

Sec. 148.01. (A) As used in this chapter:

(1) "Eligible employee" means any public employee, as defined in division (A) of section 145.01 of the Revised Code; any person eligible to become a member of the public employees retirement system under section 145.20 of the Revised Code; any employee, as defined in division (C) of section 742.01, division (B) of section 3309.01, or division (A) of section 5505.01 of the Revised Code; **ANY ELECTING EMPLOYEE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3305.01 OF THE REVISED CODE**; and any member of the state teachers retirement system.

(2) "Participant account" means any of the following accounts:

(a) An account that is maintained by the Ohio public employees deferred compensation board and that evidences moneys that have been deferred by a continuing member or participating employee and transmitted to the board by the retirement system of the continuing member or participating employee;

(b) An account that is maintained by the governing board, administrator, depository, or trustee of a deferred compensation program of a municipal corporation and that evidences moneys that have been deferred by an officer or employee of that municipal corporation and transmitted to the governing board, administrator, depository, or trustee by the retirement system of the officer or employee or in another manner;

(c) An account that is maintained by a governing board, as defined in section 148.06 of the Revised Code, and that evidences moneys that have been deferred by an officer or employee of a government unit, as defined in that section, and transmitted to the governing board by the retirement system of the officer or employee or in another manner.

(3) "Participating employee" means any eligible employee who is having compensation deferred pursuant to a contract that is executed before the compensation is earned and that is with the eligible employee's employer and the Ohio public employees deferred compensation board.

(4) "Continuing member" means any former participating employee who is not currently having compensation deferred, or the former participating employee's beneficiary, to whom payment has not been made of all deferred compensation distributions.

(B) Notwithstanding section 145.01 of the Revised Code, the definitions of that section are applicable to this chapter only to any extent necessary to fully understand the provisions of this chapter.

Reference may also be had to Chapters 742., 3305., 3307., 3309., and 5505. of the Revised Code for that purpose.