



North Carolina
Total Retirement Plans

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Welcome to the new ORBIT!

We are very proud of our new site and believe you will find it incredibly useful and secure. We realize that any new website, no matter how well-designed, can seem daunting at first. As a result, we have created this guide to walk you through your first login step-by-step. In addition, we have included valuable tips and error message aids to ensure your experience is as stress-free as possible. If you would like to see the described steps performed, please check out our how-to video selection. We hope you enjoy.

– *ORBIT Team*

****Were you recently rehired?*** *If you withdrew your earlier contributions over three and a half years ago, please allow two months before attempting to log in as it can take that long for your new payroll records to be submitted and posted. You can recover your user name and change your password now, but you will not be able to log into ORBIT until payroll has posted.*

Confirming Your User Name

Your password and security question are tied to your user name, so confirming your user name is essential. If you were ever unsure as to whether or not you had created an ORBIT account, this step would advise you of your status.

Step 1: Click “Forgot your User Name” on the ORBIT login screen.

The screenshot shows the ORBIT login interface. At the top left is the North Carolina Total Retirement Plans logo. The top right navigation bar includes links for LOGIN, FORMS, HELP & RESOURCES, and CONTACT. Below the navigation is a banner image of a person in a green shirt holding a document. The main content area is divided into three columns:

- Login to ORBIT:** Contains a warning that passwords are case-sensitive, a "Forgot your Password" link, and a "Forgot your User Name" link. A yellow arrow points to the "Forgot your User Name" link, which is highlighted with a yellow box.
- Estimators:** Contains a "Retirement Benefit" button, an "NC 401(k)/457 Transfer Benefit" button, and a "Service Purchase" button.
- Forms and Applications:** Contains a "Forms and Applications" button.

Annotations include a yellow box around the "Forgot your User Name" link and a yellow arrow pointing to it from the left. A yellow box also surrounds the "Passwords are case sensitive" warning, with a dotted line connecting it to the "Forgot your Password" link.

Step 2: Enter your personal information to confirm your identity, and allow ORBIT to look up your account email address.

ORBIT Username Recovery

1 Lookup 2 Confirmation ✕

Email Lookup

Enter your Social Security Number and Date of Birth below.

Social Security Number *

Date of Birth *

(*) Required Information

Next → ✕ Cancel

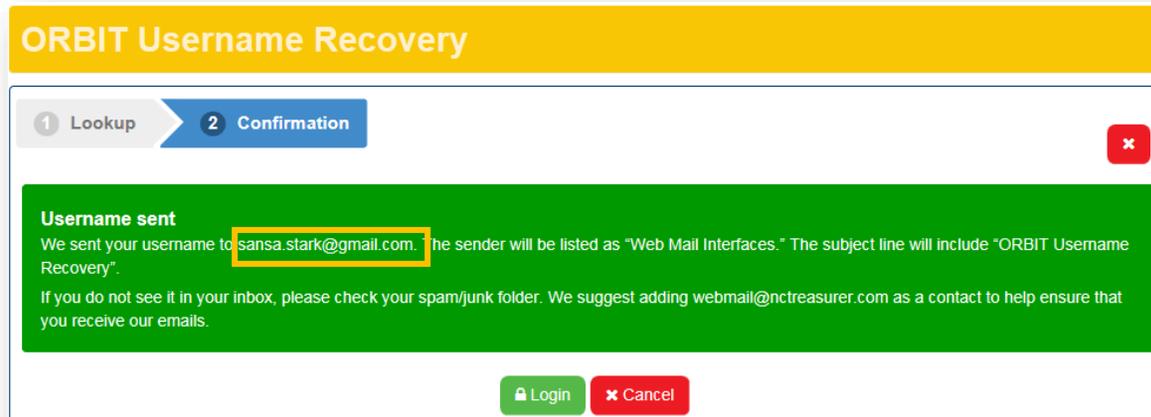
Error Message?

“Something went wrong. We were unable to find your ORBIT account.”
What does this mean? ORBIT was unable to find an account matching the information you entered. If you are confident that you have an ORBIT account and entered the correct information, call us at 1-877-627-3287 to confirm our records are accurate as well.

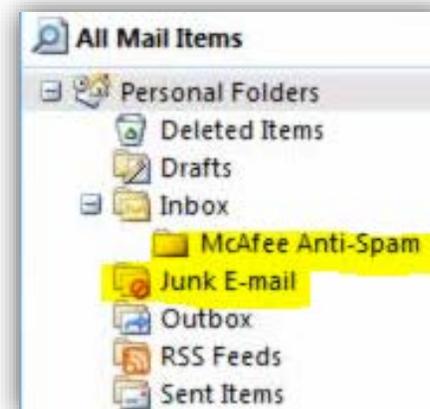
If it is possible that you have not yet created an account, go back to the login screen and click the “Register” button. A step-by-step guide and how-to video are also available to help you through registration.

No Error Message?

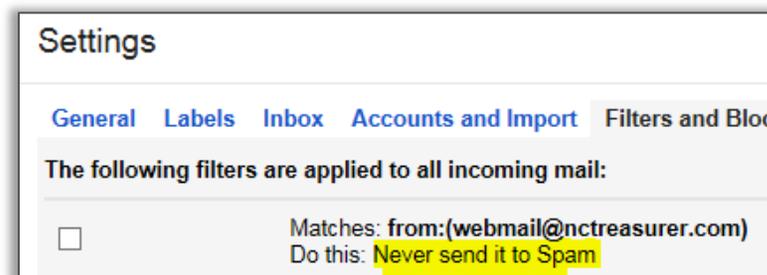
“Information accepted”
Your user name will be emailed to you using the email address in your ORBIT account. The sender will be listed as Web Mail Interfaces. Retrieve the ORBIT email and confirm your user name. You will need it for the next step of the process.



<p>Email Address Incorrect?</p>	<p>If the email address displayed in the ORBIT User Name Recovery message has a typo or is no longer valid, call 1-877-627-3287 to update your contact information.</p>
<p>Didn't Receive the Email?</p>	<p>If you do not see our email in your inbox, please check your spam/junk folder. If you have McAfee or Norton anti-virus software installed, check that folder as well.</p>



Tip: To try to prevent our emails from being blocked, you can add webmail@nctreasurer.com to your address book/contacts and whitelist our email address (create a filter that makes sure our mails don't go to the Spam folder). The picture on the right is an example in Gmail. If you need instructions on how to do this, let us know and we will email you instructions.



Resetting Your Password

Due to the personal nature of the information in your ORBIT account, we recommend using a password generator website to ensure the password you set is truly random and secure.



Do you use any of these bad passwords?

- Password
- 123456
- qwerty
- Your kid's name
- Always the same one

Step 3: Click the “Forgot Password” link on the login page.

The screenshot shows the North Carolina ORBIT Total Retirement Plans website. At the top left is the logo with the text "North Carolina Total Retirement Plans" and "ORBIT". To the right are navigation links: "LOGIN", "FORMS", "HELP & RESOURCES", and "CONTACT". Below the navigation is a banner image of a person in a green shirt holding a document, with a violin and a lamp in the background. The main content area is divided into three columns:

- Login to ORBIT:** Contains instructions for employers, a login form with "User Name" and "Password" fields, a "Log in" button, a "Register" button, and links for "Forgot your Password" and "Forgot your User Name". A yellow box highlights the "Forgot your Password" link, and a yellow arrow points to a larger "Forgot your Password" link below it.
- Estimators:** Contains text about calculating benefits and three buttons: "Retirement Benefit", "NC 401(k)/457 Transfer Benefit", and "Service Purchase".
- Forms and Applications:** Contains text about downloading forms and a "Forms and Applications" button.

Step 4: Enter your user name into the first screen.

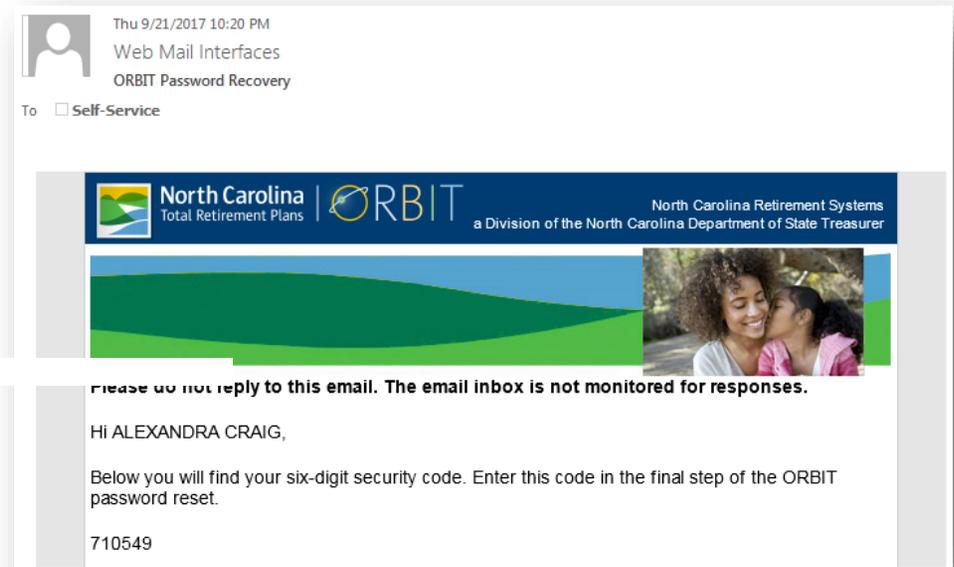
The screenshot shows the 'ORBIT Password Reset' interface at the 'Lookup' step. A progress bar at the top indicates four steps: 1. Lookup (active), 2. Question(s), 3. Security Code, and 4. Password. Below the progress bar is a green instruction box: 'Lookup your ORBIT account. Enter your ORBIT username below. Important: If an incorrect username is entered, the security question(s) displayed on the next screen will also be incorrect. Click the "Forgot Username" link on the ORBIT login screen to confirm your username.' A text input field labeled 'Username *' contains the placeholder text 'ORBIT Username'. At the bottom right, there is a red 'x' icon, a green 'Next →' button, and a red 'Cancel' button. A small note '(*) Required Information' is located at the bottom right of the form area.

Step 5: Answer your security question. If you have trouble, call us at 1-877-627-3287. If your answer to your security question is correct, an email will be sent to the email address on your account. This email, like the one from user name recovery, will be sent by “Web Mail Interfaces.”

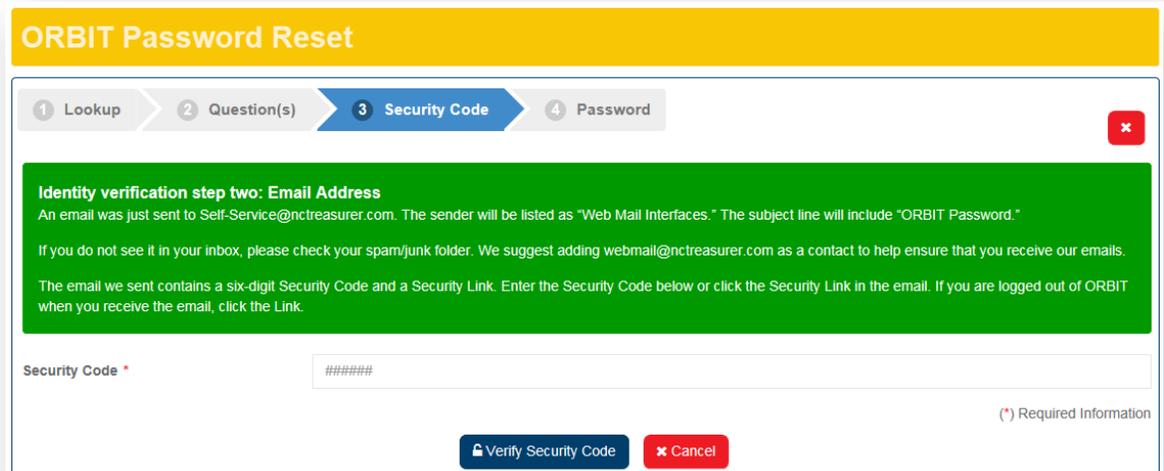
The screenshot shows the 'ORBIT Password Reset' interface at the 'Question(s)' step. The progress bar now highlights step 2, 'Question(s)'. The green instruction box reads: 'Identity verification step one: Security question(s). Please answer the following security question(s). If the question(s) displayed is not the question(s) you chose when you registered in ORBIT, please confirm the username you entered is correct by using our "Forgot Username" process on the ORBIT login screen. If the questions displayed appear correct, but your answers are not being accepted, please call 1-877-627-3287 for assistance.' The text input field is labeled 'What is your favorite color? *' and contains the placeholder text 'Enter your Answer'. At the bottom right, there is a red 'x' icon, a green 'Next →' button, and a red 'Cancel' button. A small note '(*) Required Information' is located at the bottom right of the form area.

Step 6: Retrieve the six-digit security code listed in the email and enter it into the third screen.

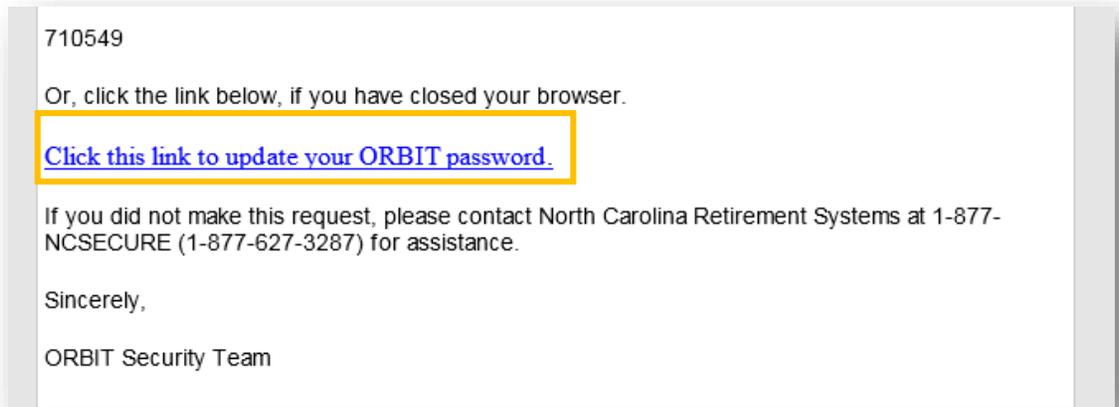
Your email will look similar to the example on the right. If you have added us to your address book/contacts and whitelisted our email address and are still not receiving your Password Recovery email, call us at 1-877-627-3287.



After you have entered the code, click “Verify Security Code”.



If you have already exited out of ORBIT, click the link below the six-digit code in the email. If you click the link, make sure you are using the same device (laptop, tablet, phone) and browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) that you used to request the password reset.



<p>Error Message?</p>	<p>“Sorry, there was a problem verifying the security code.”</p> <p>What does this mean? The error usually indicates that the verifying process was interrupted. This often occurs with heavy traffic to the site. We suggest clicking “cancel” and attempting the process again at a later time.</p>
<p>No Error Message?</p>	<p>“Security Code Accepted”</p> <p>You should now be on the last screen of the Password Reset process.</p>

Step 6: Create a new password

Our passwords requirements are:

- A minimum of six characters
- Must contain a lower case letter
- Must contain an upper case letter
- Must contain a number
- Must contain a special character. Acceptable special characters: !, @, #, \$, %, &, ', *.
? is not acceptable.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "ORBIT Password Reset" with a yellow header. Below the header is a progress bar with four steps: 1. Lookup, 2. Question(s), 3. Security Code, and 4. Password. Step 4 is currently active. A red close button (X) is in the top right corner. Below the progress bar is a green banner with the text "Setup new password" and a sub-instruction: "Please re-type your username and enter your new password twice below. When you click on the password field, a popup with our password requirements will display." The form contains four input fields: "Username" with a red asterisk and the placeholder "Enter your username"; "Password" with a red asterisk and the placeholder "Password"; "Password Strength" with a red progress bar; and "Confirm Password" with a red asterisk and the placeholder "Must be the same as the password above." At the bottom right, there is a legend "(*) Required Information" and two buttons: "Next" with a right arrow and "Cancel" with a red X.

ORBIT Password Reset

Successful Password Updated

Your password has been updated. Please click the login button below to open the ORBIT login page.

Login

Cancel

Step 7: Use your confirmed user name and new password log into ORBIT.

Once you click “Log in,” ORBIT will check the browser being used for a cookie. The cookie would have been deposited the last time you used ORBIT.

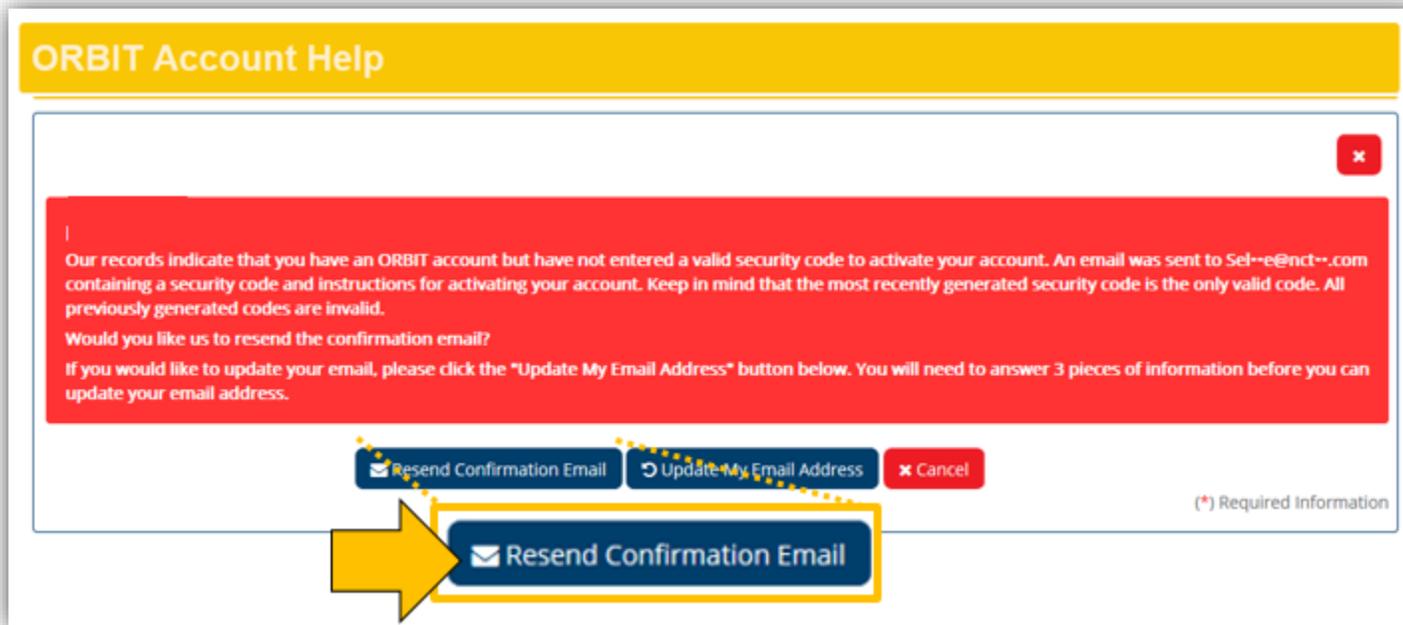
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If the system doesn't find a cookie, the error message below will be displayed. Entering a valid security code to activate your account, as the message states, is normally done after your account has been updated. In this case, the steps are reversed, but the outcome will be the same. We will be correcting this in the near future.

Step 7.5: Activate your account

Click the button labeled "Resend Confirmation Email".



You have successfully created your ORBIT account. Below you will find your six-digit security code. Please enter this code in the final step of the ORBIT account creation wizard to activate your account.

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Or, click the link below, if you have closed your browser.

[Click this link to activate your ORBIT Account.](#)

Like the “Forgot your Password” process, you will need to retrieve the six-digit security code from the Account Activation email sent to you and enter it into ORBIT.

Create your ORBIT Account

- Account Lookup
- Verify Identity
- Create Account
- Security Code**

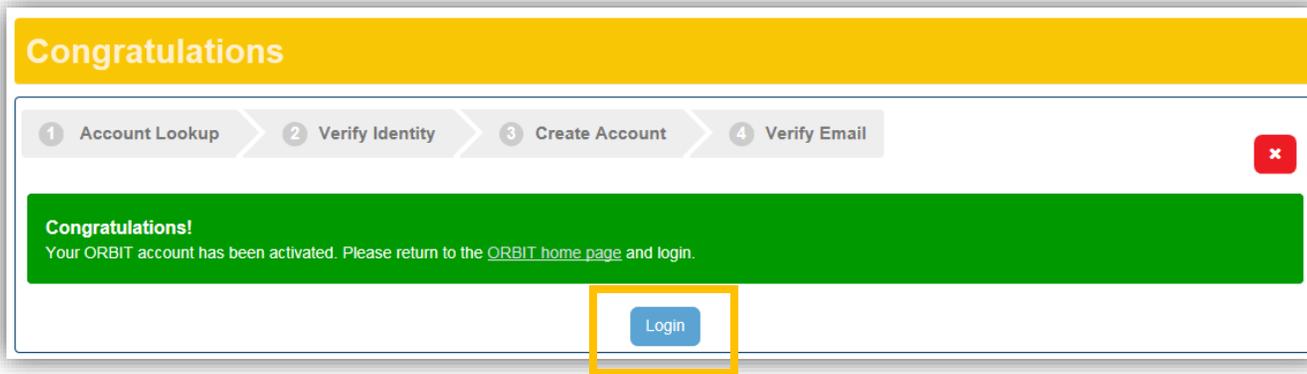
Verify You Received the Security Code Email

We sent you a confirmation email that contains a six-digit security code. Be sure to check your spam folder in case the email was delivered there. Please enter the security code in the field below to activate your ORBIT account. We use your personal email address as a second form of authentication to secure your private information. We will always send a confirmation email if there are any changes made within ORBIT to your private information. The email also contains a link that you can click to activate your account.

Security Code *

(*) Required Information

[Verify Security Code](#) [Cancel](#)



Step 7.75: Log into ORBIT again to reach the Account update screen.

Step 8: Update your account

As a part of our upgraded security, members set up three new security questions and answers. The page requesting this action should now be displayed. In addition to the questions, you will be asked to update and confirm your email address. Review the tips this screen on the next page.

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Email

Make sure you are the only person using your email address. Two or more members can no longer have the same email address on file. If a family member has used it or you have used it when assisting a family member with ORBIT, the family member will need to call us and update his/her contact information before ORBIT will accept it as yours.

Many members have had difficulty receiving ORBIT emails when using an employer-provided address due to agency/school email filters. We highly recommend that you use a personal email address. Using a personal email address will allow you to move from one government employer to another without having to worry about updating your email address with us each time.

Security Questions

- Make sure to use each answer only once. If “Westeros” is the answer to the first question, it cannot be the answer to the second or third question.
- Make sure there are no spaces before an answer. If a security answer has more than one word, be aware that the spaces will be included as part of your answer.

Once you submit your updated information, if you were *not* asked to retrieve and enter a security code after logging in, ORBIT will request that you do it at this time.

Step 9: Activate your account

If you were not required to enter a security code after you logged in (step 7.5), you will be asked to do so now. Retrieve the six-digit security code from the email you received, for Account Activation, into ORBIT. Once the code has been accepted, your account has fully updated.

Step 10: Log into ORBIT and view your account!**You're all done!**

If you have questions about this process or need help with another topic, check out our how-to videos or call us at 1-877-627-3287.