (Highway and Sewer Maintenance)	91326		
		District Foreman (Highway Maintenance)	91337		

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Foreman Bricklayer	92271	Glazier	90716	Monument Restorer	92241
Foreman Bridge Painter	91871	Handyman, Grade 1	90717	Mortuary Caretaker	52010
Foreman Bridgeman and Riveter	92372	Handyman, Grade 2	90718	Mortuary Technician	52015
Foreman Cable Splicer	91777	High Pressure Boiler		Motor Grader Operator	91210
Foreman Carpenter	92071	Operator (Floating Equipment)	91632	Motor Vehicle Dispatcher	91219
Foreman Crane Engineman	91612	High Pressure Plant Tender	91650	Motor Vehicle Foreman	91232
Foreman Crane		Highway Repairer	92406	Motor Vehicle Operator	91212
Engineman (AMPES)	91617	Highway Repairer Trainee	92404	Motor Vehicle Supervisor	91232
Foreman Dockbuilder	92072	Horseshoer	92320	Oiler	91628
Foreman Electrician	91769	Horseshoer (Fireman)	92321	Oiler (Portable)	91627
Foreman Elevator Mechanic	90769	Hostler	81901	Oiler (Stationary)	91626
Foreman Furniture Maintainer	92770	Housepainter	91820	Painter	91830
Foreman Furniture		Housesmith	92325	Paramedic Ambulance	
Maintainer (Upholstery)	92771	Housing Caretaker	82009	Corpsman	00224
Foreman Glazier	90778	Housing Exterminator	90511	Park Foreman	81110
Foreman Highway Repairer	92472	Housing Fireman	91619	Park Service Worker	81105
Foreman House Painter	91872	Housing Stock Handler	12213	Park Supervisor	81111
Foreman Lineman	91778	Housing Stock Worker	12203	Parking Meter Collector	41110
Foreman Machinist	92670	Housing Storekeeper	12218	Paver	92420
Foreman of Gardeners	81335	Housing Supply Handler	12208	Pile Driving Engineer	91631
Foreman of Housing Caretakers	82011	Housing Supply Man	12212	Pile Driving Fireman	91632
Foreman of Housing		Keystone Shovel Engineer	91622	Pilot (Tugboat)	91560
Exterminators	90536	Laborer	97053	Pipe Caulker	91910
Foreman of Mechanics	90774	Laborer (City Rent)	41288	Plant Maintainer/Oiler	
Foreman of Mechanics (Motor		Lead Abatement Worker	31311	(Hospitals)	00435
Vehicles)	92570	Line Repairer	91728	Plant Maintainer/Tender	
Foreman of Traffic		Line Repairer's Helper	91729	(Hospitals)	00434
Device Maintainers	90904	Lineman	91728	Plasterer	92235
Foreman Painter	91873	Lineman's Helper	91729	Plasterer's Helper	92236
Foreman Paver	92471	Loader and Handler	54511	Plumber	91915
Foreman Plasterer	92272	Machinist	92610	Plumber's Helper	91916
Foreman Plumber	91972	Machinist's Helper	92611	Principal Mortuary Caretaker	52065
Foreman Roofer	90775	Maintainer (Bridges and		Principal Mortuary Technician	52017
Foreman Sheet Metal Worker	92343	Tunnels)	90807	Principal Park Supervisor	81112
Foreman Ship Carpenter	92073	Maintenance Man	90698	Rammer	92425
Foreman Steam Fitter	91971	Maintenance Worker	90726	Real Estate Repairer	81707
Foreman Water Supply	91313	Marble Setter	92220	Real Estate Repairer (DGS)	82022
Furniture Maintainer (including		Marble Setter's Helper	92221	Real Estate Repairman	81707
all specialties)	92705, 92706, 92709	Marine Engineer	91542	Resident Buildings	
Furniture Maintainer's Helper	92710	Marine Engineer (Diesel)	91543	Superintendent	80310
Garage Foreman	91235	Marine Oiler	91546, 91547, 91548	Rigger	90734
Gardener	81310, 93048	Marine Sounder	91549	Roofer	90735
Gas Fitter	91905	Marine Stoker (Oil Burning)	91553	Rubber Tire Repairer	90736
Gasoline Engineman (Marine)	91536	Marine Stoker	91552	Scowman	91563
Gasoline Engine		Mariner	91501	Second Assistant Marine	
Operator (Marine)	91536	Mason's Helper	92225	Engineer (Diesel)	91566
Gasoline Roller Engineer	91616	Mate	91556	Second Mate	91569
General Mechanic	90715	Mate (Tugboat)	91557	Senior Bridge and	
General Park Foreman	81135	Menagerie Keeper	81910	Tunnel Maintainer	90766
General Superintendent of		Metal Lather	92330	Senior Building Repairer	90777
Repairs to Distribution	91397	Monument Artisan	92230	Senior Building Repairman	90777



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

\*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.

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