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***PURCHASING PUBLIC SERVICE PACKET***

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## Eligibility Notice to Members

**The right to purchase public service credit with SCERS is applicable only to those employees of a SCERS membership employer for whom the governing body has adopted a resolution making such provisions available. On May 13, 2003 the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution making such provisions applicable June 29, 2003 for Sacramento County employees who are SCERS members. For employees of any of SCERS membership employers other than Sacramento County, the provision will not be applicable until and unless a similar resolution is passed by that employer's governing body.**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE  
ACQUIRING VERIFICATION FOR  
PURCHASING OF PUBLIC SERVICE CREDITS**

**General Information**

Effective June 29, 2003, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution making the provision to purchase public service credit effective for Sacramento County employees who are SCERS members. For employees of any of SCERS membership employers other than Sacramento County, the provision will not be applicable until and unless a similar resolution is passed by that employer's governing body.

Agreements relative to rights to purchase public service credit essentially follow the guidelines set for such purposes in a prior offering in 1975-1977, with the exception of the requirement in the prior offering for a member to have made an "election" and the "Notice of Election" form to have been filed with SCERS during the period 1975 to 1977.

SCERS members are permitted to "elect" to purchase eligible public service credit at any time prior to their actual retirement date.

**General Policy**

The following guidelines apply:

1. Under no circumstances can more than four (4) years be purchased with SCERS.
2. An election form to purchase will be required at the time of the actual purchase.
3. A member may take up to five years to complete purchase of all eligible public service credits once the first initial payment is made.
4. A member may purchase service credit for verified service in one or more of the following agencies:
  - Federal Military Service.
  - Federal Civilian Service.
  - State of California.
  - Any City or County in California.
  - Any Public Corporation, municipal corporation or public district situated in whole or in part within the County of Sacramento.
5. Public Service Credits may not be used for purposes of meeting minimum service credits requirements for service or disability retirement or certain death benefits.
6. If service in any entity was covered by a retirement system into which "redeposit" can be made (with full rights of reciprocity, including "final compensation") then a member cannot purchase such service credit as public service credit with SCERS.
7. Members CANNOT be receiving, or be eligible for, "Retirement Pay" in the entity which is the origin of the credit for Public Service.
8. If a member, after purchasing public service credit, becomes eligible to receive a pension from the public entity for service in such entity, the member must be refunded public service contributions and service credits adjusted in the member's account.

## Other Information & Guidelines

Those retiring will have priority processing over those not retiring.

Included in this brochure is information to enable interested members to acquire necessary verifying documents in order to be prepared to request cost estimates, if so desired.

## Verification Documentation

Actual service as basis for public service credit purchases must be verified by the public entity concerned.

For entities other than federal military, members should request information from such entities.

Such request should include:

- A. Dates of service
- B. Entity in which served
- C. Member social security number or other identifier
- D. Member birth date
- E. Any other name under which you have worked.
- F. Verification of full or part-time service.
- G. Number of hours paid.

For convenience, included on page 11 is a form that can be used when dealing with a public entity other than military.

Members who need to obtain copies of their military papers should do so immediately. According to information located on their website, the National Archives and Records Administration facility currently has a backlog of over 200,000 requests and receives approximately 5,000 requests daily. Routine requests for separation statements require 5 weeks servicing. The average turnaround time on requests is currently 14-16 weeks.

Federal law requires that all requests for federal information be submitted in writing and must be signed and dated. Members should also request a statement indicating that the member is NOT entitled to receive a pension from that entity or a retirement system associated with that entity based on the service period(s) when requesting the records from an entity.

For requests to federal agencies, the Standard Form 180 was developed. The form can either be mailed to the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO or faxed at (314) 538-4175. The Center will respond in writing by U.S. Mail.

On page 5 of this packet is a copy of the Standard Form 180. On page 6 is a list of custodians and their addresses. On page 7 is the instruction and information sheet for completing the Standard Form 180.

If requesting military service, SCERS will require the first three documents on the following list:

- Copy of separation form DD214
- Copy of Certificate of Discharge (if not included on DD214)
- Copy of entitlement from the General Administration Center\* (or Certification of Lack of Eligibility Form)
- Copy of Points Register

If requesting reserve service, SCERS will require the last two documents from the list above.

\*SCERS will accept certification from members who were in the military and based upon the orders would not be eligible to receive a pension. For convenience purposes, included on page 9 is a certification form.

### Submitting Information to SCERS

SCERS requires that requests to purchase additional service credit must be in writing.

Members should submit a written request to SCERS. The request should contain:

Name  
SSN or PIN  
Daytime Telephone #  
Mailing Address  
Type of purchase requested  
Dates of Purchase requested  
Signature  
Date

The written request should not be submitted to SCERS until the Certification of Public Service form has been returned to the member from the former public entity. **The certification form must accompany the written request.**

### SCERS Response

Only written request will be accepted, no verbal request will be accepted.

Once received, members will be provided with an acknowledgement letter and a pamphlet concerning purchasable service. The request will then be assigned to a counselor.

**If the certification records are incomplete, the request will be returned to the member and not assigned to a counselor for calculation.**

If all certification records are included, the counselor will calculate the cost. After calculations are complete, the member will be provided with the cost of the purchase and an election form with purchasable options.

Calculations will be done based on first received with the exception of members retiring. Members who have submitted both a purchasable service requests and a service retirement application will have priority processing.

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# REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

To ensure the best possible service, please thoroughly review the accompanying instructions before filling out this form. Please print clearly or type. If you need more space, use plain paper.

## SECTION I - INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible.)

1. NAME USED DURING SERVICE (last, first, and middle)	2. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	3. DATE OF BIRTH	4. PLACE OF BIRTH	
5. SERVICE, PAST AND PRESENT (For an effective records search, it is important that all service be shown below.)				
BRANCH OF SERVICE	DATES OF SERVICE		CHECK ONE	SERVICE NUMBER DURING THIS PERIOD (If unknown, write "unknown")
	DATE ENTERED	DATE RELEASED	OFFICER	
a. ACTIVE SERVICE				
b. RESERVE SERVICE				
c. NATIONAL GUARD				
6. IS THIS PERSON DECEASED? If "YES" enter the date of death.		7. IS (WAS) THIS PERSON RETIRED FROM MILITARY SERVICE?		
NO YES _____		NO YES _____		

## SECTION II - INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS REQUESTED

**1. REPORT OF SEPARATION** (DD Form 214 or equivalent). This contains information normally needed to verify military service. A copy may be sent to the veteran, the deceased veteran's next of kin, or other persons or organizations if authorized in Section III, below. NOTE: If more than one period of service was performed, even in the same branch, there may be more than one Report of Separation. Be sure to show EACH year that a Report of Separation was issued, for which you need a copy.

An **UNDELETED** Report of Separation is requested for the year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

This normally will be a copy of the full separation document including such sensitive items as the character of separation, authority for separation, reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, separation (SPD/SPN) code, and dates of time lost. An undeleted version is ordinarily required to determine eligibility for benefits.

A **DELETED** Report of Separation is requested for the year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

The following information will be deleted from the copy sent: authority for separation, reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, separation (SPD/SPN) code, and for separations after June 30, 1979, character of separation and dates of time lost.

**2. OTHER INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS REQUESTED** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. PURPOSE** (Optional - An explanation of the purpose of the request is strictly voluntary. Such information may help the agency answering this request to provide the best possible response and will in no way be used to make a decision to deny the request.) \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION III - RETURN ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE

**1. REQUESTER IS:**

Military service member or veteran identified in Section I, above  
 Next of kin of deceased veteran \_\_\_\_\_ (relation)

Legal guardian (must submit copy of court appointment)  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. SEND INFORMATION/DOCUMENTS TO:**  
 (Please print or type. See item 3 on accompanying instructions.)

**3. AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE REQUIRED** (See item 2 on accompanying instructions.) I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the information in this Section III is true and correct.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Please do not print.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of this request ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## LOCATION OF MILITARY RECORDS

The various categories of military service records are described in the chart below. For each category there is a code number which indicates the address at the bottom of the page to which this request should be sent. Please refer to the Instruction and Information Sheet accompanying this form as needed.

BRANCH	CURRENT STATUS OF SERVICE MEMBER	ADDRESS CODE	
		Personnel Record	Health Record
AIR FORCE	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 5/1/1994	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 5/1/1994 – 9/30/2004	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 10/1/2004	1	11
	Active (including National Guard on active duty in the Air Force), TDRL, or general officers retired with pay	1	
	Reserve, retired reserve in nonpay status, current National Guard officers not on active duty in the Air Force, or National Guard released from active duty in the Air Force	2	
	Current National Guard enlisted not on active duty in the Air Force	13	
COAST GUARD	Discharge, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1898	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1898 – 3/31/1998	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 4/1/1998	14	11
	Active, reserve, or TDRL	3	
MARINE CORPS	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1905	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1905 – 4/30/1994	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 5/1/1994 – 12/31/1998	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/1999	4	11
	Individual Ready Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve	5	
	Active, Selected Marine Corps Reserve, TDRL	4	
ARMY	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 11/1/1912 (enlisted) or before 7/1/1917 (officer)	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 11/1/1912 – 10/15/1992 (enlisted) or 7/1/1917 – 10/15/1992 (officer)	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 10/16/1992 – 9/30/2002	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 10/1/2002	7	11
	Reserve; or active duty records of current National Guard members who performed service in the U.S. Army before 7/1/1972	7	
	Active enlisted (including National Guard on active duty in the U.S. Army) or TDRL enlisted	9	
	Active officers (including National Guard on active duty in the U.S. Army) or TDRL officers	8	
	Current National Guard enlisted not on active duty in Army (including records of Army active duty performed after 6/30/1972)	13	
	Current National Guard officers not on active duty in Army (including records of Army active duty performed after 6/30/1972)	12	
NAVY	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1886 (enlisted) or before 1/1/1903 (officer)	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1886 – 1/30/1994 (enlisted) or 1/1/1903 – 1/30/1994 (officer)	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/31/1994 – 12/31/1994	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/1995	10	11
	Active, reserve, or TDRL	10	
PHS	Public Health Service - Commissioned Corps officers only	15	

### ADDRESS LIST OF CUSTODIANS (BY CODE NUMBERS SHOWN ABOVE) – Where to write/send this form

<b>1</b>	Air Force Personnel Center HQ AFPC/DPSRP 550 C Street West, Suite 19 Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4721	<b>6</b>	National Archives & Records Administration Old Military and Civil Records (NWCTB-Military) Textual Services Division 700 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20408-0001	<b>11</b>	Department of Veterans Affairs Records Management Center P.O. Box 5020 St. Louis, MO 63115-5020
<b>2</b>	Air Reserve Personnel Center /DSMR HQ ARPC/DPSSA/B 6760 E. Irvington Place, Suite 4600 Denver, CO 80280-4600	<b>7</b>	U.S. Army Human Resources Command ATTN: AHRC-PAV-V 1 Reserve Way St. Louis, MO 63132-5200	<b>12</b>	Army National Guard Readiness Center NGB-ARP 111 S. George Mason Dr. Arlington, VA 22204-1382
<b>3</b>	Commander, CGPC-adm-3 USCG Personnel Command 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1100 Arlington, VA 22203-1804	<b>8</b>	U.S. Army Human Resources Command ATTN: AHRC-MSR 200 Stovall Street Alexandria, VA 22332-0444	<b>13</b>	The Adjutant General (of the appropriate state, DC, or Puerto Rico)
<b>4</b>	Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps Personnel Management Support Branch (MMSB-10) 2008 Elliot Road Quantico, VA 22134-5030	<b>9</b>	Commander USAEREC ATTN: PCRE-F 8899 E. 56th St. Indianapolis, IN 46249-5301	<b>14</b>	National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records) 9700 Page Ave. St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
<b>5</b>	Marine Corps Reserve Support Command (Code MMI) 15303 Andrews Road Kansas City, MO 64147-1207	<b>10</b>	Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312) 5720 Integrity Drive Millington, TN 38055-3130	<b>15</b>	Division of Commissioned Corps Officer Support ATTN: Records Officer 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100 Rockville, MD 20852



## INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION SHEET FOR SF 180, REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

**1. Information needed to locate records.** Certain identifying information is necessary to determine the location of an individual's record of military service. Please try to answer each item on the SF 180. If you do not have and cannot obtain the information for an item, show "NA," meaning the information is "not available." Include as much of the requested information as you can.

**2. Restrictions on release of information.** Release of information is subject to restrictions imposed by the military services consistent with Department of Defense regulations and the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act of 1974. The service member (either past or present) or the member's legal guardian has access to almost any information contained in that member's own record. An authorization signature, of the service member or the member's legal guardian, is needed in Section III of the SF180. Others requesting information from military personnel/health records must have the release authorization in Section III of the SF 180 signed by the member or legal guardian, but if the appropriate signature cannot be obtained, only limited types of information can be provided. If the former member is deceased, surviving next of kin may, under certain circumstances, be entitled to greater access to a deceased veteran's records than a member of the public. The next of kin may be any of the following: unremarried surviving spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, or brother. Employers and others needing proof of military service are expected to accept the information shown on documents issued by the military service departments at the time a service member is separated.

**3. Where reply may be sent.** The reply may be sent to the member or any other address designated by the member or other authorized requester.

**4. Charges for service.** There is no charge for most services provided to members or their surviving next of kin. A nominal fee is charged for certain types of service. In most instances service fees cannot be determined in advance. If your request involves a service fee, you will be notified as soon as that determination is made.

**5. Health and personnel records.** Health records of persons on active duty are generally kept at the local servicing clinic, and usually are available from the Department of Veterans Affairs a week or two after the last day of active duty. (See page 2 of SF180 for record locations/addresses.)

**6. Records at the National Personnel Records Center.** Note that it takes at least three months, and often up to seven, for the file to reach the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis after the military obligation has ended (such as by discharge). If only a short time has passed, please send the inquiry to the address shown for active or current reserve members. Also, if the person has only been released from active duty but is still in a reserve status, the personnel record will stay at the location specified for reservists. A person can retain a reserve obligation for several years, even without attending meetings or receiving annual training. (See page 2 of SF180 for record locations/addresses.)

**7. Definitions and abbreviations.** DISCHARGED -- the individual has no current military status; HEALTH -- Records of physical examinations, dental treatment, and outpatient medical treatment received while in a duty status (does not include records of treatment while hospitalized); TDRL – Temporary Disability Retired List.

**8. Service completed before World War I.** National Archives Trust Fund (NATF) forms must be used to request these records. Obtain the forms by e-mail from [inquire@nara.gov](mailto:inquire@nara.gov) or write to the Code 6 address on page 2 of the SF 180.

### PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

The following information is provided in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3) and applies to this form. Authority for collection of the information is 44 U.S.C. 2907, 3101, and 3103, and Public Law 104-134 (April 26, 1996), as amended in title 31, section 7701. Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If the requested information is not provided, it may delay servicing your inquiry because the facility servicing the service member's record may not have all of the information needed to locate it. The purpose of the information on this form is to assist the facility servicing the records (see the address list) in locating the correct military service record(s) or information to answer your inquiry. This form is then filed in the requested military service record as a record of disclosure. The form may also be disclosed to Department of Defense components, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS, U.S. Coast Guard), or the National Archives and Records Administration when the original custodian of the military health and personnel records transfers all or part of those records to that agency. If the service member was a member of the National Guard, the form may also be disclosed to the Adjutant General of the appropriate state, District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico, where he or she served.

### PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT

Public burden reporting for this collection of information is estimated to be five minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to National Archives and Records Administration (NHP), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. DO NOT SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND COMPLETED FORMS AS INDICATED IN THE ADDRESS LIST ON PAGE 2 OF THE SF 180.

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Web: www.scers.org

**CERTIFICATION OF LACK OF ELIGIBILITY  
Federal/Military Service Only**

The Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System ("SCERS") will accept this completed form as evidence of your lack of eligibility for Federal retirement benefits as a result of previously military service. Please complete and sign the following:

- I hereby certify that my military service does not qualify me to receive federal retirement for my service time.
- I am not eligible, nor do I plan to receive any federal retirement for the period of military service for which I am claiming public service credit.
- I am not currently receiving disability benefits for this military service time.

I certify that the above statements are true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Part 1 Member Information (to be completed by member)**

Name	SSN	Date entered SCERS		
Address		City	State	ZIP
Name of former Public Entity Retirement System	Address	City	State	ZIP
Former Public Entity	Address	City	State	ZIP

I am currently a member of the Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System ("SCERS"). I intend to request a cost from SCERS to purchase public service credit based on employment under your agency from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. SCERS does not allow credit for service time in another public agency plan if such service can be purchased with that public entity and the purchase would entitle the individual to a current or future benefit from that plan.

Respectfully,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Requestor Signature Date

**Please forward this form to your former retirement system or employer for completion of part 2 before returning to SCERS.**

**Part 2 Retirement System or Employer Certification (to be completed by member's former retirement system or employer)**

**Employee History**

Period of Employment: From (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_ To (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_ AND From (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_ To (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Position Type:       Seasonal       Limited Term       On-Call       Intermittent       Permanent

Position Time Base:       Full-Time      Total Time Worked: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number of years – number of months – number of days)

Part-Time      Total Time Worked: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Total number of hours)

Is this member entitled to a current or future retirement benefit based on this service?       Yes       No  
Is this member retired/retiring from your system?       Yes       No  
Is this member eligible to purchase/redeposit with full reciprocal rights in your system?       Yes       No

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name      Signature      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title      Agency      Phone Number      Fax Number

**Note: It is important that all the information in Part 2 be completed, otherwise the form will be returned.**

**Please return the form to the address listed below.**

Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System  
980 9th Street, Suite 1900, Sacramento, CA 95814  
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