



**NEW YORK STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2395**

OFFICE SERVICES ONLY

## PRIOR SERVICE CLAIM

**Please review the instructions on the reverse before completing this form.**

**EmplID #**

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| <b>NAME</b>   | (First)  | (Middle)    | (Last)   |
| <b>ADDRESS</b>  | (Street) | (City)      | (State) (Zip Code)                                       |
| Is this address your <i>PERMANENT</i> address to be used by the System? |          |             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b> (    )   |          |             |  |
| <b>SIGNATURE</b>  |          | <b>DATE</b> |  |

I wish to claim credit in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System for the service listed below and any other service which I am eligible to claim. I have rendered such service **prior to my current membership date** and desire to have it credited when I have fulfilled the statutory requirements.

| NAME OF EMPLOYER | STATE | JOB TITLE | SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 | STRS USE ONLY |
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Are you credited with the above service in another public retirement system?     **YES**                       **NO**  
 Are you presently a member of another public retirement system?                       **YES\***                       **NO**

\*If a member, please state name of system: \_\_\_\_\_

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| I hereby certify that I am not now receiving a benefit and will not be entitled to receive a benefit at any future time from another public retirement system, in this State, in any other state or from the Federal Government on account of any of the above service. |                      |
| _____<br><b>Signature of Claimant</b>   | _____<br><b>Date</b> |

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLAIMING CREDIT FOR SERVICE RENDERED  
BEFORE YOUR CURRENT DATE OF MEMBERSHIP (PRIOR SERVICE)**

**1. PRIOR SERVICE CLAIM**

List by location name and year on the front of this form all prior service you wish to claim.

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE SYSTEM BEFORE YOUR DATE OF RETIREMENT OR BEFORE THE DATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CEASES.** Additionally, you must be credited with a minimum of two years of membership credit before you may purchase (if applicable) and be credited with any prior service for which you are eligible.

**2. MEMBERSHIP TIERS**

| <u>Tier</u> | <u>Dates Last Joined</u> | <u>Tier</u> | <u>Dates Last Joined</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 1           | Before 7/1/1973          |             |                          |
| 2           | 7/1/1973 - 7/26/1976     | 4           | 9/1/1983 - 12/31/2009    |
| 3           | 7/27/1976 - 8/31/1983    | 5           | On or after 1/1/2010     |

**3. ALLOWABLE PRIOR SERVICE**

**NYS and NYC Public and Teaching Service:** Members of **ALL** tiers may receive credit for NYS public and teaching service (full-time, part-time, or substitute work), including NYC, if such service was credited or would have been creditable in any NYS or NYC public retirement system at the time the service was rendered.

**Out-of-State Teaching Service:**

**Tier 1** Members may receive credit for up to ten years of teaching in out-of-state public schools or state-supported colleges.

**Tier 2** Members may receive credit for out-of-state public teaching service only if this service was credited to a former Tier 1 membership in TRS.

**Tiers 3, 4 and 5** Members cannot receive credit for out-of-state teaching service.

**4. COST**

**Tiers 1 and 2** There is no cost to have prior service credited.

**Tier 3** The cost is 3% of the salary received during the period of the service. Interest of 5% per year is charged only on service rendered under a former Tier 3 membership.

**Tier 4** The cost is 3% of the salary received during the period of service plus 5% interest per year on all service.

**Tier 5** The cost is 3.5% of the salary received during the period of service plus 5% interest per year on all service.

- ◆ **Service for private or parochial schools, for the federal government or in armed forces dependent schools is not creditable in our System under any tier.**
- ◆ **Service credit can affect your eligibility for, and the calculation of, your benefits. It may also affect the point at which Tier 4 members are eligible to cease making mandatory member contributions. If you are unsure about your prior service eligibility, you should file a claim for service not already credited to your membership.**