

North Carolina Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System

What is North Carolina CLASS?

North Carolina Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (North Carolina CLASS) is a commingled investment pool established by interlocal agreement in accordance with North Carolina law permitting local government units to pool idle funds in order to invest such funds and earn interest in accordance with, and as permitted by, the provisions of the N.C.G.S. Section 159-30 or other laws of the State of North Carolina governing the investment of monies of a local government unit. The North Carolina CLASS was organized in 2023 and provides a professionally managed investment program. Funds of the Participants are invested in prime or high-grade, short-term fixed income instruments selected with the goal of providing program safety, liquidity, and competitive rates of return as further defined by the North Carolina CLASS Information Statement.

Who oversees and manages North Carolina CLASS?

Investments made on behalf of the Participants are subject to the overall direction of the North Carolina CLASS Board of Trustees which is comprised of public finance professionals who represent North Carolina local government units that participate in North Carolina CLASS. The Board of Trustees has entered into an Investment Advisor and Administrator Agreement with Public Trust Advisors, LLC. Public Trust is responsible to the Board for all program investment and administrative activities as well as many of the services provided on behalf of the Participants.

How can you participate in North Carolina CLASS?

Enrolling in North Carolina CLASS is simple. After reading the Interlocal Agreement, Indenture of Trust, and Information Statement available at <u>www.ncclass.com</u>, follow these steps:

- 1 Pass a resolution authorizing participation in North Carolina CLASS (a model resolution is provided in the registration packet for your convenience).
- 2 Complete the registration packet that includes a Joinder Agreement to the Interlocal Agreement.
- 3 Submit the above items to the North Carolina CLASS Client Service team for processing at <u>clientservices@ncclass.com.</u>
- Upon review and approval, you will receive confirmation that you have been accepted as a North Carolina CLASS Participant.

Helping North Carolina Communities Together With



NORTH CAROLINA CLASS FEATURES

As a North Carolina CLASS Participant, you have access to many convenient features:

- Same-day liquidity (12:00 p.m. ET cut-off)
- Contributions by wire or ACH
- Secure online access for transactions and account statements
- Professionally managed portfolio
- Competitive daily yields
- Unlimited subaccounts
- No minimum investment requirements
- Dividends applied daily and paid monthly
- No transaction fees*
- Audited annually by an independent auditing firm**
- Dedicated client service representatives available via email or phone on any business day

*You may incur fees associated with wires and/or ACH transactions by your bank, but there will be no transaction fees charged from North Carolina CLASS for such transactions. **External audits may not catch all instances of accounting errors and do not provide an absolute guarantee of accuracy.



What are the objectives of North Carolina CLASS?

Safety

The primary investment objective of North Carolina CLASS is the safety of public funds. The North Carolina CLASS portfolio is professionally managed by a team of investment professionals who are solely focused on the management of public funds nationwide. The North Carolina CLASS has earned S&P Global Ratings' highest money market rating, 'AAAm.' The custodian for North Carolina CLASS is Fifth Third Bank, N.A.

Liquidity

When you invest with North Carolina CLASS, you have access to your funds on any business day. You must notify North Carolina CLASS of your transaction requests by 12:00 p.m. ET via the North Carolina CLASS Online Transaction Portal. By offering daily liquidity, we aim to provide you with the flexibility you need to meet your daily cash needs.

Convenience

To make cash management simple and efficient, North Carolina CLASS includes many features that make it easy to access account information and simplify record keeping. Transactions are conducted via the North Carolina CLASS Online Transaction Portal at www.ncclass.com and may be entered at any time - up to 365 days in advance. Our dedicated Client Service team is available to assist with any matters related to the administration of your account and can be reached by email at clientservices@ncclass.com phone at (866) or hv 200-3536.

Flexibility

Participants may establish multiple North Carolina CLASS accounts to track and parallel their own internal fund accounting structures. You will receive an email notification when your comprehensive monthly statement is available online; statements show your transaction activity, dividend postings, and yield summaries. These statements have been specifically designed to facilitate public sector fund accounting and to establish a clear accounting and audit trail for your investment records.

Competitive Returns

While adhering to the primary objectives of safety and liquidity, North Carolina CLASS strives to provide competitive yields. Dividends are applied daily within each subaccount and are paid at month-end.

Legality

North Carolina CLASS investments are limited to those qualifying for investment under N.C.G.S. Section 159-30.

Have Questions? Contact us or visit <u>www.ncclass.com</u> for more information.



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