

The Commission also receives, studies, conducts hearings, and issues recommended decisions and reports to the Postal Service on complaints received from interested persons relating to postage rates, postal classifications, and problems of national scope regarding postal services. Additionally, the Commission has appellate jurisdiction to review Postal Service determinations to close or consolidate small post offices.

Sources of Information

Employment The Commission's programs require attorneys, economists, statisticians, accountants, industrial engineers, marketing specialists, and administrative and clerical personnel. Requests for employment information should be directed to the Personnel Officer.

Electronic Access Electronic access to current docketed case materials is

available through the Internet, at <http://www.prc.gov/>, and through the Commission's electronic bulletin board service. Phone (modem), 202-789-6891. Electronic mail can be sent to the Commission at prc-admin@prc.gov and prc-dockets@prc.gov.

Reading Room Facilities for inspection and copying of records, viewing automated daily lists of docketed materials, and accessing the Commission's Internet site are located at Suite 300, 1333 H Street, Washington, DC. The room is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

Rules of Practice and Procedure The Postal Rate Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure governing the conduct of proceedings before the Commission may be found in part 3001 of title 39 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

For further information, contact the Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, 1333 H Street NW., Washington, DC 20268-0001. Phone, 202-789-6840.

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[For the Railroad Retirement Board statement of organization, see the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 20, Part 200]

The Railroad Retirement Board administers comprehensive retirement-survivor and unemployment-sickness benefit programs for the Nation's railroad workers and their families.

The Railroad Retirement Board was established by the Railroad Retirement Act of 1934, as amended (45 U.S.C. 201—228z-1).

The Board derives statutory authority from the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231–231u) and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 351–369). It administers these acts and participates in the administration of the Social Security Act and the Health Insurance for the Aged Act insofar as they affect railroad retirement beneficiaries.

The Board is composed of three members appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate—one upon recommendations of representatives of employees; one upon recommendations of carriers; and one, the Chairman, as a public member.

Activities

The Railroad Retirement Act provides for the payment of annuities to individuals who have completed at least 10 years of creditable service and have ceased compensated service upon their attainment of specified ages, or at any age if permanently disabled for all employment. In some circumstances occupational disability annuities or supplemental annuities are provided for career employees.

A spouse's annuity is provided, under certain conditions, for the wife or husband of an employee annuitant. Divorced spouses may also qualify.

Survivor annuities are awarded to the qualified spouses, children, and parents of deceased career employees, and

various lump-sum benefits are also available under certain conditions.

Benefits based upon qualifying railroad earnings in a preceding one-year period are provided under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to individuals who are unemployed in a benefit year, but who are ready and willing to work, and to individuals who are unable to work because of sickness or injury.

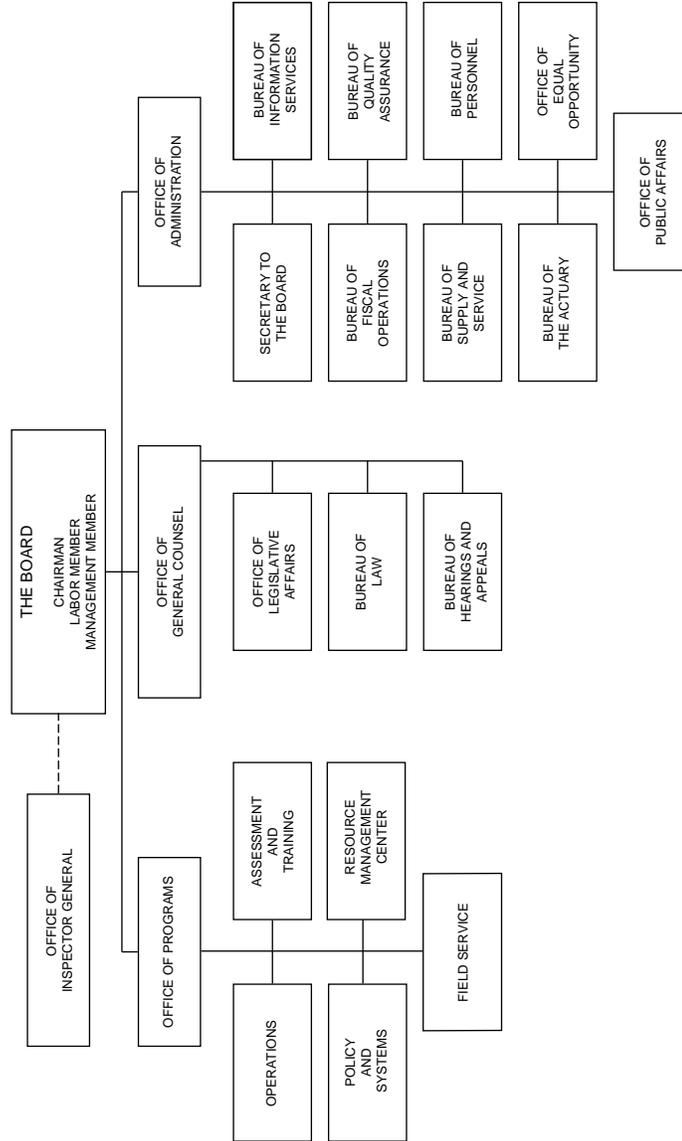
The Board maintains, through its field offices, a placement service for unemployed railroad personnel.

Sources of Information

Benefit Inquiries The Board maintains direct contact with railroad employees and railroad retirement beneficiaries through its field offices located across the country. Field personnel explain benefit rights and responsibilities on an individual basis, assist employees applying for benefits, and answer questions related to the benefit programs.

To locate the nearest field office, individuals should check with their rail employer, local union official, local post office, or one of the regional offices listed below. Most offices are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Board also relies on railroad labor groups and employers for assistance in keeping railroad personnel informed about its benefit programs.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD



Regional Offices—Railroad Retirement Board

City	Address	Director	Telephone
Atlanta, GA	Rm. 1703, 401 W. Peachtree St., 30365-2550 ..	Patricia Lawson	404-331-2691
Denver, CO	Suite 3300, 1999 Broadway, 80202-5737	Louis E. Austin	303-844-0800
Philadelphia, PA	Suite 670, 1421 Cherry St., 19102-1413	Richard D. Baird	215-656-6947

Employment Inquiries and applications for employment should be directed to the Director of Personnel, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611-2092. Phone, 312-751-4570.

Congressional Assistance Congressional offices making inquiries regarding constituents' claims should contact the Office of Public Affairs, Congressional Inquiry Section. Phone, 312-751-4974. Information regarding legislative matters may be obtained through the Office of Legislative Affairs. Phone, 202-272-7742.

Publications General information pamphlets on benefit programs may be obtained from the Board's field offices or Chicago headquarters. Requests for

annual reports or statistical data should be directed to the Director of Public Affairs at the Chicago headquarters. Phone, 312-751-4776.

Electronic Access Railroad Retirement Board information is available electronically through the Internet, at <http://www.rrb.gov/>. Information is available on CompuServe by entering "GO TRAINNET"; select the Library Section and then "RR Retirement Board."

Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) The Board provides TDD services from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (CST/CDT) daily. Phone, 312-751-4701 for beneficiary inquiries; 312-751-4334 for employment or equal opportunity inquiries.

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