

# Out-of-State or Foreign School Service Credit Certification

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# CALSTRS

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In order to purchase out-of-state or foreign school service credit, you must meet the following requirements:

1. You are a member of CalSTRS.
2. You performed service in a public education position.
3. You have forfeited or agree to forfeit any benefits you have in another public retirement system, if applicable.

If you **were** a member of another public retirement system, please complete and sign page 1 of this form and then forward this packet to that retirement system. They need to complete and sign page 2 of the form and return the packet to you.

If your former retirement system cannot verify your service credit, your former employer must complete Sections F and G of the form.

If you performed service in a public education position but **were not** a member of a public retirement system while performing that service, please complete and sign page 1 of this form and then forward the entire packet to your former employer. They need to complete and sign page 3 of the form and mail the entire packet back to you.

Once you receive all the information required, forward the entire packet to CalSTRS at the address above. Unless otherwise stated, your amount of service credit will be based on the California standard of 1,050 hours or 175 days per school year.

Please check the appropriate box in Section A if you have previously submitted valid verification from your former retirement system or employer. You will not be required to verify this information again if CalSTRS has it on file.

## Section A Member Information (To be completed by member)

NAME (LAST, FIRST, INITIAL) (INCLUDING ANY PREVIOUS NAMES USED) CLIENT ID OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

ADDRESS (STREET) (APT #) DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

( ) ( )

WORK TELEPHONE OTHER TELEPHONE NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS

FORMER EMPLOYER (INCLUDE STATE OR COUNTRY)

Certification already on file with CalSTRS  I plan to retire within the next 12 months \_\_\_\_\_ (date, if known)

## Section B Amount of Service Credit

Amount of out-of-state or foreign school service credit that you wish to purchase: \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Check here if you wish to roll over funds from your former retirement system to CalSTRS.

## Section C Signature

By agreeing to purchase the amount of service credit indicated above, I fully understand that I am forfeiting all benefits from my former retirement system, if applicable. I may be placing myself in jeopardy with the IRS by not forfeiting benefits from another retirement system. I hereby authorize my former retirement system and/or employer to release any information concerning my service and/or account balance to CalSTRS in connection with my application to purchase out-of-state service credit.

 SIGNATURE OF MEMBER DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)



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**Attention Former Retirement System:** Complete the required information below so CalSTRS can determine the cost for the interested member. Please return all information to the member listed on page 1.

MEMBER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CLIENT ID OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**Section D Credited Service Information (To be completed by retirement system)**

1. Was this individual ever a member of your retirement system? (If the answer is "NO," please sign below and return this form to the member listed on page 1.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Did this member receive credit in your plan for service performed in a public education position? (If the answer is "NO," please explain the type of service performed.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Please enter dates of service (month/year). Please start with the most recent time in your system. From: _____ To: _____ Years of Service Credit: _____ From: _____ To: _____ Years of Service Credit: _____ From: _____ To: _____ Years of Service Credit: _____		
4. Did this member forfeit the right to all benefits under former retirement system? Date of refund: _____ Amount of service credit canceled by refund: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
5. If this member does not return to teaching in your system, will he/she be eligible to receive a benefit from your system? If the answer is "YES," please explain in the space below. CalSTRS does not allow members to purchase service credit if the member is entitled to retirement benefits under the previous employer's retirement plan.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6. If the individual is still a member of your retirement system, how many years of service does the member have credited in your system and what is the total contributions and interest on account at this time?  Service Credit: _____ years Contributions and interest \$ _____		

**Section E Signature of Retirement System Representative**

I verify that the information provided in Section D of this document was taken from the official records of this system.

NAME OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Please include state)	( ) TELEPHONE NUMBER
NAME OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE	DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

If unable to complete Section D, please fill out Section E and return pages 1 and 2 to member listed on page 1.

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**Attention former employer:** CalSTRS needs either the number of days or the number of hours worked by the former employee for the period in which they were employed. *Please specify if the time worked is in days or hours separately.* This information is required to calculate the amount of service credit your former employee will be able to purchase with CalSTRS. If your records are incomplete, please provide as much information as possible. Please do not include any documents unless they clearly indicate days/hours worked and the time period covered. If you do not have any record of the former employee or their records are no longer available, please complete section G and return the entire form to the member listed on page 1.

MEMBER'S NAME

CLIENT ID OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

**Section F Employment and Salary Information**

(To be completed by former employer)

This school is       Public       Partially Public Funded       Private

Position Held	Employment History From – To (mm/yyyy)	Number of days/hours	D = Days H = Hours

**Section G Former Employer's Address and Signature of Authorized Representative**

I verify that the information provided in Section F of this document was taken from official records.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF EMPLOYER      (   )  
TELEPHONE NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
EMPLOYER ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVE      EMAIL

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVE      DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

If unable to complete Section F, please fill out Section G and return the entire form to the member listed on page 1.

Comments