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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.

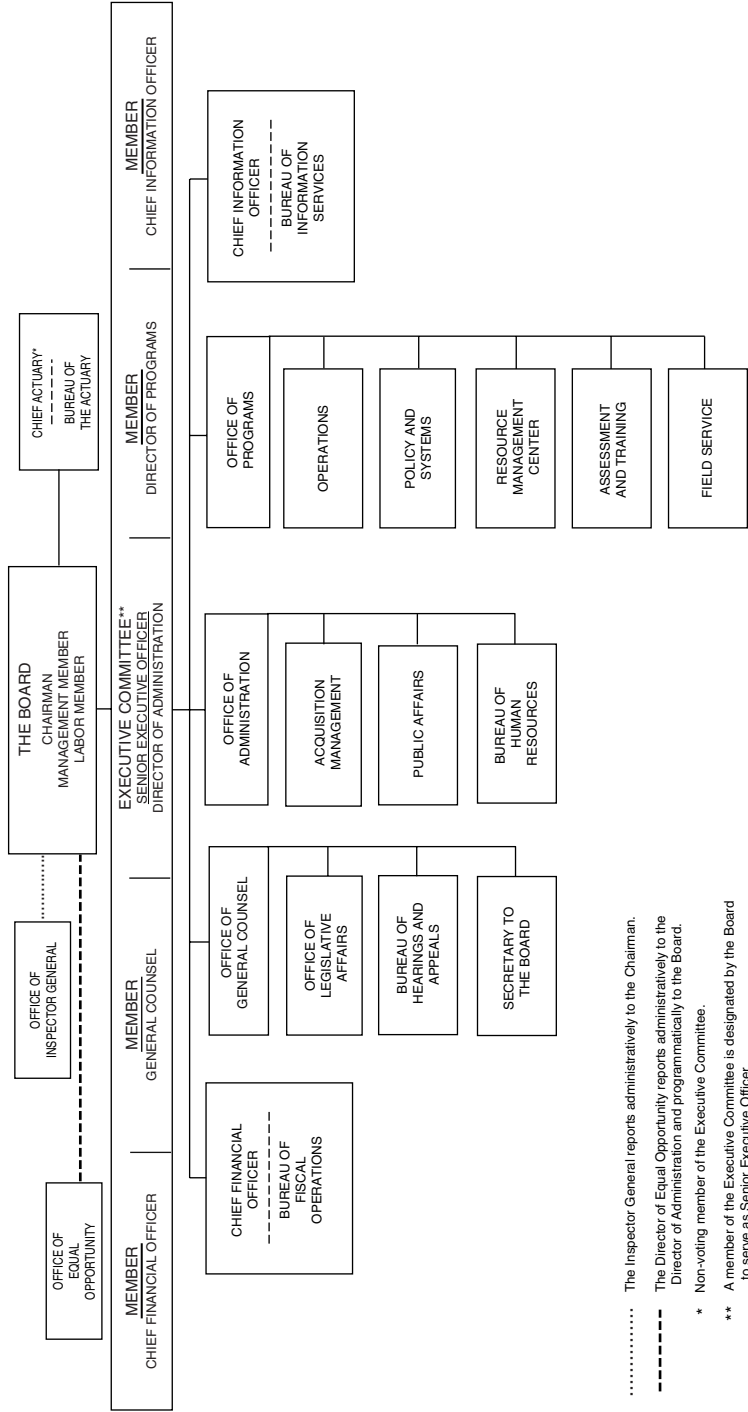
The Railroad Retirement Board was originally established by the Railroad Retirement Act of 1934, as amended (45 U.S.C. 201 through 228z-1).

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

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..... The Inspector General reports administratively to the Chairman.
----- The Director of Equal Opportunity reports administratively to the Director of Administration and programmatically to the Board.
* Non-voting member of the Executive Committee.
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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 railroad service, or 5 years if performed after 1995, 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 1-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. Information may also be obtained by calling the Board's helpline at 800-808-0772 or from the Board's Web site at www.rrb.gov. 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.

Regional Offices—Railroad Retirement Board

City	Address	Director	Telephone
Atlanta, GA	Rm. 1703, 401 W. Peachtree St., 30308-3519 ..	Patricia R. Lawson	404-331-2691
Denver, CO	Suite 2260, 1999 Broadway, 80202-3025	Louis E. Austin	303-844-0800
Philadelphia, PA	Suite 304, 900 Market St., 19107-4228	Michael L. Bauer	215-597-2647

Electronic Access Railroad Retirement Board information is available electronically through the Internet, at www.rrb.gov.

Employment Inquiries and applications for employment should be directed to the Bureau of Human Resources, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611-2092. Phone, 312-751-4580. Fax, 312-751-7164. E-mail, recruit@rrb.gov

Congressional and Legislative Assistance Congressional offices making inquiries regarding constituents' claims should contact the Office of Administration,

Congressional Inquiry Section. Phone, 312-751-4974. Fax, 312-751-7154. E-mail, opa@rrb.gov. For information regarding legislative matters, contact the Office of Legislative Affairs, Suite 500, 1310 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20005-3004. Phone, 202-272-7742. Fax, 202-272-7728. E-mail, ola@rrb.gov.

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 Public Affairs at the

Chicago headquarters. Phone, 312-751-4777. Fax, 312-751-7154. E-mail, opa@rrb.gov.

Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) The Board provides TDD

services. Phone, 312-751-4701 for beneficiary inquiries or 312-751-4334 for equal opportunity inquiries.

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