



Application for Military Service Credit Under Article 20-RSSL RS 5509

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SEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON BACK OF FORM

PRINT USING ONLY BLUE OR BLACK INK AND ATTACH MILITARY DISCHARGE PAPERS (DD-214)

Name _____ Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Address _____ Registration Number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: Work:(_____) - _____ - _____ Phone: Home:(_____) - _____ - _____

Do you have credit for **ANY** military service in another public retirement system in New York State?

Yes

No

If yes, indicate which system(s)

New York State Employees' Retirement System

New York City Teachers' Retirement System

New York State Police & Fire Retirement System

New York City Board of Ed. Retirement System

New York State Teachers' Retirement System

New York City Police Pension Fund

New York City Employees' Retirement System

New York City Fire Dept. Pension Fund

I _____, request credit for this service as provided for in Article 20 of the Retirement and Social Security Law. I understand that I will be provided with the cost for this service and will receive credit only in proportion to the amount of that cost I pay to the Retirement System. I have enclosed my DD-214 showing my dates of enlistment.

Signed _____ Date _____

REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY SERVICE UNDER ARTICLE 20

To be eligible to receive credit for your military service under Article 20, you must:

- have been honorably discharged;
- have at least five years of credited service in the Retirement System at the time you apply for your military service credit;
- not have credit for this service in any other public retirement system in New York State;
- apply to purchase credit for your military service prior to retirement.

If you are covered by a plan that has a maximum service limit, your military service credit cannot be used to exceed the maximum service limit.

- For Tier 1 through 5 members, payment of 3 percent of the compensation you earned during the year of credited service immediately prior to our receiving your application, times the number of years of credit you are seeking, must be paid into the Retirement System's Pension Accumulation Fund. For Tier 6 members, the cost is 6 percent. **THESE PAYMENTS ARE REFUNDABLE ONLY IF THE MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT CANNOT BE USED IN THE CALCULATION OF A BENEFIT.**
- Payment must be made in a period no longer than the amount of credit being granted.
- Prorated credit will be granted for partial payment.

If you do not have a copy of your DD-214, you may obtain one by writing to:

**National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138**

A request form to send to the National Personnel Records Center is also available through the National Archives website at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/index.html>