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# **Guidelines For Completing Your Purchase of Non-intervening Military Service**



If you receive or will be eligible to receive a military pension from the United States Government or any other private or public pension fund based solely on your active military service, you may not purchase retirement credit for non-intervening military service with the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS). Credit may only be purchased if a copy of your DD-214 papers indicate that your discharge was other than undesirable, bad conduct, or dishonorable.

#### What is Non-Intervening Military Service?

Non-intervening military service is defined as active duty military service rendered prior to entering active school employment. You may purchase credit for up to five years of non-intervening military service after you have at least three years of credited school service following your non-intervening military service. Credit may be purchased on a year-by-year basis as you accumulate Pennsylvania school/state service. You may not purchase more military service credit than you have credited school/state service.

# Who May Apply?

Active contributing members of the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) or
Multiple service members who are active members of the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS)

# How Do I Apply?

Complete a *Purchase of Non-intervening Military Service* form. A copy of your military discharge and service record (DD-214) that indicates your date of entry and discharge for all periods of active military service must be attached.

#### How is the Cost Calculated?

The cost reflects the average of your first full three school years' salary in Pennsylvania following your non-intervening military service, multiplied by a combination of both the member and employer contribution rates, multiplied again by the number of years being purchased plus statutory interest. This interest is compounded annually from the date you became a member or returned to active school employment to the date your application is received at PSERS.

#### Who is Responsible for Payment?

You are responsible for both the member's share and the employer's share.

#### What if I Need Assistance?

Call our toll-free number, 1.888.773.7748 (1.888.PSERS4U), Harrisburg local callers 717.787.8540, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to speak with a service representative.

# Where Should My Completed Application Be Sent?

Send To: PSERS

5 N 5th Street

Harrisburg, PA 17101-1905

#### What Will PSERS Do If I Am Eligible?

A Statement of Amount Due will be sent providing you with the cost and payment options available.

# A | Member Information

Information in this section was provided to PSERS through your employer. Contact your current employer directly if any information appears incorrect.

If you are currently an active member of SERS, contact PSERS immediately if any information appears incorrect.

# B | Enrollment Information

**Date Public School Service Began.** Enter the month, day, and year your Pennsylvania public school service began.

Are you or will you be receiving credit for your military service in any other retirement system? Check yes if you will be receiving credit in any other retirement system. Check no if you will not be receiving credit in another retirement system.

If above was answered yes, indicate the retirement system name. If you indicated that you would be receiving credit for your military service in another retirement system, provide the name of the retirement system where you will receive credit.

#### Member Certification

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Your signature and the date you signed this form are required. By signing this form, you are requesting the cost to purchase service credit for non-intervening military service. You are also certifying that you are ineligible now and in the future to receive an annuity from the United States Government or any other private or public pension fund based on your non-intervening military service.

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# Purchase of Non-Intervening Military Service



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A Member Information			
Member Name Social Security Number Gender Date of Birth  Former Last Name (only if used in this System)	Member Address Change Check here if new address  Apt# or Suite  Delivery Address  City  State & Zip Code  Daytime Phone ( )  Evening Phone ( )  Email Address (Optional)		
B Enrollment Information			
Date Public School Service Began			
Are you or will you be receiving credit for your military service in any other retirement system?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
If above was answered yes, indicate the retirement system name.			
C Member Certification			
Any restrictions that apply to this purchase will be noted on your <i>Statement of Amount Due</i> . Please read your statement carefully.  I request the cost to purchase service credit for non-intervening military service. I certify that I am ineligible now and in the future to receive an annuity from the United States Government or any other private or public pension fund based solely on my active military service. Attached is a copy of my military discharge and service record (DD-214).			
Member Signature	Date Signed		
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