



Finally! A newsletter just for you – our valued retirees!



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We've heard your suggestions and here we are – launching a newsletter specifically with you in mind – *The PEPP Connection*.

With over 7,000 Variable Pension Benefit (VPB) members and growing, our aim is to share information to help you manage your VPB account while keeping up to date on the latest tools and services available to you as a retiree.

We've highlighted some of our most popular member tools and services in this newsletter and hope you'll use them whenever the need arises.

Of course, the PEPP team will always be here to answer your questions and share information, because staying connected to you matters to us!

We're here when you need us.

A huge benefit of being a VBP member is accessing all of our member services whenever you want and at no cost to you. So, this is an ideal time to remind you of two of our most popular member services to consider using – the ENJOY workshop and our one-on-one member consultations.

1 ENJOY workshop

As part of PEPP's *Your Path to Retirement* workshop series, there is the ENJOY workshop. This workshop is tailored to retirees like you, who've already switched to PEPP's VPB, and want to learn more about financial wellness in their retirement years.



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Congratulations on your retirement!

If you're one of the 944 PEPP members who switched to the Variable Pension Benefit in 2021, welcome aboard!

Whether you're new to retirement or a long time retiree, here are a few helpful reminders:

Keep your personal information up-to-date

We all have changes in our lives. If you've had a change in yours, let us know. This includes your contact information, change in relationship status or beneficiaries, along with your banking information.

You can update most of these changes online through PLANet. Otherwise, contact PEPP and we'll help you.

Watch for your T4A tax slip

If you withdrew money from your VPB account in 2021, you should receive your T4A tax slip in the mail by the end of February. Once issued, you can always access it in the Tax Forms section through your PLANet account.

Payroll dates for 2022

PEPP deposits your pension funds by the last banking date of the month.

Have you met PLANet yet? If not, here's your chance.

It's been one-year since we introduced you and all PEPP members to PLANet. Since then, so many of you have welcomed it with open arms and we're grateful. Like any one-year old, it's needed some extra care and attention this year and yet, we've really grown to like PLANet because like you, we use it too.

Have you met PLANet yet?

If not, we suggest you do so. To access and register to use PLANet, follow these steps:

- 1. Access the PLANet website.** Go to the PEPP website and click on the PLANet logo found on the home page. Or, enter this URL into your web browser: <https://planet.peba.gov.sk.ca/pepp/penweb/app/login>
- 2. Information needed to register.** On the PLANet home page, go to the REGISTER box and be sure to have the information listed. Your member number can be found in the upper right-hand corner on page 1 of your VPB member statement.
- 3. Register to use PLANet.** Now, click on the "Register Now" icon found in the Register box and follow the instructions. Click on the Registration Tips link if you need help.



Why PLANet makes your life easier

PLANet is a joy to get to know because it's a convenient way to monitor and manage your VPB account online from anywhere and anytime. PLANet is user-friendly from any digital device you use.

Once you register for PLANet, here's what you can do online:

- check your PEPP/VPB account balance and transactions any time;
- request a lump sum payment;
- make changes to your payment schedule;
- process inter-fund transfers;
- change your address or other contact information;
- add and/or review your beneficiaries; and
- sign-up to be notified whenever new member statements and newsletters are available online.

This fall, we launched some new and very helpful self-serve features to make your life easier. And best of all, there is no cost to you whenever you do transactions, such as request a lump-sum payment or change your payment schedule, through PLANet. This means more money for your retirement.

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The ENJOY workshop is facilitated by our knowledgeable Retirement Information Consultants (RICs). Topics include discussions around PEPP investments, other retirement options, retirement income sources, tax planning and estate planning. To register, visit the PEPP website.

2 One-on-one consultations

Looking for support on your financial wellness journey? Or have questions about your pension account? PEPP offers individual consultations with our RICs. Our team of professionals can address those financial questions keeping you up at night. These sessions are free and can be done by phone, virtually, or face-to-face – whatever works best for you.

To schedule an appointment, contact the RICs by phone at 306-787-3170 or by email at: ric@peba.gov.sk.ca.

“Every so often I've been asked to transfer my retirement funds out of PEPP. I've kept my funds here because I've been very pleased with how my investments continue to perform.”

~ Neil
VPB member since 2018

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