



NEW PALTZ UNITED TEACHERS BENEFIT TRUST FUND

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LONG & SHORT TERM DISABILITY BENEFITS AT A GLANCE NYSTRS - DEFINITION OF DISABILITY

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BENEFITS AT AT GLANCE

NYSTRS - STANDARD FOR DETERMINING DISABILITY RETIREMENT

Tiers 3,4,5 &6

1 In order for a member to be entitled to disability retirement, it must be determined
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3 that the member is totally and permanently disabled and that member was so
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5 disabled at the time he or she ceased performance of duties. To be deemed totally
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7 disabled it must be concluded that the member is physically or mentally
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9 incapacitated for the performance of gainful employment. Gainful employment shall
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11 be physical and/or mental activity which a member is regularly able to engage in as
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13 a means of earning a living. To be deemed permanently disabled, the condition
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15 must be such to justify a deduction that the end of the disability cannot be foreseen
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17 for at least one year. In addition, total disability is not permanent if, during the period
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19 for which recovery is sought or at any time thereafter, the member may alleviate or
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21 control the condition by availing himself or herself of a standard treatment which is
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23 not inherently dangerous. The member shall have the burden of establishing all of
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25 the foregoing to the satisfaction of the Retirement Board.