# ELECTION TO REINSTATE

**REINSTATEMENT INFORMATION:**

**PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**

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**Is the service you are claiming credited in any NYS public retirement system?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, name of system: ___________________________________________________________

☐ Check if you are a Nonresident Alien. Nonresident Aliens must also submit form W-8 BEN, Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding and Reporting. W-8 BEN can be found on IRS.gov. Please note that we cannot process a contribution refund (if applicable) without the W-8 BEN.

I am a current member of the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System. I hereby elect reinstatement to the earliest date of membership in accordance with Section 645 of the Retirement and Social Security Law.

I certify I have reviewed the Important Reinstatement Information provided on the reverse side of this election explaining the consequences of changing membership dates and the effects it may have on my future benefits.

**Signature**

**Date**
If you are an active NYSTRS member and had a previous membership(s) in this System or any other NYS public retirement system, you may be eligible to reinstate to your earliest date of membership. You will receive the service credited under that membership, provided it is not credited in another system, along with any possible advantages of an earlier membership date (and tier, if applicable).

Forms will be considered filed on the day they are mailed if they are mailed by registered or certified mail via the U.S. Postal Service, or by an equivalent delivery service that provides mail tracking and is approved for use by the System. Please see the Contact Us > Get in Touch page at NYSTRS.org for a list of delivery services currently approved by the System.

Generally, it is to your advantage to be reinstated to an earlier date of membership within the same tier or to a prior tier. However, there are situations where it may not be in your best interest to elect reinstatement. We urge you to contact NYSTRS at (800) 348-7298, Ext. 6250 to discuss the details of your reinstatement with a System representative.

Information to be considered:

► Reinstatement to an earlier tier may change:
  - the eligibility requirements for retirement benefits;
  - the calculation of the retirement benefit you may receive in the future;
  - the eligibility for death benefit coverage; or,
  - the calculation of the death benefit your beneficiary may be entitled to receive.

► If you are currently making required contributions and reinstatement of an earlier membership will cease your required member contributions, please note that contributions will cease after the processing of your reinstatement has been completed. In addition, mandatory contributions will be refunded back to July 1 of the school year in which your reinstatement is completed; prior school year mandatory contributions are not refundable under the law.

► If you are electing to reinstate a former Tier 3-6 membership, before your reinstatement can be completed, the law requires that you repay the contributions (with interest) from your former membership(s). Once this payment is made, your election to reinstate is irrevocable.

► If you are electing to reinstate a former Tier 1 or Tier 2 membership you will be sent a comparison of your benefits and asked to confirm your claim in writing after reviewing that information. Once you confirm your election to reinstate, it is irrevocable.

► Current Tier 3-6 members who are eligible for reinstatement to a Tier 1 or 2 date of membership must fully repay and satisfy any outstanding loan. Full payment must be received before processing can begin or within thirty (30) days of your date of retirement, whichever is earlier. In addition, any payment you previously made to purchase prior service will be refunded with 5% interest.

► If you are eligible for a refund upon completion of your reinstatement, federal income tax with be withheld from the refund at the rate of 20%.