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Employee contributions to increase for the Defined Benefit component of the Canada Post Pension Plan

Dear Colleague,

As of the first pay in 2019, the employee contribution rate for members of the Defined Benefit (DB) component of the Canada Post Pension Plan will increase by 0.2 per cent of pensionable earnings. The last increase was in July 2017.

Employees contribute approximately 50 per cent to the Plan, and the Corporation, the other 50 per cent. To maintain a 50-50 split of regular contributions, it is necessary to adjust contributions from time to time. With this increase, Canada Post will cover 50.8 per cent of the current service costs, with members contributing the remaining 49.2 per cent.

The increase in employee contributions will not affect members who have completed 35 years of eligible service and who are contributing at a rate of one per cent of pensionable earnings.

Employees today contribute 9 per cent of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings (YMPE)*. Beginning in January, employees will contribute 9.2 per cent up to the YMPE. Contributions on pensionable earnings over the YMPE will increase from 12.5 per cent to 12.7 per cent.

Your Canada Post pension benefit is integrated with the Canada Pension Plan/Québec Pension Plan (CPP/QPP). This means that your contributions to the Plan take into account that you also contribute to and will receive a CPP/QPP benefit. Once your pensionable earnings exceed the YMPE limit, your CPP/QPP deductions cease, and your contributions to the Plan increase.

What this means for you

With the increase, a member of the DB component of the Plan earning \$55,000 a year will contribute approximately \$4 more per pay on average.

Where to find more information

Read the *Canada Post Pension Plan 2017 Report to Members* that was mailed to employees' homes in June. The report can also be found at cpcpension.com.

Sincerely,

Julie Philippe, General Manager, Total Compensation

* The YMPE is an earnings limit set by the Government of Canada each year to determine CPP/QPP contribution rates. The YMPE for 2019 is \$57,400.