

Direct Deposit Benefits to Know

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Direct deposit offers convenience and flexibility. When you retire, we recommend you enroll in direct deposit. If you're not enrolled, here is what you may be missing out on.

Get Paid Early

With direct deposit, you can collect your pension checks early. Direct deposits may hit your account one to two business days sooner than your regular pension payment date. The average time for direct deposit payments to clear varies. Some banks can make funds available the same day they're deposited.

Skip the Line at the Bank/ATM

In addition to getting an early pension check, direct deposit saves you the time and energy of visiting a bank to deposit a paper check. It's a chore to go to a bank – you have to get there by car or other transportation, wait in line, work with the ATM or fill out a deposit form for the teller. Direct Deposit saves you all that work!



Easy Setup

Enrolling in direct deposit is usually as simple as filling out the form and passing it along to the UFCW Pension Department. The form can be found online at ufcwtrust.com. You'll need to provide your personal information

as well as your bank account information.

You only need to have your bank account number and routing number to set up direct deposit; just provide a voided check to verify your account details. A voided check is a blank check that has "VOID" written across the front. You won't sign this check or make it out to anyone. It's only used as physical evidence of your bank account information.

Get Paid Anywhere

A paper check is money that is not in your bank account until you get it from your mail or P.O. Box and take it to the bank to deposit. Direct Deposit automates this process – the money is credited to your bank account whether you are at home, on vacation, out sick, or traveling.



No Risk for Stolen or Lost Checks

Paper checks are at risk of being misplaced or, worse, falling victim to mail theft. If your pension payment is lost or stolen, you will have to ask the Trust Fund Office (TFO) to cancel the original check and issue a new one. This just means further delay in getting paid. With direct deposit, you don't have to worry about lost or stolen checks since there's no piece of paper changing hands.

No Check Cashing Fees

Check cashing fees can take a bite out of any payments you receive. If you're tired of paying steep fees for check cashing services,



that is a great reason to open a bank account and set up your pension payment for direct deposit. You can get paid without having to go through a third-party company or hand over part of your pension in fees.

Avoid Bank Fees

Some banks charge a monthly maintenance fee for checking and savings accounts. The bank may waive that fee when you set up qualifying direct deposits. If you'd like to reduce what you pay in fees without switching to another bank, enrolling in direct deposit could be a simple way to cut costs and save money.

Simplify Multiple Deposits

As mentioned, you can use direct deposit to receive many different types of payments. If you have income from multiple sources, managing multiple paper checks could be a headache. Having those funds added to your account through direct deposit can streamline the way you track incoming payments.

Easier Budgeting

Direct deposit can also take the stress out of budgeting. You can eliminate the guesswork of timing bill payments when you know when your pension payment will be deposited and when you can expect it to clear. You can plan out your budget by pension payment or by the month, using your direct deposit schedule as a guide.