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V.I. Division of Personnel anticipates Retroactive Wages Payouts begin September 30, 2022

V.I. Division of Personnel Director Cindy L. Richardson is proud to announce that Retroactive Payments owed to the employees and retirees of the Government of the Virgin Islands –based on Act. 6984— are anticipated to be distributed by September 30, 2022.

On Thursday, August 31, 2022, the 34th Legislature passed proposed legislation, Bill No. 34-0289 – an act amending Act. 8474 relating to fiscal year 2022 operating budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands to appropriate the sum of \$40,000,000 to pay outstanding retro payments from the General Fund in the fiscal year. All eligible recipients will be receiving a 22.8% payout based on the current balance owed.

All eligible recipients such as - active GVI employees, separated GVI employees, retirees, or survivors' – can view their for anticipated gross payout by visiting the 2022 Retroactive Wage Distribution Portal on Division of Personnel's website at <u>www.dopusvi.org/retro</u>.



If you are an active GVI employee who is

currently on the central government payroll, you will receive your payment via direct deposit. Separated employees and retirees owed retroactive compensation, will have to complete a direct deposit form by **September 20, 2022.** However, if you prefer a physical check, your information in the Employee Self Service system must be updated. For assistance accessing your ESS account, email us at <u>dophelpdesk@dop.vi.gov</u> or call 340-714-5010.

Survivors of an active, separated GVI employee or retiree, are applicable to receiving retroactive payments, please visit the website for further instructions to provide necessary documents to complete processing.

Please note that there are frequently asked questions (FAQs) available on the website. We highly encourage you to visit the <u>www.dopusvi.org/retro</u> for all your informational needs regarding Retroactive Wage Payouts. If you should have any further questions or concerns, email <u>retro@dop.vi.gov</u>. Our dedicated hotline (340) 714-5010, will also be available, to speak to a V.I. Division of Personnel representative who can verify information and begin the process of finalizing payments.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this distribution period, as we continue to work diligently to ensure that all entitled and deserving recipients receive his or her funds, both efficiently and timely.

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