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Act Now. Here’s how:
• Contact current/former employers or third parties to obtain certifications/documents required so you can request a cost statement from OPERS.
• Ensure a payment is received by OPERS between Jan. 7, 2013 and close of business July 5, 2013, or
• Submit post-tax payroll deduction paperwork postmarked on or before July 7, 2013 to OPERS.

Remember:
• You’ll have until July 7, 2018 to complete the purchase before the balance is recalculated at the higher cost.
• OPERS cannot obtain required certifications/documents for you.
• Inability to produce certifications/documents will not extend deadlines.
• All service purchases count toward an increased pension benefit.
• Only certain service purchases count toward health care eligibility—see www.opers.org for detailed information.

If you are eligible to purchase or receive...
• Leave-of-absence time
• Time worked for an out-of-state public employer or federal government

• Military service credit for periods of:
  • Active duty service
  • Reserve/National Guard

• Exempted public service
• 35% elective service

• Bureau of Workers’ Compensation time
• School board time (pre June 30, 1991)

• Unreported elective service (pre July 1, 1991)
• Unreported firefighter service (pre May 1, 1991)
• Plan change service credit

You may be eligible to obtain service credit at the cost in effect prior to the change in Ohio retirement law.

Attention OPERS members:
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