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\$10 Million in Retroactive Wages Owed to Retirees Will Start Going Out Next Thursday; Division of Personnel Launches Informational Webpage

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The Division of Personnel announced Monday evening that government retirees over the age of 65 can log into the V.I. Division of Personnel's website and check what they are owed ahead of an upcoming \$10 million payout meant to offset outstanding retroactive wages.

Payments apply to retirees over the age of 65 who are owed retroactive wages from 1990-2001, as outlined in Act 6584, D.O.P. said. Checks are expected to be mailed out on Thursday, July 22.

According to the release, beginning Tuesday, July 20, those retirees can:

- Visit dopusvi.org/retirees and click on the portal titled “Retiree Retro Payments” – or, visit dopusvi.org/comp2021;
- Sign in with their last name and the last four digits of their social security number to access their profile;
- Or, call our dedicated Retroactive Wage hotline at (340) 714-5010 with any questions.

D.O.P. said the process enables all eligible retirees over the age of 65 to view their anticipated retroactive wage payout. A flat amount of \$1,700 — less taxes and social security — will be distributed to those whose total retroactive obligation is equal to or greater than that amount. Retirees whose obligation is less than \$1,700 will be given a check for the remainder. If your name is not listed, it is because our records indicate that you are not owed retro or not over the age of 65, D.O.P. said.

The division said any remaining retroactive wages will continue to be an obligation of the V.I. government.

Payments may also be claimed by surviving family upon the death of a retiree. To check if a payment is owed, survivors should also:

- Follow the sign-in steps above to access our online Retiree Compensation portal, and click on the link at the bottom of the landing page for survivors;
- Download and fill out the W-9 form and affidavit (please note that affidavit must be notarized); - Email both documents back to comp2021@vi.gov.

For support, you may call the D.O.P. hotline at (340) 714-5010 to speak to a representative who can verify information and begin the process of finalizing a payment, according to the release.