



PAYMENT OPTIONS

Employers must remit payment for member contributions to STRS Ohio no later than five business days after each pay date. If a school's employer share is **not** paid through the state foundation program, the employer must also pay employer contributions directly to STRS Ohio within five business days. Interest may be assessed for late payments.

Direct Debit (Preferred Method)

The preferred method to remit contribution payments is direct debit. To submit a payment through direct debit:

1. Log in to Employer Self Service (ESS) using your user name and password.
2. Click on "Make a Payment" in the banner menu at the top of the home page.

For step-by-step instructions on bank account setup and making direct debit payments, refer to the ESS Instructions or online tutorials on the STRS Ohio Employer Website.

ACH Credit or Wire Transfer

While STRS Ohio encourages the use of direct debit, you can also submit payment through ACH credit or wire transfer. Remember, STRS Ohio must receive payment no later than five business days after each pay date.

To submit a payment through ACH credit or wire transfer:

1. Contact your bank to initiate payment.
2. Provide your bank with the STRS Ohio bank routing number (042000314) and the bank account number (71570166). STRS Ohio uses Fifth Third Bank in Cincinnati. Be sure to include XX followed by your four-digit STRS Ohio employer number in the description line of the transaction.
3. Send STRS Ohio information about the contribution payment by submitting an online payment remittance via the employer website.