

Credit For Purchased Service

You may also be eligible to purchase retirement credit for miscellaneous types of service. Purchased retirement credit may then be utilized in accordance with the plan provision requirements. Many purchase opportunities had an October 1, 1985 application deadline associated with them. Examples of the types of service you might have purchased for retirement credit by applying prior to the October 1, 1985 deadline include:

- periods of prior Connecticut state service for which contributions were not made;
- most periods of prior military service;
- service to other states;
- prior public school teaching in Connecticut;
- qualifying service to certain educational institutions.

There are other purchase opportunities that remain available so long as you apply before retirement. Examples of these open purchases include:

- certain qualifying leaves of absence without pay taken for personal medical reasons or family illness, military service, educational purposes, or voluntary leave prior to June 9, 1994;
- active full-time civilian employment with the United States government;
- your initial probationary period of state employment assuming you have not previously declined to purchase it.

Finally, as explained in the section of this booklet entitled "Reemployment Before Your Retirement Benefits Commence", Tier I members have a limited opportunity to restore retirement credit for a period or periods of prior contributory service for which retirement contributions were refunded.

You may request a purchase of retirement credit or a restoration of retirement credit on a Form CO-896 provided by your employing agency's personnel or payroll office. After submission of the completed request form with all required documentation to the Retirement Services Division, you will either be sent an invoice to complete the purchase or a letter explaining why you do not qualify.

Please contact your agency Personnel or Payroll Office regarding any questions you may have about obtaining additional retirement credit.