

AESRP - A Quick Guide to COLA Determination and Award (For Retirees and Survivors - Applied to Pension in Payment)

For Pension Accrued Before July 1, 2004

Maximum COLA that can be granted on January 1, 2024

Every year, the maximum COLA is determined based on inflation in Canada. Inflation is based on the average change in Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the 12 months prior to the previous June 30 (i.e., July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023), subject to a maximum of 4.5% or 6% depending on the period of accrual. Over time, the Board can grant all or portions of the above maximum COLA depending on the financial position of the Plan.

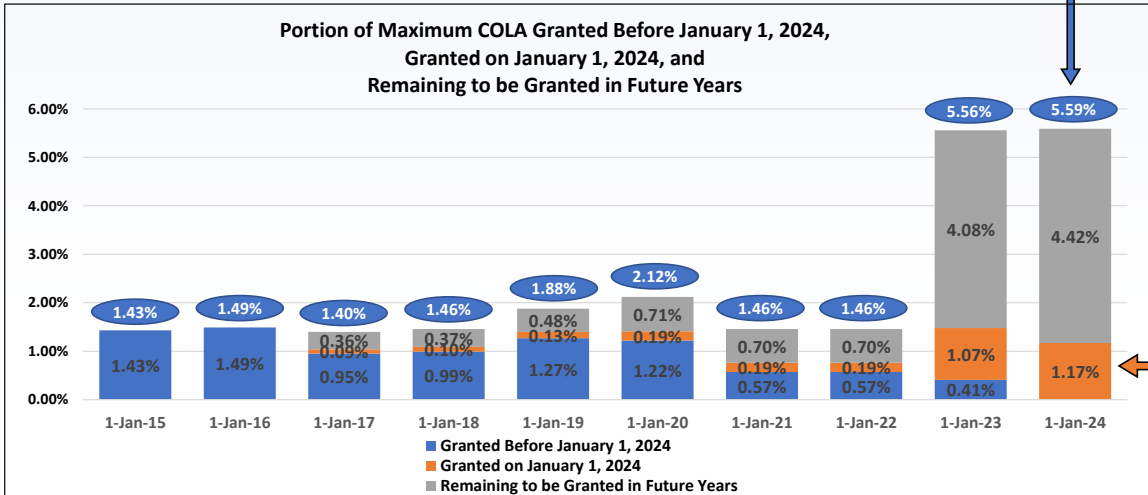
5.59%
(4.50% for the year 2004)

Amount available to provide COLA on January 1, 2024

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The Plan can afford to provide:
20.87% of current year maximum COLA; and
20.87% of the portion of maximum COLA still not granted from prior years

**Portion of Maximum COLA Granted Before January 1, 2024,
Granted on January 1, 2024, and
Remaining to be Granted in Future Years**



The amount in the circle at the top of each column is the maximum COLA calculated for each year since January 1, 2015. However, not all of the maximum COLA for each year has been granted to date.

The grey area represents COLA that has yet to be awarded and could be granted in future years, should the financial position of the Plan allow for it.

The orange area represents the percentage of COLA granted on January 1, 2024 (being 20.87% of the amount still not granted from prior years). For example, for January 1, 2023, 1.07% is being granted on January 1, 2024 which is 20.87% of what had not been previously granted (5.56% minus 0.41%).

The blue area of each column represents the COLA that has been granted over the years prior to January 1, 2024.

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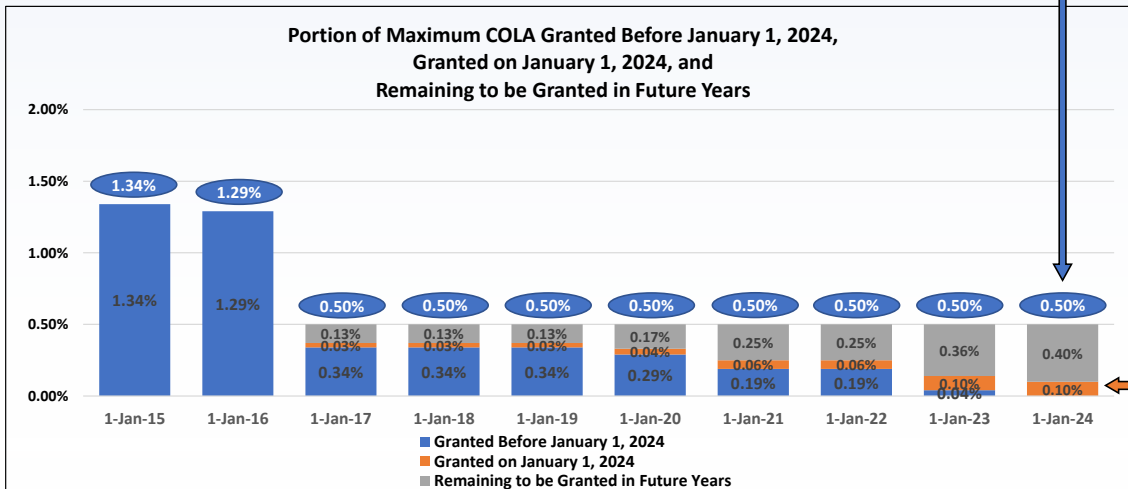
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