

2023 through 2024

Davis Vision Discount Plan

For New York State PEF Retirees



New Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions

What are the Eligibility requirements?

You must be an active, dues-paying member of the PEF Retirees at the time of your enrollment to be eligible for the New York State PEF Retirees Vision Plan.

How do I purchase the Vision Discount Plan?

There are three (3) ways to purchase the vision discount plan:

1. Visit the PEF MBP website at pefmbp.com. You will need to "Sign In" to the website to access the information on the vision discount plan and to make your purchase. Have your PEF Retiree Membership ID Number handy, as well as your password as you will need both to sign into the website. Look for the Benefits & Insurances Tab at the top of the home page, and locate Retiree Vision Plan in the first column of the menu. When making a purchase via the website, you must purchase the plan with a debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover).
2. Call the PEF Membership Benefits Program directly at (800) 767-1840, opt. 4, and a PEF MBP representative will take your order over the phone. Your phone order must be paid for by a debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover).
3. Mail a check payable to the PEF Membership Benefits Program for the correct amount of your plan choice, and mail to: PEF Membership Benefits Program, 10 Airline Drive, Suite 101, Albany, NY 12205.

When can I purchase the vision discount plan?

The vision discount plan is an annual plan and the current plan runs from Nov. 1, 2023, through Oct. 31, 2024. You may enroll at anytime during the current plan year. You may place your order online, or call to order beginning Nov. 1, 2023, no earlier. A check can be mailed to PEF MBP prior to Nov. 1, however, the order will not be processed until Nov. 1, 2023.

If I purchase after November 1, 2023, are my premiums pro-rated?

No, there are no premiums as this is not an insurance plan, it is a discount plan. There is a one-time cost to purchase the plan regardless of when you buy the plan during the plan period of Nov. 1, 2023, through Oct. 31, 2024. You do not receive a pro-rated plan price if you purchase the plan at any point after Nov. 1.

Do I have to purchase the Vision plan each year?

No. You may purchase the plan on an as needed basis. Continual coverage is not a requirement.

Do I get a refund if I do not use the plan by October 31, 2024?

No. If you do not take advantage of the plan discounts offered for eye exams and eye wear product by Oct. 31, 2024, no refund is issued. In addition, your plan purchase does not carry over to the next year (i.e., Nov. 1, 2024 through Oct. 31, 2025).

Am I able to add my child or spouse/domestic partner to the vision discount plan?

Yes. You may elect to purchase a plan option that includes a spouse/domestic partner* and/or children. (i.e., Retiree Plus One or Retiree Plus Family). Dependent children are covered up to the end of the month in which they turn 19, unless a full-time student in which case, dependents are covered up through the end of the month in which they turn 25. Disabled dependent children can be covered under the Plus One plan or the Plus Family plan. There is no age limit for disabled dependent children under the Davis Vision plan. You cannot add a spouse/domestic partner or child(ren) after the fact, so the correct plan must be purchased up front.

*Domestic partners are eligible as long as there is an affidavit on file with PEF MBP. To receive a copy of an affidavit, please call PEF MBP at (800) 767-1840, opt. 4.

Can I pay for my vision plan through pension deduction?

No. The vision plan is a single payment plan. There are no monthly payment options.

How will I know that I am covered? Will I receive a Vision Card?

Once you purchase the plan, you will receive a Purchase Confirmation Letter from PEF MBP via mail. You may receive the purchase confirmation via email by special request. The Purchase Confirmation Letter will include instructions you need to follow in order to confirm/validate your plan purchase directly through Davis Vision. You must confirm/validate the plan before you can use it.

How do I confirm/validate my plan purchase with Davis Vision?

Three business (3) days after you make your purchase, call Davis Vision at (844) 681-4498 and select option 1-“currently enrolled,” and then press 0 (zero) to speak with a customer service representative. You will need to provide your name and your PEF Retiree Member ID Number (MIN), affiliation with the NYS PEF Retiree Vision Plan, and you will need to confirm your date of birth (DOB). If you purchase the Retiree Plus One or the Retiree Plus Family plan, you will also need to provide the name(s) and date(s) of birth of your spouse and/or each family member on the plan.

How much does the discount program cost?

Retiree:	\$226.56
Retiree Plus One:	\$388.44
Retiree Plus Family:	\$591.00

Can the Plus One plan include my child?

Yes. The Plus One can include a spouse/domestic partner* or child. The Plus Family includes a spouse/domestic partner and any additional dependents.

Where can I use my vision discount plan?

Use your plan at any Davis Vision/Visionworks Eye Center. For an out of network reimbursement schedule see below:

Out-of-network reimbursement schedule (up to)	
Eye Examination: \$40	Trifocal Lenses: \$80
Frame: \$50	Lenticular Lenses: \$100
Single-Vision Lenses: \$40	Elective Contact Lenses: \$105
Bifocal / Progressive Lenses: \$60	Visually Required Contacts: \$225

How can I find a list of providers?

Go to pefmbp.com. Click on the Benefits & Insurances Tab, Click on Insurance and locate Retiree Vision Plan. Scroll down the page until you locate the Find a participating doctor link. [Find a participating doctor >](#)

Do I receive an ID card?

Yes. Once your have purchased the plan of your choice and you have confirmed /validated your plan by calling Davis Vision and providing your PEF Retiree Member ID Number, date of birth, etc., you will be in the Davis Vision Network. Any Davis Vision/ Visionworks Eye Center will be able to find you in their system. You will also receive a Davis Vision Welcome Letter directly from Davis Vision. The Welcome Letter will include plan information, your ID card(s), and a local participating provider listing.

Am I buying insurance?

No. This is a yearly product/service discount plan that provides you with a discount on eye services and eye care products. Therefore, you must pay for the plan upfront, versus paying on a monthly/quarterly basis. There is no paperwork to complete, as this is not an insurance program.

What are the benefit features?

Lens options

Clear plastic single-vision, bifocal, trifocal or	
lenticular lenses (any RX).....	\$0
Polycarbonate Lenses (Children / Adults).....	\$0 or \$30
High-Index Lenses 1.67.....	\$55
High-Index Lenses 1.74.....	\$120
Polarized Lenses.....	\$75
Progressive Lenses (Standard / Premium / Ultra / Ultimate).....	\$0 / \$0 / \$50 / \$85
Anti-Reflective (AR) Coating (Standard / Premium / Ultra/ Ultimate).....	\$35 / \$48 / \$60 / \$85
Ultraviolet Coating.....	\$12
Tinting of Plastic Lenses (Solid / Gradient).....	\$0
Plastic Photochromic Lenses (Transitions® Signature™).....	\$65
Scratch-Resistant Coating.....	\$0
Premium Scratch-Resistant Coating.....	\$30
Scratch-Protection Plan (Single-Vision Multifocal).....	\$20 \$40
Digital Single Vision Lenses.....	\$30
Trivex Lenses.....	\$50
Blue Light Filtering.....	\$15