

Physically Taxing Positions



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This fact sheet provides information for Chapter 96 members employed in Physically Taxing Positions. 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 3-8 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 3 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 Physically Taxing Service.

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 Position 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 Position 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 to get started.

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

In addition to Basic Member Contributions (BMCs) and Additional Member Contributions (AMCs) required of Chapter 96 participants, members in Physically Taxing Positions pay an additional 1.98% of their gross wages on **all** Physically Taxing Service until they attain 30 years of Physically Taxing Service (except 55/25 Plan participants with a membership date prior to July 1, 1993 who are only required to pay on all Physically Taxing Service rendered after January 1, 1995 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 in a Physically Taxing Position, 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 Physically Taxing Service. The only exception to this is exclusive to 57/5 Plan participants who are in one of the carpenter titles under Chapter 708 of the Laws of 2023 listed below.

What if I am in a carpenter title in the 57/5 Plan and am unable to accumulate 25 years of Physically Taxing Service by age 57?

Pursuant to Chapter 708 of the Laws of 2023, 57/5 Plan participants in a carpenter title listed below are not required to contribute 1.98% Physically Taxing AMCs if they cannot possibly accumulate 25 years of Physically Taxing Service by age 57:

Carpenter	Rigger
Supervisor Carpenter	Dockbuilder
Ship Carpenter	Supervisor Dockbuilder
Supervisor Ship Carpenter	General Supervisor Dockbuilder

If you are in a carpenter title listed above, you may cease contributing 1.98% of your gross wages on December 8, 2023 or on the date you can no longer possibly accumulate 25 years of Physically Taxing Service by age 57, whichever is later. In this case, you will cease participation in physically taxing early retirement provisions and the **employee portion** (50%) of your 1.98% AMCs may be eligible for a refund at retirement depending on when they were contributed.

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

The provisions simply provide for an earlier retirement age with 25 years of Physically Taxing Service. 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 Physically Taxing Service, 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 Physically Taxing Service 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 Physically Taxing Service 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 Physically Taxing Service?

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](https://www.nycers.org).



OFFICIAL LIST OF PHYSICALLY TAXING POSITIONS

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.

Able Seaman	91501	Borough Foreman	91340
Administrative Superintendent of Water and Sewer Systems	10081	Borough Foreman (Highway and Sewer Maintenance)	91341
Ambulance Corpsman	00222	Borough Foreman (Highway Maintenance)	91351
Apprentice Construction Laborer	90748	Borough Foreman (Sewer Maintenance)	91352
Area Supervisor (Highway Maintenance) Level I and II	91352	Borough Foreman (Watershed Maintenance)	91343
Asbestos Handler	31313	Borough Supervisor	91340
Asbestos Handler Supervisor	31314	Borough Supervisor (Highway Maintenance)	91351
Asphalt Steam Roller Engineer	91601	Borough Supervisor (Watershed Maintenance)	91343
Asphalt Worker	92405	Bricklayer	92205
Assistant Bridge and Tunnel Maintainer	90794	Bridge and Tunnel Maintainer	90703
Assistant Captain (Ferry Service)	91504	Bridge Painter	91805
Assistant City Highway Repairer	90692	Bridge Repairer and Riveter	92310
Assistant Gardener	81309	Bridgeman and Riveter	92310
Assistant Highway Repairer	92403	Building Repairer	90755
Assistant Monument Restorer	92231	Building Repairman	90755
Assistant Real Estate Repairer	81706	Cable Splicer	91707
Assistant Real Estate Repairman	81706	Cable Splicer's Helper	91708
Assistant Resident Buildings Superintendent	80305	Captain (Engineer)	91513
Assistant Stock Handler	12207	Captain (Ferry)	91510
Assistant Stockman	12205	Captain (Sludge Boat)	91516
Associate Park Service Worker	81106	Captain (Tugboat)	91519
Auto Lawn Mower Operator	91205	Caretaker (Housing Authority)	90645
Auto Machinist	92505	Carpenter	92005
Auto Mechanic	92510	Carriage Upholsterer	90706
Auto Mechanic (Diesel)	92511	Cement Mason	92210
Basin Machine Operator	91206	Chauffeur-Attendant	91217
Blacksmith	92305	Chief Caretaker (Housing Authority)	81715
Blacksmith's Helper	92306	Chief Marine Engineer	91522
Boiler Room Operator (Housing Authority)	91619	Chief Marine Engineer (Diesel)	91523
Boilermaker	90751	Chief Mate	91526
Boilermaker's Helper	90752		



Chief of Hospital Transportation Services	91285	Driller	92415
City Laborer	90702	Electrician	91717
City Park Worker	90641	Electrician (Automobile)	91719
City Parking Meter Service Worker	90642	Electrician's Helper	91722
City Pest Control Aide	90643	Elevator Mechanic	90710
Climber and Pruner	81303	Elevator Mechanic's Helper	90711
Coal Handler	12105	EMS Assistant Borough Chief*	00268
Coal Passer	91604	EMS Borough Chief*	00269
Communication Electrician	91762	EMS Division Chief*	04763
Communication Electrician's Helper	91761	EMSS (Level 1)	96321
Construction Laborer	90756	EMSS (Level 2)	96322
Core Drill Operator	92410	Emergency Medical Specialist - EMT	02220
Core Drill Operator's Helper	92411	Emergency Medical Specialist - Paramedic	02240
Crane Engineman	91607	Exterminator	90510
Crane Engineman (AMPES)	91611	Farmer	90714
Crane Operator	91607	First Assistant Marine Engineer (Diesel)	91533
Crane Operator (AMPES)	91611	Flagger	92215
Deckhand	91529	Foreman	91310
Deckhand (Tugboat)	91530	Foreman (Exterminators)	90535
Deputy City Sheriff	30312	Foreman (Highway and Sewer Maintenance)	91311
Deputy Sheriff	30305	Foreman (Highway Maintenance)	91321
Diesel Tractor Operator	91209	Foreman (Sewer Maintenance)	91322
District Foreman	91325	Foreman (Traffic Device Maintenance)	90935
District Foreman (Highway and Sewer Maintenance)	91326	Foreman (Water and Sewer Systems)	91308
District Foreman (Highway Maintenance)	91337	Foreman (Watershed Maintenance)	91314
District Foreman (Sewer Maintenance)	91338	Foreman Asphalt Worker	92470
District Foreman (Water Supply)	91328	Foreman Auto Machinist	92571
District Foreman (Watershed Maintenance)	91327	Foreman Auto Mechanic	92572
District Supervisor	91325	Foreman Blacksmith	92374
District Supervisor (Highway Maintenance)	91337	Foreman Boilermaker	90776
District Supervisor (Water and Sewer Systems)	91309	Foreman Bricklayer	92271
District Supervisor (Watershed Maintenance)	91327	Foreman Bridge Painter	91871
Dockbuilder	92010	Foreman Bridgeman and Riveter	92372
		Foreman Cable Splicer	91777
		Foreman Carpenter	92071
		Foreman Crane Engineman	91612
		Foreman Crane Engineman (AMPES)	91617



Foreman Dockbuilder	92072	General Superintendent of Repairs to Distribution	91397
Foreman Electrician	91769	Glazier	90716
Foreman Elevator Mechanic	90769	Handyman, Grade 1	90717
Foreman Furniture Maintainer	92770	Handyman, Grade 2	90718
Foreman Furniture Maintainer (Upholstery)	92771	High Pressure Boiler Operator (Floating Equipment)	91632
Foreman Glazier	90778	High Pressure Plant Tender	91650
Foreman Highway Repairer	92472	Highway Repairer	92406
Foreman House Painter	91872	Highway Repairer Trainee	92404
Foreman Lineman	91778	Horseshoer	92320
Foreman Machinist	92670	Horseshoer (Fireman)	92321
Foreman of Gardeners	81335	Hostler	81901
Foreman of Housing Caretakers	82011	Housepainter	91820
Foreman of Housing Exterminators	90536	Housesmith	92325
Foreman of Mechanics	90774	Housing Caretaker	82009
Foreman of Mechanics (Motor Vehicles)	92570	Housing Exterminator	90511
Foreman of Traffic Device Maintainers	90904	Housing Fireman	91619
Foreman Painter	91873	Housing Stock Handler	12213
Foreman Paver	92471	Housing Stock Worker	12203
Foreman Plasterer	92272	Housing Storekeeper	12218
Foreman Plumber	91972	Housing Supply Handler	12208
Foreman Roofer	90775	Housing Supply Man	12212
Foreman Sheet Metal Worker	92343	Keystone Shovel Engineer	91622
Foreman Ship Carpenter	92073	Laborer	97053
Foreman Steam Fitter	91971	Laborer (City Rent)	41288
Foreman Water Supply	91313	Lead Abatement Worker	31311
Furniture Maintainer (including all specialties)	92705, 92706, 92709	Line Repairer	91728
Furniture Maintainer's Helper	92710	Line Repairer's Helper	91729
Garage Foreman	91235	Lineman	91728
Gardener	81310, 93048	Lineman's Helper	91729
Gas Fitter	91905	Loader and Handler	54511
Gasoline Engineman (Marine)	91536	Machinist	92610
Gasoline Engine Operator (Marine)	91536	Machinist's Helper	92611
Gasoline Roller Engineer	91616	Maintainer (Bridges and Tunnels)	90807
General Mechanic	90715	Maintenance Man	90698
General Park Foreman	81135	Maintenance Worker	90726
		Marble Setter	92220
		Marble Setter's Helper	92221
		Marine Engineer	91542
		Marine Engineer (Diesel)	91543



Marine Oiler	91546,	Principal Mortuary Caretaker	52065
	91547,	Principal Mortuary Technician	52017
	91548	Principal Park Supervisor	81112
Marine Sounder	91549	Rammer	92425
Marine Stoker (Oil Burning)	91553	Real Estate Repairer	81707
Marine Stoker	91552	Real Estate Repairer (DGS)	82022
Mariner	91501	Real Estate Repairman	81707
Mason's Helper	92225	Resident Buildings Superintendent	80310
Mate	91556	Rigger	90734
Mate (Tugboat)	91557	Roofer	90735
Menagerie Keeper	81910	Rubber Tire Repairer	90736
Metal Lather	92330	Scowman	91563
Monument Artisan	92230	Second Assistant Marine Engineer	91566
Monument Restorer	92241	(Diesel)	
Mortuary Caretaker	52010	Second Mate	91569
Mortuary Technician	52015	Senior Bridge and Tunnel	90766
Motor Grader Operator	91210	Maintainer	
Motor Vehicle Dispatcher	91219	Senior Building Repairer	90777
Motor Vehicle Foreman	91232	Senior Building Repairman	90777
Motor Vehicle Operator	91212	Senior Deputy Sheriff	30310
Motor Vehicle Supervisor	91232	Senior Foreman (Exterminators)	90560
Oiler	91628	Senior Foreman of Housing	90561
Oiler (Portable)	91627	Exterminators	
Oiler (Stationary)	91626	Senior Foreman Traffic Device	90960
Painter	91830	Maintainer	
Paramedic Ambulance Corpsman	00224	Senior Garage Foreman	91236
Park Foreman	81110	Senior Menagerie Keeper	81935
Park Service Worker	81105	Senior Mortuary Caretaker	52035
Park Supervisor	81111	Senior Mortuary Technician	52016
Parking Meter Collector	41110	Senior Motor Vehicle Foreman	91233
Paver	92420	Senior Motor Vehicle Supervisor	91233
Pile Driving Engineer	91631	Senior Sewage Treatment Worker	90767
Pile Driving Fireman	91632	Senior Supervisor (Exterminators)	90560
Pilot (Tugboat)	91560	Senior Supervisor Communication	91764
Pipe Caulker	91910	Electrician	
Plant Maintainer/Oiler (Hospitals)	00435	Senior Supervisor of Housing	90561
Plant Maintainer/Tender (Hospitals)	00434	Exterminators	
Plasterer	92235	Senior Supervisor of Line	91779
Plasterer's Helper	92236	Repairers and Cable Splicers	
Plumber	91915	Senior Supervisor of Park	81165
Plumber's Helper	91916	Operations	



Sewage Treatment Worker	90739	Supervisor Boilermaker	90776
Sheet Metal Worker	92340	Supervisor Bricklayer	92271
Ship Carpenter	92025	Supervisor Bridge Painter	91871
Ship Caulker	91920	Supervisor Bridge Repairer and Riveter	92372
Sign Painter	91835		
Stationary Fireman	91650	Supervisor Cable Splicer	91777
Steam Roller Engineer	91655	Supervisor Carpenter	92071
Steam Fitter	91925	Supervisor Communication Electrician	91763
Steam Fitter's Helper	91926		
Stock Handler	12214	Supervisor Crane Operator	91612
Stock Man	12210	Supervisor Crane Operator (AMPES)	91617
Stock Worker	12200	Supervisor Dockbuilder	92072
Stone Cutter	92240	Supervisor Electrician	91769
Superintendent of Repairs to Distribution	91376	Supervisor Elevator Mechanic	90769
Superintendent of Sewer Service	91367	Supervisor Furniture Maintainer	92770
Superintendent of Sewer Systems	91367	Supervisor Furniture Maintainer (Upholstery)	92771
Superintendent of Water and Sewer Systems	91312	Supervisor Glazier	90778
Supervising Ambulance Corpsman	00223	Supervisor Highway Repairer	92472
Supervising EMSS (Level 1)	96331	Supervisor Line Repairer	91778
Supervising EMSS (Level 2)	96332	Supervisor Machinist	92670
Supervising Foreman of Cable Splicers and Lineman	91779	Supervisor Painter	91873
Supervising Housing Groundskeeper	81350	Supervisor of Housing Caretakers	82011
Supervising Housing Groundsman	81350	Supervisor of Housing Exterminators	90536
Supervising Parking Meter Collector	41112	Supervisor of Housing Stock Workers, Level I	12204
Supervising Parking Meter Service Worker	41113	Supervisor of Ironwork	92376
Supervisor	91310	Supervisor of Mechanics	90774
Supervisor (Exterminators)	90535	Supervisor of Mechanics (Mechanical Equipment)	92575
Supervisor (Highway and Sewer Maintenance)	91311	Supervisor of Mechanics (Motor Vehicles)	92570
Supervisor (Highway Maintenance)	91321	Supervisor of Menagerie	81960
Supervisor (Sewer Maintenance)	91322	Supervisor of Motor Transport	91279
Supervisor (Water and Sewer Systems)	91308	Supervisor of Park Operations	81160
Supervisor (Watershed Maintenance)	91314	Supervisor of Park Operations and Maintenance	81113
Supervisor Auto Machinist	92571	Supervisor of Tractor Operators	91224
Supervisor Auto Mechanic	92572	Supervisor of Traffic Device Maintainers	90904
Supervisor Blacksmith	92374	Supervisor Paver	92471



Supervisor Plasterer	92272
Supervisor Plumber	91972
Supervisor Roofer	90775
Supervisor Sheet Metal Worker	92343
Supervisor Ship Carpenter	92073
Supervisor Steam Fitter	91971
Supervisor Water Supply	91313
Third Assistant Marine Engineer	06253
Third Mate	06252
Tinsmith	92350
Tractor Operator	91215
Traffic Device Maintainer	90910
Traffic Enforcement Agent Level III and IV	7165A, 7165B
Water Plant Operator	91010
Watershed Maintainer	91011
Water Tender	91572
Wehr Grader Operator	91216
Welder	92355
Welder (Electric)	92356
Well Driver	90748
Window Cleaner	90749

*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.

