

Attention OPERS members:

Deadlines are approaching to obtain past service credit before costs increase.

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.

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.

Time IS Running Out



To begin:

Evaluate your circumstances ...

- Decide if a service credit purchase is right for you.
- Access your online account to run estimates.
- Contact OPERS or view the detailed information on www.opers.org.



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