

97B.82 Purchase of service credit — direct rollovers — direct transfers.

1. Effective July 1, 2002, a member may, to the extent permitted by the internal revenue service, purchase any service credit permitted under [this chapter](#) by means of a direct rollover or a direct transfer as provided in [this section](#) pursuant to rules adopted by the system and consistent with applicable requirements of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Purchases of service credit by means of a direct rollover or direct transfer under [this section](#) shall not exceed the amounts permitted under section 415(n) of the federal Internal Revenue Code and [section 97B.80C](#) as determined by the system.

2. a. A member may purchase service credit as authorized by [this section](#) through a direct rollover to the retirement system of an eligible rollover distribution from an eligible retirement plan as permitted by the internal revenue service under the federal Internal Revenue Code. The amount of the direct rollover into the retirement system cannot exceed the cost of the service purchase by a member under [this chapter](#). Once a direct rollover is made, the member must forfeit the applicable service credit from the eligible retirement plan from which the eligible rollover distribution is received.

b. (1) For purposes of [this subsection](#), “an eligible rollover distribution from an eligible retirement plan” includes distributions from any of the following:

- (a) Qualified plans described in federal Internal Revenue Code sections 401(a) and 403(a).
- (b) Annuity contracts described in federal Internal Revenue Code section 403(b).
- (c) Eligible plans described under federal Internal Revenue Code section 457(b) which are maintained by a state, political subdivision of a state, or any agency or instrumentality of a state or political subdivision of a state.

(d) Individual retirement accounts described in federal Internal Revenue Code section 408(a) or 408(b).

(2) An eligible rollover distribution from an eligible retirement plan does not include any of the following:

(a) A distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments, which occur annually or more frequently, made for the life or life expectancy of the distributee or the joint lives or joint life expectancies of the distributee and the distributee’s designated beneficiary, or made for a specified period of ten years or more.

(b) A distribution to the extent that the distribution is required pursuant to section 401(a)(9) of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

(c) (i) For rollover service purchases prior to January 1, 2007, the portion of any distribution that is not includible in the gross income of the distributee, determined without regard to the exclusion for net unrealized appreciation with respect to employer securities.

(ii) For rollover service purchases on or after January 1, 2007, the portion of any distribution that is not includible in the gross income of the distributee, determined without regard to the exclusion for net unrealized appreciation with respect to employer securities, shall be treated as an eligible rollover distribution only when such portion is received from a qualified plan under section 401(a) or 403(a) of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

(d) Any amounts that are not permitted to be treated as eligible rollover distributions by the internal revenue service under the federal Internal Revenue Code.

3. A member may purchase any service credit as authorized by [this section](#), to the extent permitted by the internal revenue service, by means of a direct transfer of pretax amounts, and effective January 1, 2007, any after-tax contributions, from an annuity contract qualified under federal Internal Revenue Code section 403(b), or an eligible plan described in federal Internal Revenue Code section 457(b), maintained by a state, political subdivision of a state, or any agency or instrumentality of a state or political subdivision of a state. A direct transfer is a trustee-to-trustee transfer to the retirement system of contributions made to annuity contracts qualified under federal Internal Revenue Code section 403(b) and eligible governmental plans qualified under federal Internal Revenue Code section 457(b) for purposes of purchasing service credit in the retirement system.

[2000 Acts, ch 1077, §72; 2002 Acts, ch 1135, §34; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286; 2008 Acts, ch 1171, §44, 45, 48, 49](#)