

Agenda

- Employer Membership Information Site (EMIS)/Authorized Contacts
- TRSL Eligibility and Enrollments
- Monthly Contribution/Salary Reporting
- Service Credit Certifications/Corrections
- Retirement Processes/Issues
- Return-to-Work in TRSL-Covered Positions





Provides an overview of TRSL's employer access database and how to obtain employer access to EMIS

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additional employer staff. Employer personnel who are given Inquiry only access do not have to be designated as authorized signers.

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Contacts (Form 1EDC)

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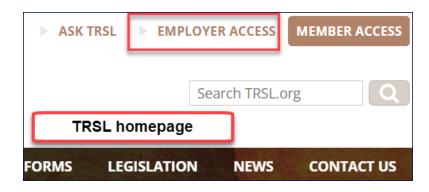
1.0 - Authorized Contact

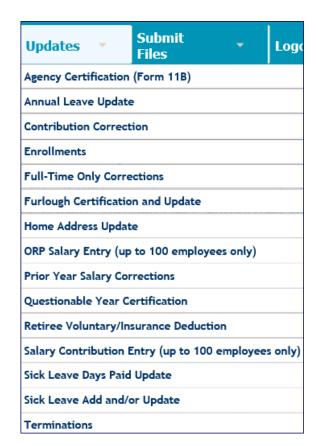
Employer/Member Information System (EMIS)

TRSL's employer database

Employers can

- Certify/correct employee data
- Upload required files/reports
- View various reports





EMIS system codes

5	Status Information						
1	Sys	Seq	Status	Code	Date		
1	4		ACTIVE	(A)	07/19/2021		

System 2	School Lunch Plan A – For school food service employees (closed plan; no new entrants)			
System 3	School Lunch Plan B – For school food service employees in 20 parishes that also participate in Social Security			
System 4	TRSL Regular Plan – Defined Benefit Plan for "teachers" in TRSL eligible positions			
System 6	ORP (Optional Retirement Plan) – Defined Contribution Plan; for employees who chose ORP during employment at a Louisiana public institution of higher education; opted out of TRSL's Regular Plan (System 4), must remain in ORP			

Form 1: Authorized Contacts

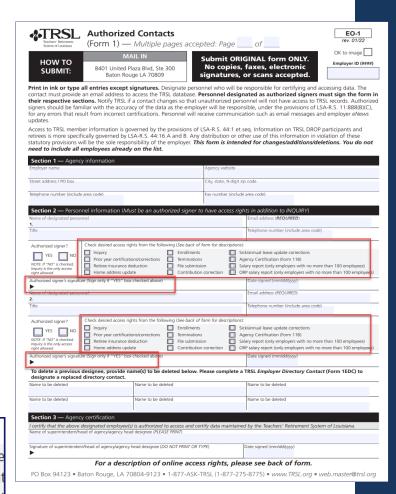
Grants EMIS access rights to designated employer personnel

Section 2 (Authorized signer):

- Check all access rights desired for each designated employer personnel
- Must include staff member's signature for access other than Inquiry
- Complete bottom of section 2 to delete previously designated personnel no longer needing TRSL database access for your agency

Section 3 must be signed by employer's Agency Head or Agency Head Designee

Check desired access rights from the following (See back of form for descriptions):					
	Inquiry		Enrollments		Sick/annual leave
	Prior year certifications/corrections		Terminations		Agency Certifica
	Retiree insurance deduction		File submission		Salary report (on
	Home address update		Contribution correction		ORP salary repor



EMIS access rights

Inquiry (INQ)	Offers view-only access
Enrollments (ENR)	Use to enroll new hires and retirees returning to work in TRSL-covered positions
Sick/Annual Leave Update/Corrections (SLU)	 Sick Leave – Use to update employers' sick leave usage Annual Leave - (Higher ed and state agencies only) – Use to report annual leave balances
Prior Year Certifications/ Corrections (PYC)	Use to update Actual Earnings (gross earnable compensation), Full-Time Only Earnings, and Questionable Year Certifications for a closed out (or prior) fiscal year
Terminations (TRM)	Use to report employee's last day of work or last day of leave
Agency Certification – Form 11B (AGC)	Use to certify current year information for an employee who is retiring or entering DROP

Description of access rights available on reverse side of TRSL's *Authorized* Contacts (Form 1)

EMIS access rights (cont'd)

Retiree Insurance Deduction (INS)	(For non-Office of Group Benefits employers) - Use to report or update insurance deductions from retiree's benefit check		
File Submission (FSM)	Use to upload required files/reports securely without encryption		
Salary Report (SAL)	(Only for employers with no more than 100 employees) - Use to report monthly salary and contributions during the current fiscal year		
Home Address Update (ADR)	Use to update mailing address for active employee		
Contributions Corrections (CCR)	Use to add, delete, or replace employee's monthly actual and/or full-time earnings during the current fiscal year		
ORP Salary Report (ORP)	(Only for employers with no more than 100 employees in ORP) - Use to report monthly salary and contributions for ORP participants during the current fiscal year		

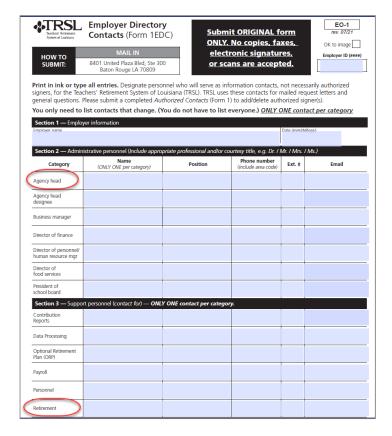
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Form 1EDC: Employer Directory Contacts

Updates or replaces agency contacts

- Ensure your agency has the following designated contacts:
 - Agency Head (AH) Must sign Section 3 of Form 1 to authorize access rights
 - Retirement Contact (RC) Employer request letters addressed to RC
- Include email addresses/phone numbers, including extension/position title for each contact

NOTE: Not all categories require an employer contact.



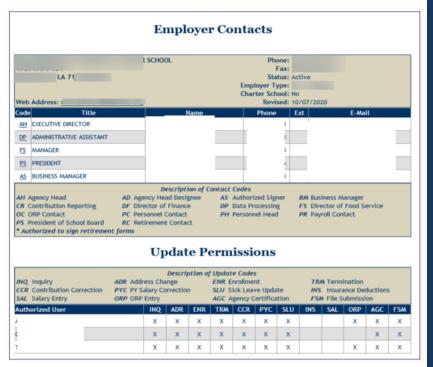
Keep employer contacts up to date

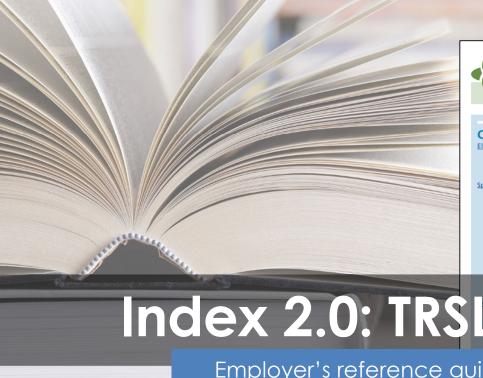
Use Employer Directory Contacts (Form 1EDC) to update Employer Contacts.

Use Authorized Contacts (Form 1) to give and remove online access rights.

Tip: Review Employer Contacts screen twice a year









EMPLOYER MANUAL 2.0

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Eligibility for TRSL membership

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Ineligible employees Special conditions

Part-time, seasonal, or temporary employees

No Social Security number Employees who contribute to two different systems

Charter organizations with multiple charter schools Dual positions in Plan B

The information in this section is provided to help you determine an employee's eligibility for membership and the steps needed to enroll the eligible employee in TRSL.

State laws govern the rules of TRSL membership eligibility and enrollment. Some of them are referenced below:

- Definition of Teacher (eligible for membership) LSA R.S. 11:701(35)
- Part-time Employee Membership Eligibility LSA R.S. 11:162
- Enrollment Timeline (60 days) LSA R.S. 11:722
- Retain Membership provision (at least 5 years eligibility service credit) -LSA R.S. 11:723
- TRSL Secondary Employer Criteria <u>Louisiana Administrative Code</u> Title 58, Part III,§201.

This handbook summarizes these rules in less legalistic terms; however, it is not a complete description of the law. For a complete reference guide, refer to sections of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes that pertain to TRSL

Employers should keep the following responsibilities in mind when

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Employer's reference guide on TRSL membership eligibility and enrollments process for non-retirees

5. All employers are responsible for reporting eligible members and retirees returning to work from the first day of hire.

Employment in a Job Not Covered by Social Security (Form 2SS)

Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits - Attestation of Understanding (Form 2FRB)

Beneficiary Designation for Non-Retired Members (Form 3)

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TRSL membership eligibility (Non-retirees)

Eligible positions per definition of "Teacher" – R.S. 11:701(35)

All K-12 direct employees, excluding school bus positions, school custodians/janitors, and school maintenance employees

Visa holders other than F-series or J-series

Exception: J-1 visa holders are TRSL eligible

Employment status:

Work **more** than 20 hours per week (employees who work 20 hours or **less** are considered part-time) in a position that is **not** seasonal or temporary

- Seasonal: An employee who works on a full-time basis <u>less</u> than five months in a year
- Temporary: Any employee performing services under a contractual arrangement with the employer of two years or less in duration

Membership Eligibility - SPECIAL CONDITIONS Part-time, seasonal, or temporary employment (cont'd) (Non-retirees)

Generally, employees who are part-time, seasonal, or temporary are not eligible for TRSL membership. However, there are exceptions that require <u>mandatory</u> <u>enrollment & reporting</u>:

Five (5) year rule {Eff. 7/1/2003}

Five or more years of eligibility service credit

- Applies ONLY to members in PreK-12 "classroom teacher" who are paid with W-2 earnings
- Can work 20 hours or less per week

Ten (10) year rule

Ten or more years of eligibility service credit

- Applies to positions other than "classroom teacher"
- W-2 employees only
- Can work 20 hours or less per week

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Secondary employment

Has **primary employment** at another TRSL-reporting agency, while also working part-time, seasonal, or temporary in a TRSL-eligible position at your agency

- √ W-2 earnings
- ✓ Form 1099 payments certain criteria

ORP participants in TRSL positions

ORP participants are 100% vested, continued participation is mandatory even if future employment in a TRSL eligible position is part-time, seasonal, or temporary.

- √ W2 earnings
- ✓ Form 1099 payments if secondary employment rule applies

Membership Eligibility - SPECIAL CONDITIOS

Form 1099 payments – certain criteria (Non-Retirees)

- W-2 covered employee at another TRSL-eligible employer that meets Primary Employment criteria
- Concurrently working part-time/seasonal/temporary at another TRSL-covered employer in a TRSL-covered position and receives Form 1099 payments at the secondary agency

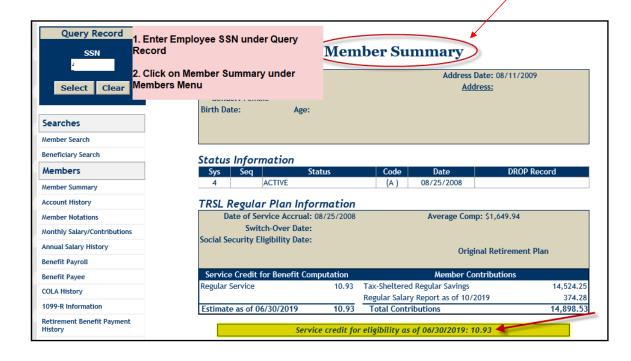
Enroll under "Secondary" employer type if any of the following occur:

- The individual 1099 contract is for more than \$1,000
- The cumulative amount of 1099 payments issued by a single employer to the employee exceeds \$15,000 in a fiscal year, then all payments in excess of \$15,000 are considered earnable compensation

- Do not report 1099 earnings ONLY for TRSL non-retirees.
- Non-retiree must be a current W-2 employee who meets Primary Employment criteria at another TRSL-eligible employer.
- 1099 limitations do not apply to TRSL RTW retirees

Check employee's status

Prior to enrollment of an employee who will be temporary, seasonal, or parttime (working 20 hours or less per week), use Member Summary screen to check employee's TRSL membership status and number of years of service credit for eligibility





Enrollments process

Documents to include in hiring packet

- 1. Enrollment Application/Employment Notification (Form 2) optional
 - Do not submit to TRSL. Use to process online enrollment.
- 2. Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits/Attestation of Understanding (Form 2FRB)
 - Do not submit to TRSL. TRSL will request if needed.
- 3. Statement Concerning Your Employment in a Job Not Covered by Social Security (Form 2SS)
 - Submit a <u>copy</u> of the form to TRSL; employer retains the original
- 4. Beneficiary Designation for Non-Retired Members (Form 3)
 - Submit <u>original</u> to TRSL timely
 - Employee/member responsibility to submit form

Form 2: Enrollment Application/Employment Notification - Optional

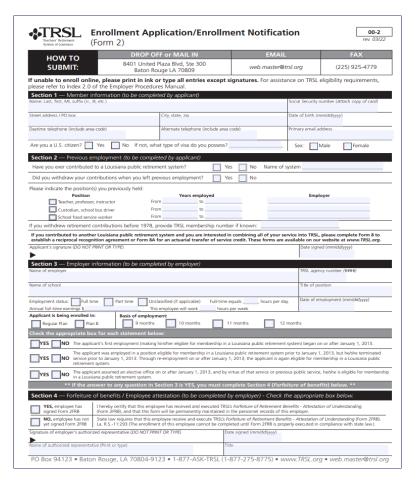
Use information provided in Sections 1 – 3 to complete online enrollment process

NOTE: Always double-check employee's SSN entered on Form 2 matches the number on the employee's Social Security card

Do not send Form 2 to TRSL!**

 Keep original signed form in employees' personnel records

**<u>Exception</u>: Only send completed Form 2 to TRSL if unable to enroll online

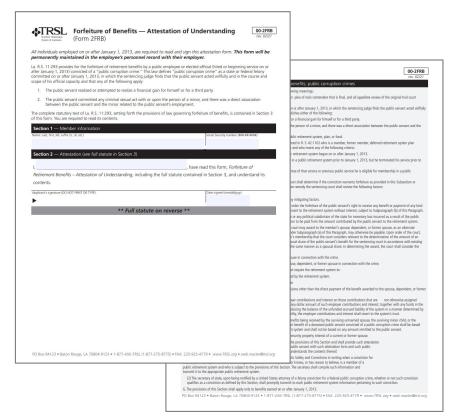


Form 2FRB: Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits – Attestation of Understanding

Online enrollment process will require agency to verify if the employee has completed and signed the Form 2FRB

All new hires are required to complete Form 2FRB

 Keep original signed form in employees' personnel records



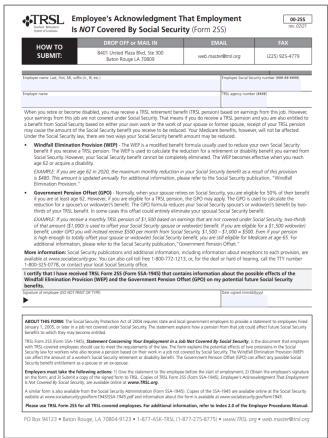
Form 2SS: Statement Concerning Employment in a Job Not Covered by Social Security

Except for School Lunch Plan B, TRSL members do not pay into Social Security and are subject to the following:

- Government Pension Offset (GPO)
- Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)

All new hires (except School Lunch - Plan B members) are required to complete and sign the Form 2SS

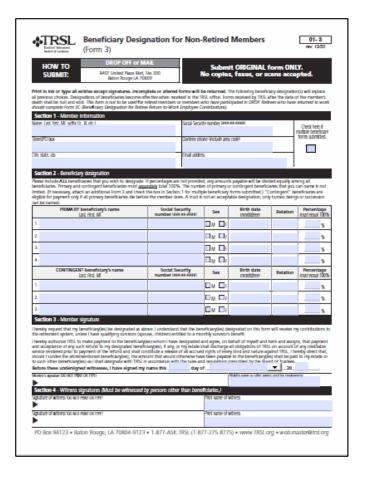
 Forward a copy of the completed form to TRSL; the employer retains the original



Form 3: Beneficiary Designation for Non-Retired Members

Employee's responsibility to complete the form with original signatures and submit to TRSL

- TRSL only recognizes the Form 3 on file at time of a non-retiree's death
- Forms submitted after a member's death are not accepted



Enrollment process Online enrollments in EMIS

Enrollment deadlines from date of hire:

- 60 days for active members
- 30 days for retirees

When entering the employee's SSN into EMIS, ensure the SSN entered matches the number on the employee's Social Security card

Tip: <u>**Do Not**</u> enroll an employee using an invalid "dummy" SSN





Must have Enrollments access right designated on Authorized Contacts (Form 1)

Enrollments screen

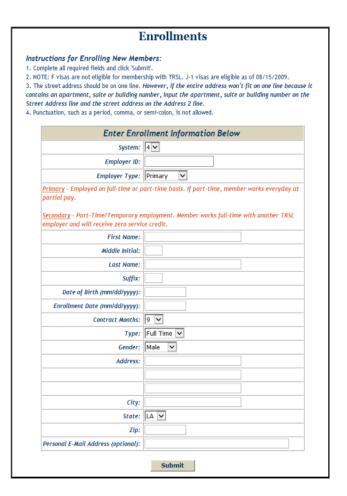
Example entry screen if the employee has never contributed to TRSL before

Tips:

- Double-check SSN: Compare SSN entered to employee's Social Security card
- Do Not enroll and term with the same date
- Do Not use an invalid "dummy" SSN when enrolling

If you enroll a member with any incorrect information, please contact your Retirement Benefits Analyst Liaison immediately to correct it before any further processing.





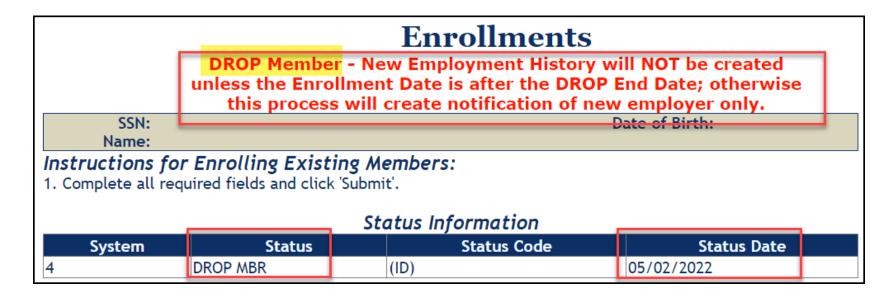
Online enrollment confirmation

Look for confirmation message to ensure successful online enrollment.

	Enrollments					
	Enrollment processed successfully.					
SSN:	Date of Birth:					
Name:	· ·					
	Status Information					
System	Status	Status Code	Status Date			
4	ACTIVE	(A)	01/23/2023			

Enrollments - SPECIAL CONDITIONSDROP member enrollments

When enrolling a new hire currently in TRSL's DROP, enrollments screen will display "DROP Member" message (example below). Continue online enrollment.



Enrollments - SPECIAL CONDITIONSDROP member enrollments (cont'd)

Look for confirmation message to ensure successful online enrollment of DROP member.

Enrollments

DROP member employment notification successful.

NO RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARE REQUIRED.

DROP Member - New Employment History will NOT be created unless the Enrollment Date is after the DROP End Date; otherwise this process will create notification of new employer only.

No retirement contributions required - member's DROP participation continues if no break in service

Enrollments - SPECIAL CONDITIONSEnrollment error – ORP status

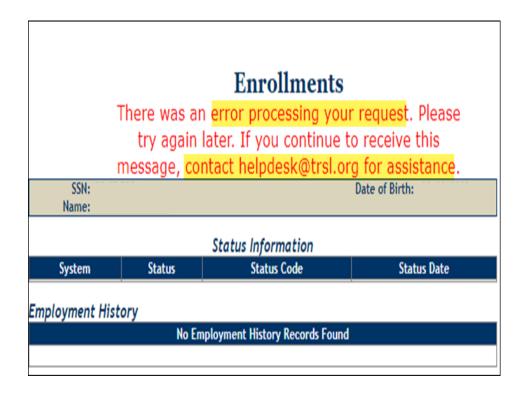
EMIS online enrollment not allowed for employees in ORP (Optional Retirement Plan)

 Enroll with Form 16, Application for Optional Retirement Plan or Change of Carrier



Enrollments - SPECIAL CONDITIONSUnable to enroll online – general error message

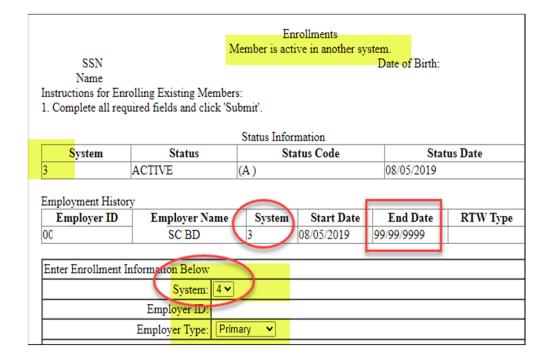
- 1. Ensure the following data entered in Enrollments program is correct:
 - Social security number
 - Enrollment date (first day of work or first day of TRSL eligibility)
- 2. Re-try online enrollment if any of the above data previously entered incorrectly.
- Contact TRSL's helpdesk at the email address provided if you receive the error message again.

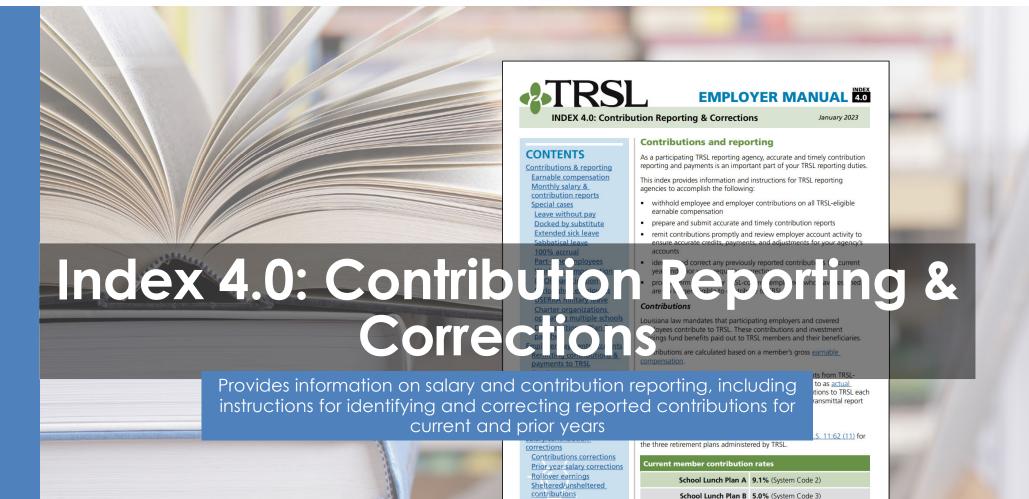


Enrollments - SPECIAL CONDITIONS Unable to enroll online – 'member active in another system' message

Affects members who change employers and employment from School Lunch Plan B (System code 3) to Regular Plan (System code 4) -- or vice versa

EMIS will not allow a new online enrollment with a different employer <u>and</u> different system code unless previous enrollment with other employer has termination date.





<u>Terminations</u>

Frequently asked questions

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Regular Plan 8.0% (System Code 4)

Employer contribution rates (FY 2024-25)

Once your contribution report has been posted with salaries reported, TRSL will calculate the employer contribution amount.

		EMPLOYER RATE				
TRSL sub-plan	Employee normal cost	Normal cost	Admin expense rate	AFC Rate**	Shared UAL	Total employer contribution
K-12 Regular*	8.0%	3.73%				
Plan A	9.1%		0.38%	1.50%	15.90%	21.51%
Plan B	5.0%					
Higher Ed Regular	8.0%	3.10%	0.38%	1.50%	15.90%	20.88%

^{*}Includes university laboratory schools; ** Effective FY 2024-25, used to directly pay for PBIs (permanent benefit increases) for TRSL retirees & benefit recipients

Earnable compensation

Compensation (wages, salary, and other payments) earned by the member during the full normal working time in a position that is TRSL-eligible

All earnable compensation is reported as "Actual Earnings"

- Member and employer contributions must be made on all earnable compensation
- Report contributions in the fiscal year earned (July 1 through June 30)
- Contribution reports and payments are due by the 15th of each month
- Payments made after close of fiscal year should be moved to the correct fiscal year

Types of contributions

This is not an exhaustive list. Contact your Retirement Analyst Liaison for assistance.

Tax sheltered	Tax unsheltered
 Active members only Includes paid sabbatical or extended sick leave Employees on workers' compensation and using their sick leave 	 Employees on workers' compensation (contributions via third-party payments) USERRA payments TRSL retirees who returned to work in a TRSL-eligible position and are classified as "retired teachers" or enrolled under RTW Option 1 or RTW Option 2. Employer contributions

Full-time earnings

Definition (for monthly salary reporting):

 Compensation the employee would have been paid had she/he worked full-time in a TRSL-eligible position for the entire month

Must be equal to or greater than actual earnings

- Can never be less than actual earnings
- Do Not reduce because the employee is docked or on leave without pay (LWOP)

For part-time employees eligible to contribute to TRSL, the amount should reflect the compensation that the member would have earned if he worked full-time for the entire month

Identifying Errors from Monthly Salary/Contribution Reports

Two reports available:

- Contribution Exceptions
- Salary Rejections

Both reports should be reviewed and corrected/reconciled each month to ensure accurate and timely membership and salary/contribution reporting.

Contact your assigned Retirement Benefits Analyst Liaison for assistance with these reports.

You may be contacted by an Employer Services Department staff member who is not your assigned liaison on www.TRSL.org

Contribution Exceptions Report

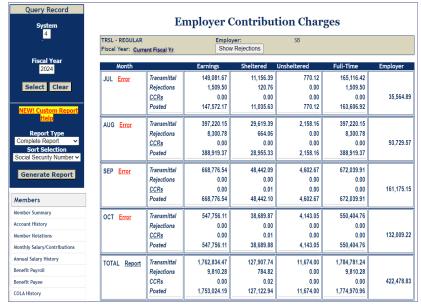
Identifies reporting and enrollment errors

Should be reviewed, cleared, or reconciled each month

Retrieve from the Employer Contribution Charges screen under the Employers menu in FMIS

- Available for each applicable retirement plan (System 4, 3, 2)
- Two ways to retrieve report





Retrieving the Contribution Exception Report Default SSN Sort

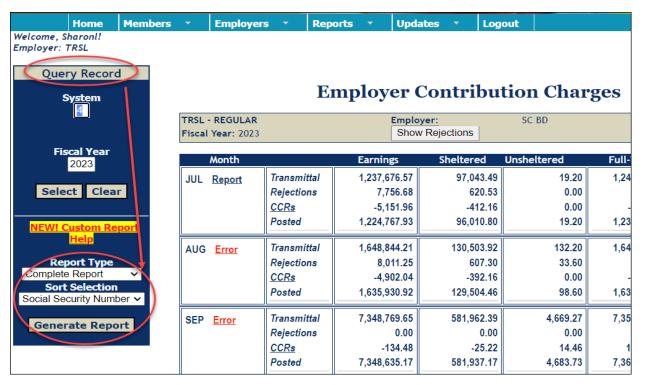
Click on the last "Error" message on the screen

- Pulls cumulative report sorted by SSN
- Leading zeros in SSNs will not appear

	Employer Contribution Charges											
TRSL - REGULAR Fiscal Year:	Employer: SC BD Show Rejections											
Month		Earnings	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Full-Time	Employer						
JUL <u>Report</u>	Transmittal Rejections CCRs Posted	1,237,676.57 7,756.68 -5,151.96 1,224,767.93	97,043.49 620.53 -412.16 96,010.80	19.20 0.00 0.00 19.20	1,240,912.51 7,756.68 -2,697.32 1,230,458.51	303,742.45						
AUG Error	Transmittal Rejections CCRs Posted	1,648,844.21 8,011.25 -4,902.04 1,635,930.92	130,503.92 607.30 -392.16 129,504.46	132.20 33.60 0.00 98.60	1,649,635.35 8,011.25 -4,902.04 1,636,722.06	405,710.87						
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OCT Error	Transmittal Rejections CCRs Posted	10,228,711.78 0.00 -11,015.23 10,217,696.55	811,716.36 0.00 -881.22 810,835.14	4,157.77 0.00 0.00 4,157.77	10,236,007.93 0.00 2,249.33 10,238,257.26	2,533,988.74						

Retrieving the Contribution Exception Report Customized Report

From "Query Record" section of the Employer Contribution Charges screen, choose Report Type & Sort Selection, then click "Generate Report"



Recommend Report

Type: Complete Report

Report Type
Complete Report
Active Status
Retiree Status
Unknown Name
Enrolled Not Reported
Reported Not Enrolled

Sort Selection Social Security Number Alphabetically Exception Message

Contribution Exception Report

Layout:

- Sort & filter info
- Number of exception records

Leading zeros in SSNs will not appear

Date: 12/29/2023 Time: 8:44:56AN Sorted By: Social Filtered By: No Fil	l Security Num	ber	Teachers	C	ent System of ontribution Except For Fiscal Year 20	ion Report	egular Plan		Page 2 By: Sha Exceptions Found
Employer: Start Date	Term Date	Status	Status Date	Reporting Period	Contrib Type	Actual Earnings	Contribs		Exception Message
07/27/2023		. M ACTIV-DROP	07/27/2023	08/2023	Sheltered	2,988.42	454.14	2,988.42	Contribution unreasonable.
08/15/2023		S ACTIVE	03/02/2021	09/2023	Unsheltered	807.50	64.60	807.50	Contribution type invalid.
10/27/2021		A S RTW337 EL	10/27/2021	11/2023					RTW member Enrolled not reported.
08/04/2022		CA RTW337 ACT	10/04/2021	07/2023					RTW member Enrolled not reported.
08/07/2003	08/03/2023	B EST RETIRE	08/04/2023	08/2023					Enrolled not reported.

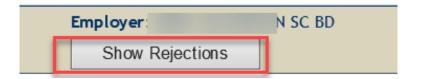
Tip: Exception records will delete from report upon each online correction/update

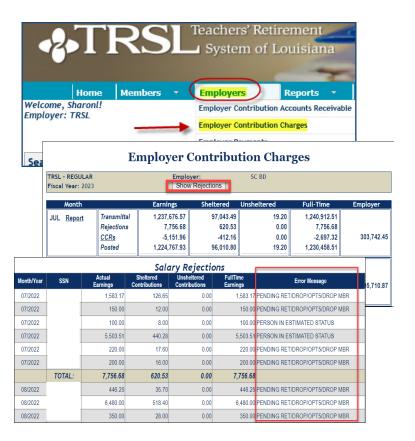
Retrieving salary rejections

Review Employer Contribution Charges screen in EMIS after posting your monthly salary/contributions report for each applicable retirement plan (System 4, 3, 2).

Click on "**Show Rejections**" button near top of screen.

 Screen will update and display rejected records at bottom of screen in calendar month order.





Salary rejections

Rejections remain on the report and do not fall off, even after correction.

Salary Rejections									
Month/Year	SSN	Actual Earnings	Sheltered Contributions	Unsheltered Contributions	FullTime Earnings	Error Message			
08/2023		300.00	24.00	0.00	300.00	ORP MEMBER			
	TOTAL:	300.00	24.00	0.00	300.00				
09/2023		4,151.08	332.09	0.00	4,151.08	ORP MEMBER			
09/2023		6,856.59	548.53	0.00	6,856.59	PERSON IN ESTIMATED STATUS			
09/2023		688.01	55.04	0.00	688.01	PERSON IN ESTIMATED STATUS			
	TOTAL:	11,695.68	935.66	0.00	11,695.68				
10/2023		1,244.88	99.59	0.00	5,925.75	PENDING RET/DROP/OPT5/DROP MBR			
10/2023		5,151.08	412.09	0.00	5,151.08	ORP MEMBER			
10/2023		1,000.00	80.00	0.00	1,000.00	PENDING RET/DROP/OPT5/DROP MBR			
	TOTAL:	7,395.96	591.68	0.00	12,076.83				
11/2023		6,824.50	67.16	0.00	6,824.50	PENDING RET/DROP/OPT5/DROP MBR			
	TOTAL:	6,824.50	67.16	0.00	6,824.50				

Salary rejections with \$0 earnings/contributions

Rejections with \$0 Actual Earnings, \$0 Contributions, and \$0 Full-time Earnings require no action!

	Salary Rejections								
Month/Year	SSN	Actual Earnings	Sheltered Contributions	Unsheltered Contributions	FullTime Earnings	Error Message			
07/2023		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	PERSON IN ESTIMATED STATUS			
07/2023		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	PERSON IN ESTIMATED STATUS			
07/2023		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	PERSON IN ESTIMATED STATUS			
	TOTAL:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
09/2023		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	FULLTIME REQUIRED			
09/2023		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	PERSON IN ESTIMATED STATUS			
09/2023		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	FULLTIME REQUIRED			
09/2023		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	FULLTIME REQUIRED			
09/2023		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	PERSON IN ESTIMATED STATUS			
09/2023		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	FULLTIME REQUIRED			
09/2023		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	FULLTIME REQUIRED			
09/2023		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	FULLTIME REQUIRED			
09/2023		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	FULLTIME REQUIRED			
	TOTAL:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				

Clearing exceptions & rejections

Online updates in EMIS

- Enrollments
- Terminations
- Contribution Correction (current fiscal year only)
- Prior Year Salary Correction (previous fiscal year)

Must have specific access rights designated on Authorized Contacts (Form 1)



(Online) Contribution Corrections

Corrects salary reporting in the current fiscal year

Add, edit/change, or delete monthly salary postings reported

Contribution Correction System: 4 Employer: SSN: Fiscal Year: Current Fiscal Year Reporting Month/Year: 11/ Name: Instructions for using Contribution Correction: 1. Click 'Edit' or 'Add' in the first column to open the line for editing. 2. Enter the actual earnings and full-time earnings and click 'Replace' if replacing data that has been posted for the month. If only actual earnings OR full-time earnings is changing, enter the same amount for the field not changing and enter the new amount for the field that is changing. 3. Enter the actual earnings and full-time earnings and click 'Add' or 'Add Zeros' if adding a posting for the month. Adding zeroes can only be done for July, August and June in which 0.00 should be entered for the actual earnings and full-time earnings. Full-time earnings are required for the rest of the months. 4. Click 'Delete' or 'Delete Zeros' to delete the posting for the month. 5. Click 'Cancel' to undo changes entered or to return to the initial display. 6. Enter actual earnings and full-time earnings with the decimal. For example, to enter \$10 key in 10.00. 7. Contribution Type "30" is for sheltered contributions and Contribution Type "10" is for unsheltered contributions.

	Actual Earnings	Full-Time Earnings	Contribution Amount	Contribution Type	
<u>Edit</u>	2736.00	2736.00	218.88	30	<u>Delete</u>

Monthly Correction Journal Screen

Provides detailed list of all online contribution corrections made for any reporting period (MM/YYYY) of the fiscal year.

May result in additional charges or credits to employer's account.





Tips for clearing exception report records

Reported not enrolled

- Verify SSN on report is correct
- Is this a new hire or an employee who recently changed positions?
- Determine if employee (nonretiree) is eligible to contribute to TRSL

Enrolled not reported

- Verify SSN on report is correct
- Did the employee recently resign?
- Determine if employee is on leave without pay for the MM/YYYY reporting period flagged
- Verify TRSL contributions were withheld from employee's paycheck

Tips for clearing exception report records (cont.)

Contribution type invalid

Non-retiree reported as Unsheltered:

- Is the employee on workers' comp?
- Is the employee on military leave (USERRA)?
- If Unsheltered reported incorrectly, change to Sheltered in BOTH TRSL and your agency's own software and payroll reports.

TRSL Retiree RTW reported as Sheltered:

 Change to **Unsheltered** in BOTH TRSL & your agency's own software and payroll reports

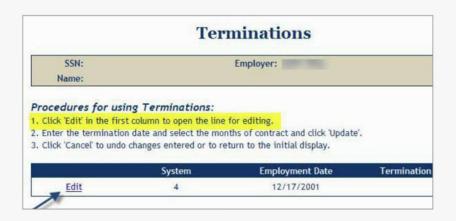
RTW enrolled not reported

- Verify retiree is enrolled under correct RTW Group (2010 or 2020) and RTW Provision
- Did the retiree have any earnings for the MM/YYYY reporting period flagged?
- If the retiree has not worked for more than 3-4 months with your agency, consider processing termination date online.

Terminations

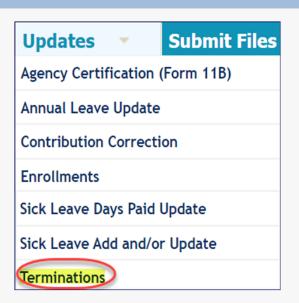
Enter a termination date for employee who:

- Resigns
- Changes to a non-covered position at your agency
- Is approved for TRSL disability retirement
- Is a RTW retiree who has not worked for more than 3-4 months with your agency



- Update within 30 days of the member's last day of work (or last day of official leave)
- Termination dates do not have to be the same for TRSL and insurance coverage
- Use MM/DD/YYYY format

Reminder: **<u>Do not</u>** enroll and term with the same date





EMPLOYER MANUAL 6.0

INDEX 6.0: Service Credit Certifications/Corrections

September 2022

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What is a questionable year

The information presented in this index describes the following:

- · What is service credit?
- · How to identify records requiring service credit certification
- How to certify service credit/certify questionable years

Related terms and definitions

Employers should be familiar with the following terms and definitions as it relates to TRSL service credit:

- Actual earnings: All earnings paid to a member meeting the definition of earnable compensation in accordance with LSA R.S. 11:701(10). (See "Earnable compensation" section of Index 4.0 for

Full-time earnings: The compensation that would be payable if the employee worked full-time for the entire reporting period plus with earnings. For a Control of the entire reporting period plus with earnings. For a Control of the first of the entire reporting period plus with earnings. For a Control of the first of the purpose of earning service credit for eligibility purposes: Employees are considered part-time for the purpose of earning service credit for eligibility purposes if they are scheduled to work what the employer considers a full normal work week but are scheduled to work less than a full normal day (100 percent effort). This definition of part-time service credit should not be confused with the definition of a part-time employee found.

Provides instructions for identifying and correcting records requiring service credit certification

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number of credit hours considered full-time per semester is 12 and someone teaches 6 credit hours, their percent effort is 50% (6 credit hours divided by 12 credit hours)

- Percent effort for all other positions: The percentage of a full day an employee is scheduled to work. For example, if someone is scheduled to work 5 hours per day and 7 hours is considered a full day, then their percent effort is 71% (5 hours divided by 7 hours = 0.71)
- Questionable year: A fiscal year whose service credit requires certification.

Service credit certifications/ QY certification procedures

Full-time only corrections

Common errors to avoid Actuarial cost for full-time only corrections

How to read account history

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Terms/definitions

- Questionable year: A fiscal year record that meets one of TRSL's criteria to require service credit certification or correction
- Actual earnings: All earnings during a specified fiscal year earned by a member that meets the definition of earnable compensation
- Full-time earnings: Total compensation amount that would be payable if the employee worked full-time for the entire fiscal year in a TRSL-covered position plus any extra earnings
- Service credit: A measure of the number of years a member has worked and contributed to TRSL per the service credit formula

Terms/definitions (cont'd)

Service credit formula:

- Actual earnings / Full-time earnings = Service credit for benefit computation
- Service credit for benefit computation / % effort = Service credit for eligibility

Percent (%) effort formula:

hours worked / # hours in a full workday

Example: Employee works 5 hours per day; normal full-time is 7 hours per day; 5/7 hours = 71% effort

Retrieving Questionable Years Report





Questionable Years Report

The Questionable Years Report generates a list of members who have questionable years requiring certification. There are five options for creating reports and four different ways to sort the report.

- Option 1: Retirement Actions Pending This report will list questionable years for which TRSL has requested certification via a Questionable Years Letter. This report will primarily consist of members presently going through the retirement process or approaching retirement eligibility.
- Option 2: All Outstanding Questionable Years This report will list all outstanding questionable years for your agency. A Retirement Actions Pending section will be listed at the front of the report.
- Option 3: Fiscal Years Less Than/Equal to 3 Years Old This report will list all
 outstanding questionable years less than or equal to three years old from the
 current fiscal year. A Retirement Actions Pending section will be listed at the front
 of the report only for fiscal years less than or equal to 3 years old.
- Option 4: Fiscal Years Greater than 3 Years Old This report will list all outstanding
 questionable years greater than three years old. A Retirement Actions Pending
 section will be listed at the front of the report only for fiscal years greater than 3
 years old.
- Voption 5: By Fiscal Year This report will list all outstanding questionable years for a range of fiscal years or a single fiscal year of your choosing.

Questionable Years Report

New records added after the close of each fiscal year (approx. August 1)

 Certify/correct each record within three years to avoid actuarial charges to your agency

Date: 8/5/2021 Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana Time: 12:55:47PM Questionable Years									Page 1 of 2 By: Sharoni	
This report contains all outstanding questionable years sorted by reason code. Current Count 17 as of 08/05/2021 Employer: Original Count 417 96% Complete										
Description of Reaso 1 Annual salary is more 2 1st year of employme 3 Changed employer / ¹ Please update/veri 4 Partial year of service 5 (P/T) Possible part-tin	than 5% decrease f ent for an employer / Terminated during th ify enrollment and credit not previously	1st year of ne fiscal year l/or termin y certified	f employmen ir nation date	(s)	years. C	nployers will be lia orrections resulting I cost in accordanc	g in an increase in	the service cred	lit will be a	n
lame	Sys	SSN	Fiscal Y ear	Status	Date of Employment	Date of Termination	Actual Earnings	Full-Time Earnings	Service Credit	Reason for Questioning Year
	4		2021	ACTIV-DROP	07/01/2020		108,869.63	108,869.63	1.00	2
	4		2021	ACTIVE	04/27/2015		60,744.41	61,612.84	0.99	4
	4		2021	ACTIVE	10/09/2017		57,308.99	62,311.48	0.92	4
	4		2021	ACTIVE	10/05/2015		30,586.11	32,089.39	0.95	4
	4		2021	ACTIVE	07/11/2016		31,842.10	32,089.35	0.99	4
	4		2021	ACTIVE	01/14/2019		25,603.79	30,425.74	0.84	1,4
	4		2021	ACTIVE	03/12/2018		51,267.48	63,690.76	0.80	1,4
	4		2021	ACTIVE	05/20/2015		22,379.27	62,325.89	0.36	1,4
	4		2021	ACTIV-DROP	06/10/2021		288.48	288.48	0.01	2,4
	4		2021	ACTIVE	01/14/2019	10/18/2020	21,666.22	21,666.22	0.27	3,4
	4		2021	ACTIVE	07/01/2019	04/02/2021	23,974.24	24,432.81	0.80	3,4

How to certify questionable years

Three online processes:

- Full-Time Only Corrections: Use when incorrect full-time earnings reported or service credit is incorrect
- Questionable Year Certification: Use when service credit, actual earnings, and full-time earnings reported are correct and reasonable
- Prior Year Salary Corrections: Use when incorrect actual earnings reported



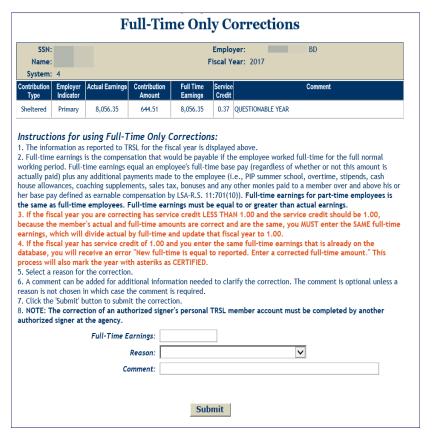
Must have access rights designated on Authorized Contacts (Form 1)

Full-Time Only Corrections

Updates service credit

- Must provide correct Full-time Earnings amount
- Use Reason drop-down box or enter Comment





EXAMPLE: Full-Time Only Correction

Record appears on the Questionable Years (QY) report EXAMPLE: New hire as of 10/01/2020

- Ensure Actual Earnings reported are correct
- Need correct Full-time earnings (FTE) to clear the questionable year record

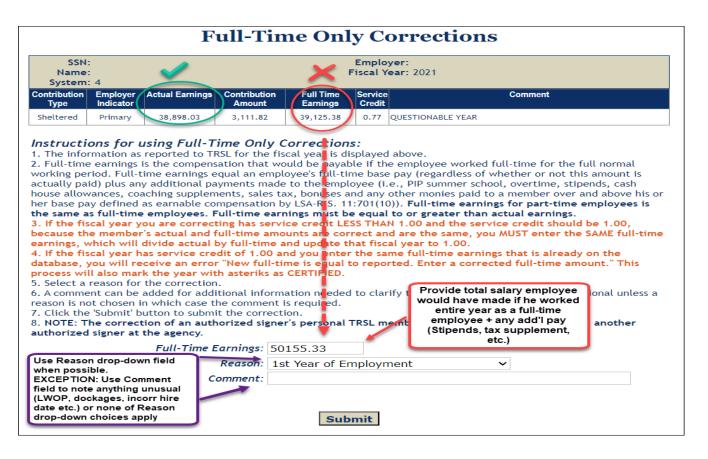
Questionable year reason codes

- 1. Annual earnings decreased more than 5% from previous year
- 1st year of employment for an employer / 1st year of employment after DROP
- Changed employers during the fiscal year and/or break in service
- 4. Partial year of service credit not previously certified

Name	Sys	SSN	Fiscal Year	Status	Date of Employment	Date of Termination	Actual Earnings	Full-Time Earnings	Service Credit	Reason for Questioning Year
DOE JOHN	4		2021	ACTIVE	10/01/2020		38,898.03	39,125.38	0.77	2,4

Tip: Never rely on Full-time earnings appearing on QY report or TRSL EMIS Screens. Always research correct FTE.

EXAMPLE: Full-Time Only Correction



Actuarial Cost for Full-Time Only Corrections

LSA-R.S. 11:888 and LSA-R.S. 11:158 allow for an actuarial cost to the employer on corrections for fiscal years greater than three (3) years old that result in an increase in service credit.

- Journal Entry invoice for total Full-Time Only Corrections charges calculated after end of each fiscal year.
- Full-Time Only Corrections actuarial costs for members with a retirement application on file (other than entering DROP) charged to employers' account shortly after finalizing members' retirement benefit.

The three-year timeline for certifying/correcting questionable years is calculated as follows:									
Current Fiscal Year:	FY 2024								
Fiscal Year 1:	FY 2023								
Fiscal Year 2:	FY 2022								
Fiscal Year 3:	FY 2021								
Older than three years:	FY 2020 & all fiscal years prior								

Questionable Year Certification

Does not update service credit; certifies reported data is correct as is

- Must select Reason from drop-down box or enter Comment
- If applicable, you must select "Part-time" Employee" from the "Reason" dropdown list and enter the percent effort in the comment field for member to receive correct service credit for eligibility

Reason:

Extra earnings

Substitute earnings only

Comment:

System: 4 1.00 OUESTIONABLE YEAR Instructions for using Questionable Year Certification: 1. The information as reported to TRSL for the fiscal year is displayed above. 2. This certification will only update the record with asterisks to certify the data reported is correct. IT WILL NOT CHANGE SERVICE CREDIT. The FULL-TIME ONLY CORRECTIONS must be used if service credit should be updated. 3. Select a reason for the certification. 4. A comment can be added for additional information needed to clarify the certification. The comment is optional unless a reason is not chosen in which case the comment is required. 5. Click the 'Certify' button to submit the certification. 6. NOTE: The certification of an authorized signer's personal TRSL member account must be completed by another authorized signer at the agency. Reason Comment Certify Previously reported information certified 1st year of employment after DROP 1st year of employment Last year of employment Official leave (other than sabbatical) Sabbatical at reduced pay Workers' compensation Summer school earnings Part-time employee

Questionable Year Certification

Employer:

Fiscal Year: 2016

EXAMPLE: Questionable Year Certification

Record appears on the Questionable Years report

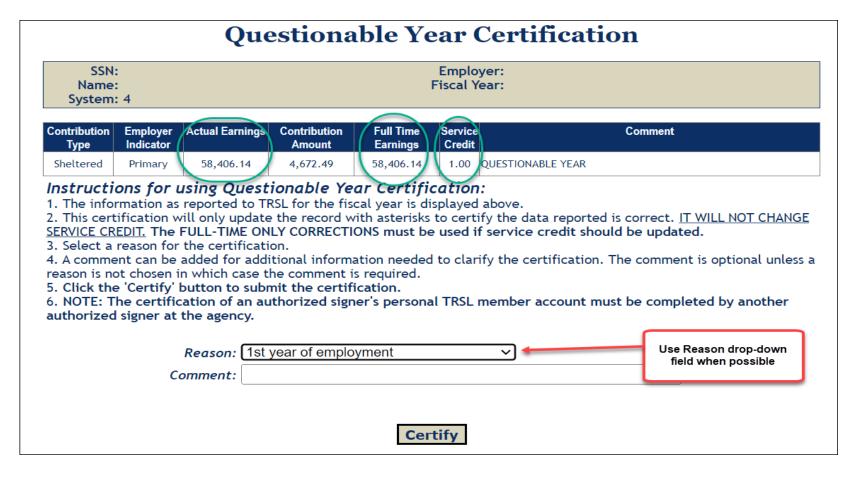
- **Example:** New hire as of 08/06/2020; need certification for 1st year of employment (FY 2021)
- Per employer's research, employee has worked the entire year and had no dockages or leave without pay (LWOP) during FY 2021; Both Actual Earnings and Full-time earnings previously reported are correct.

Questionable year reason codes

- Annual earnings decreased more than 5% from previous year
- 1st year of employment for an employer / 1st year of employment after DROP
- Changed employers during the fiscal year and/or break in service
- Partial year of service credit not previously certified

Name	Sys	scal Status 'ear	Date of Employment T	Date of ermination	Actual Earnings	Full-Time Earnings	Service Credit	Reason for Questioning Year
DOE JANE	4	ACTIVE	08/06/		58,406.14	58,406.14	1.00	2

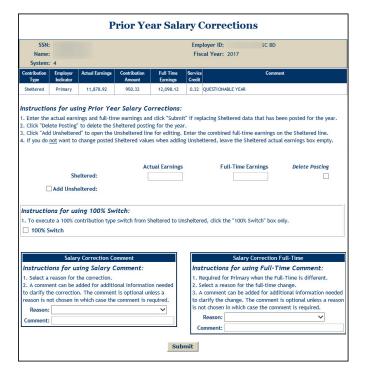
EXAMPLE: Questionable Year Certification



Prior Year Salary Corrections

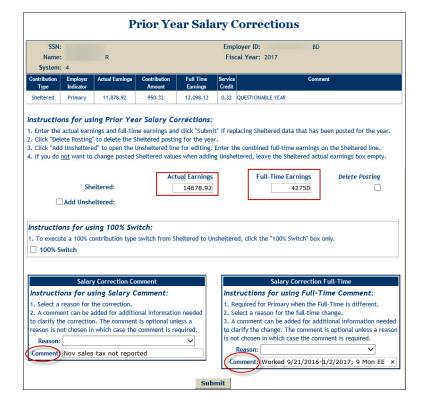
Updates service credit

- Must enter <u>both</u> correct actual earnings and full-time earnings amounts
- Must use reason drop-down box and/or comment field for both Salary Correction Comment and Salary Correction Full-Time Comment
- If correction increases earnings/contributions and service credit and/or final average comp for fiscal years more than three (3) years old,
 \$200 fee required



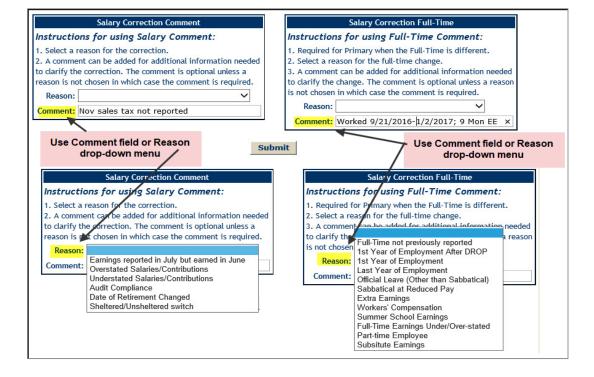
EXAMPLE: Prior Year Salary Correction

Must provide correct total Actual Earnings & Full-time Earnings earned for the specified fiscal year



EXAMPLE: Prior Year Salary Correction

Agency must complete both the Salary Correction Comment and Salary Correction Full-Time sections.



Actuarial Cost/Charges for Prior Year Salary Corrections

If prior year correction increases earnings/contributions

and service credit and/or final average comp:

For fiscal years three years old or less:

 employer will be charged member & employer contributions + judicial interest rate.

For fiscal years more than three (3) years old:

- will result in actuarial purchase of service credit by the employer
 - \$200 fee required
 - Separate Journal Entry invoice for actuarial charge

The three-year timeline for Prior Year Corrections:									
Current Fiscal Year:	FY 2024								
Fiscal Year 1:	FY 2023								
Fiscal Year 2:	FY 2022								
Fiscal Year 3:	FY 2021								
Older than three years:	FY 2020 & all fiscal years prior								

Certifying Part-time Employment - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Typically requires a Full-time Only Correction

Applies to employees who work every day of a full normal week, but less than a full normal day

1. Verify part-time employee's enrollment eligibility

- Must work more than 20 hours per week <u>OR</u>
- Meets Five (5) year rule for service credit for eligibility if part-time teacher OR
- Meets **Ten (10) year rule** for service credit for eligibility **for all other part-time work** (para/aide, coach, cafeteria worker, school secretary, etc.)

2. Calculate Full-time Earnings amount

Amount employee would earn if employed Full-time for the entire year + extra earnings

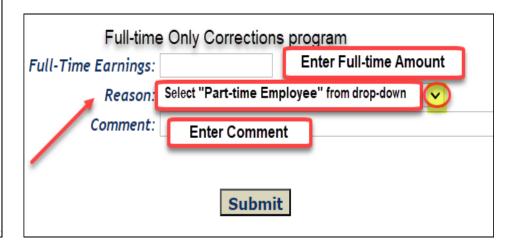
- Part-time daily rate / # part-time hours worked per day = hourly rate
- Hourly rate x 7 hours per day = Full-time daily rate
- Full-time Daily rate x total contract days for a year = Full-time Earnings amount

Certifying Part-time Employment (cont.) - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 3. Reason field: select "Part-time Employee"
- 4. Enter comment: provide % effort or hours worked/hours full day

Reason field drop-down menu:

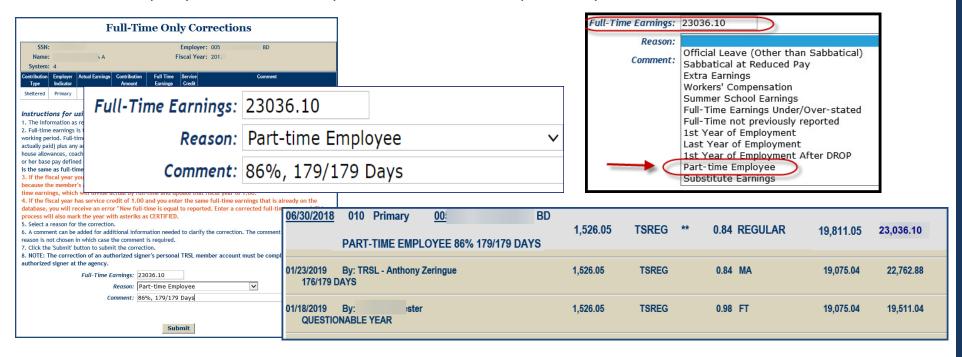
Official Leave (Other than Sabbatical)
Sabbatical at Reduced Pay
Extra Earnings
Workers' Compensation
Summer School Earnings
Full-Time Earnings Under/Over-stated
Full-Time not previously reported
1st Year of Employment
Last Year of Employment
1st Year of Employment After DROP
Part-time Employee
Substitute Earnings



Certifying Part-time Employment in EMIS - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

EXAMPLE: Part-time employment service credit certification

Employee worked 6 hours per day, every day for the entire school year. Full-time employment for the position is 7 hours per day.



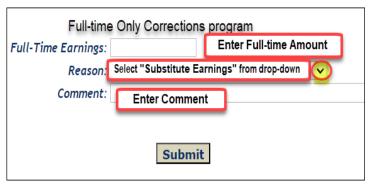
Certifying Substitute Employment - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Typically requires a Full-time Only Correction

- 1. Verify enrollment eligibility
 - Meets Five (5) year rule for service credit for eligibility if substitute teacher OR
 - Meets Ten (10) year rule for service credit for eligibility for all other substitute work (para/aide, coach, cafeteria worker, school secretary, etc.)

2. Calculate Full-time Earnings amount

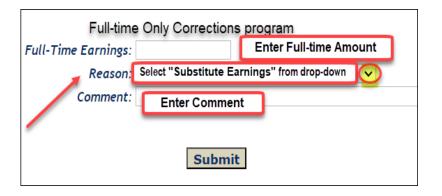
- Daily rate x total contract days for a year
 - 9 month certified: daily rate x 182 days
 - 9 month support: daily rate x 180 days



Certifying Substitute Employment (cont.) - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- Reason field: select "Substitute Earnings"
- 4. Enter comment: worked #days/days @ \$/day [specify type of sub (teacher, para/aide, coach, cafeteria worker, school secretary, etc.)]

Reason field drop-down menu: Official Leave (Other than Sabbatical) Sabbatical at Reduced Pay Extra Earnings Workers' Compensation Summer School Earnings Full-Time Earnings Under/Over-stated Full-Time not previously reported 1st Year of Employment Last Year of Employment 1st Year of Employment After DROP Part-time Employee Substitute Earnings



Certifying Substitute Employment in EMIS - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

EXAMPLE 1: Substitute employment service credit certification

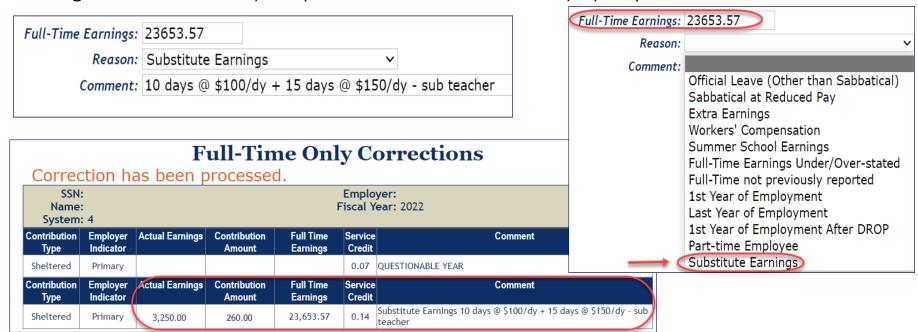
Employee worked one day as substitute teacher @ \$100 per day for the school year (9 month contract = 182 days/year)



Certifying Substitute Employment in EMIS - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

EXAMPLE 2: Substitute employment with different rates of pay - service credit certification

Employee worked ten days as substitute teacher @ \$100 per day + 15 days at \$150 per day during the same school year (9 month contract = 182 days/year)



Retiree RTW Option 2 Supplemental Credit - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

When retiree works under two different RTW Provisions in same fiscal year

EMIS displays separate account history lines for each RTW Provision during <u>same</u> fiscal year

Retiree earns TRSL service credit <u>only</u> for RTW Option 2 enrollment (under 2020 RTW Law)

06/30/2023	024	Ret-to-Work		SC BD 973.89	USREG	0.00	No RTW S	12,173.60 ervice credit	12,173.60	0.00
06/30/2023	025	Ret-to-Work	9/28/23	SC BD 3,648.64	USREG	** 0.79 RT	W SUPP	45,607.95	57,781.88 RTW Supp serv	0.79

Retiree RTW Option 2 Supplemental Credit (cont.) - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

When retiree works under two different RTW Provisions in same fiscal year

Determine amount <u>earned</u> during RTW Option 2 provision for fiscal year

- If Actual Earnings for RTW SUPP period reported are correct, use Full-time Only Corrections program to certify
- If Actual Earnings for RTW SUPP period reported are <u>not correct</u>, use **Prior Year** Salary Corrections program to certify/correct



Certifying Retiree RTW Option 2 Supplemental Credit - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

When retiree works under two different RTW Provisions in same fiscal year

Using Full-time Only Corrections (FTC)

- If Actual Earnings for RTW SUPP period reported are correct
- FTC program will display each RTW account history line from EMIS for Fiscal Year selected
 - Program will highlight RTW Supp (aka RTW Option 2 Provision) line; indicates sequence to certify/update



Certifying Retiree RTW Option 2 Supplemental Credit (cont.)- SPECIAL CONDITIONS

When retiree works under two different RTW Provisions in same fiscal year

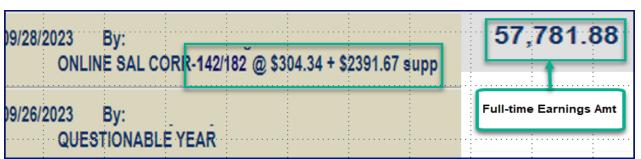
Using Full-time Only Corrections

If Actual Earnings for RTW SUPP period reported are correct

Calculate & enter Full-time Earnings amount

Amount retiree would earn if employed Full-time for the entire year + extra

earnings



Certifying Retiree RTW Option 2 Supplemental Credit (cont.)- SPECIAL CONDITIONS

When retiree works under two different RTW Provisions in same fiscal year

- Skip Reason field
- 4. Enter comment: provide # days worked under RTW Option 2 provision

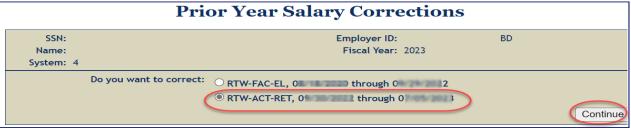
Full-time (Only Corrections	program
Full-Time Earnings:		Enter Full-time Amount
Reason:		SKIP
Comment:	Enter Comment	
	Submit]

Correcting Retiree RTW Option 2 Supplemental Credit - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

When retiree works under two different RTW Provisions in same fiscal year

Using Prior Year Salary Corrections (PYC)

- If Actual Earnings for RTW SUPP period reported is <u>not</u> correct
- PYC program will require employer to select RTW account history line from EMIS for Fiscal Year entered
 - Select RTW-ACT-RET (aka RTW Option 2 Provision) option {will display RTW enrollment dates}
 - Click "Continue"



Correcting Retiree RTW Option 2 Supplemental Credit (cont.) - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

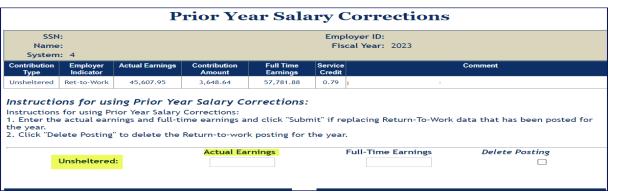
When retiree works under two different RTW Provisions in same fiscal year

Using Prior Year Salary Corrections (PYC)

If Actual Earnings for RTW SUPP period reported is <u>not</u> correct

2. Enter correct Actual Earnings amount on Unsheltered line

Amount <u>earned</u> during RTW Option 2 provision for fiscal year



Correcting Retiree RTW Option 2 Supplemental Credit (cont.) - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

When retiree works under two different RTW Provisions in same fiscal year

Using Prior Year Salary Corrections (PYC)

If Actual Earnings for RTW SUPP period reported is <u>not</u> correct

3. Enter Full-time Earnings amount

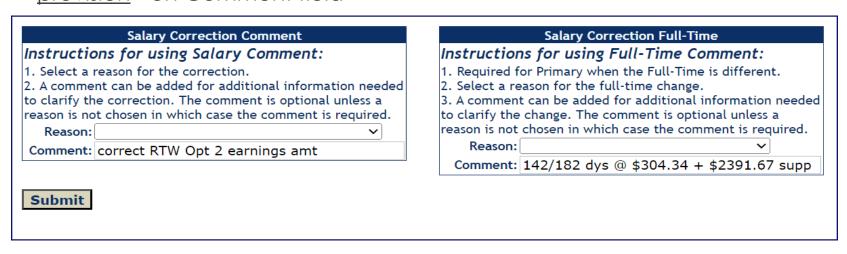
Amount retiree would earn if employed Full-time for the entire year + extra earnings

	Actual Earnings	Full-Time Earnings	Delete Posting
Unsheltered:			

Correcting Retiree RTW Option 2 Supplemental Credit (cont.) - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

When retiree works under two different RTW Provisions in same fiscal year

- Salary Correction Comment section: enter RTW Opt 2 earnings correction on Comment field
- 5. Salary Correction Full-Time section: provide # days worked <u>under RTW Option 2</u> provision on Comment field







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Service/ILSB retirement **Deferred Retirement**

Whenever a TRSL-covered employee retires or enters DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan), TRSL will request the applicable employer(s) certify specific information in a timely manner so that we are able to accurately calculate the retirement benefits and promptly begin paying those benefits

This index provides employer information and instructions if a TRSL-covered

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RELATED FORMS

Application for Service Retirement, ILSB, or DROP (Form 11) Termination of Employment at End of DROP Participation/ Employment (Form 11H) Application for RTW

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)

When a member participates in DROP, his employment continues. During the member's DROP participation period, neither employer or employee contributions are remitted to TRSL.

Details on DROP eligibility, how the program works, as well as member application & documentation requirements are discussed in our DROP Handbook: A guide to the Deferred Retirement Option Plan publication.

Entering DROP (DROP In)

Each member who is eligible and wishes to participate in DROP must submit a completed Application for Service Retirement, ILSB, or DROP (Form 11) or apply online through Member Access no earlier than six months before the DROP start date. Both the member and employer

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Employer certifications: Retirement/DROP processing

The following data is needed for each TRSL-covered employee who applies for retirement or DROP:

- Certify all questionable years
- Certify sick leave days used for all fiscal years of employment and sick leave days paid at retirement
- Complete Agency Certification after termination date and after all earnings & contributions are reported to TRSL
- Complete Cap Exemption Letter (if applicable)

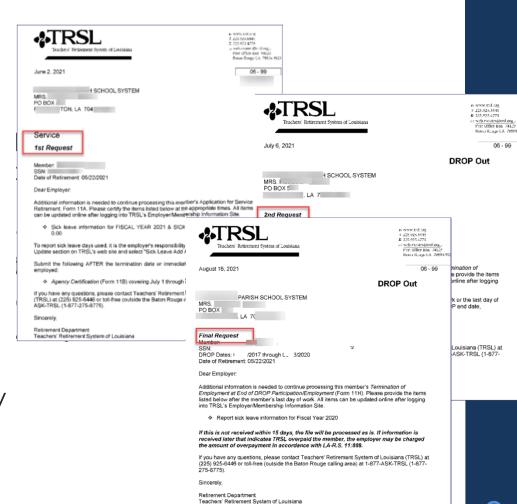


^{*}Must have access rights designated on Form 1 to submit information

Request letters

Identify member, date of retirement (or DROP begin date), and information TRSL still needs from the employer.

- First Request (sent on or near the member's retirement date)
- Second Request (sent approximately 45 days after the 1st Request)
- Final Request (Sent approximately 30 days after 2nd Request; employer has 15 calendar days to complete)



Agency Certification (Form 11B)

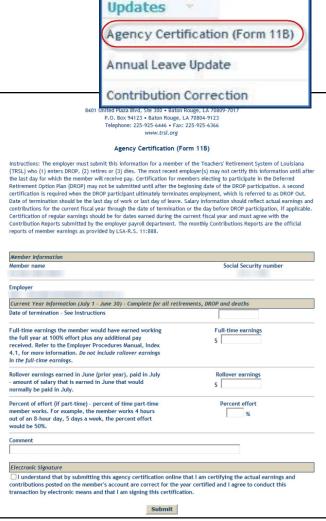
Certifies member's termination date and service credit for the current fiscal year

- Requested when a TRSL member retires or enters DROP
- Termination date* = last day worked or last day of official leave
- Full-time earnings = amount the employee would have earned for working the entire year as a full-time employee

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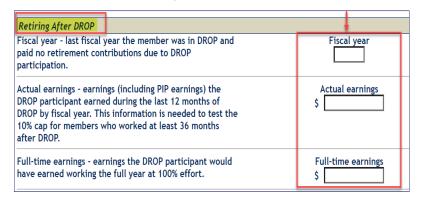
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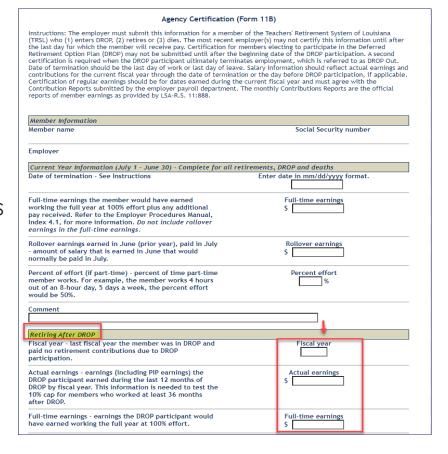
*Effective date of retirement will be day after termination date OR date retirement/DROP application is received, whichever is later



Agency Certification (Form 11B): Retiring after DROP section

- Required if member works more than two years after DROP
- Information required:
 - Member's last full fiscal year in DROP
 - Actual earnings for member's last full fiscal year in DROP
 - Full-time earnings amount for member's last full fiscal year in DROP





Termination date vs. retirement date

- Termination date cannot be the same as the retirement date.
- Termination dates do not have to be the same for TRSL and insurance.

TERMINATION DATE

Member's last day of work **or** last day of official leave

RETIREMENT DATE

Day after termination date **or**the date TRSL receives
completed retirement
application (whichever is later)

Members declaring a retirement date

Nine month employees should not try to coordinate their effective date of retirement based on their last paycheck to be issued during summer months. Retirement date would be the day after termination date **or** the date TRSL receives completed retirement application (whichever is later).

Example: A 9-month employee applied for retirement after the end of the school year (May 26, 2024 is last day). Employee is paid on a September through August pay cycle, receiving last paycheck for the school year in August.

In the example above the effective date of retirement would be May 27, 2024. Employer still owes member their summer paychecks.

- TRSL will begin paying retirement benefits on May 27, 2024
- No overlap or return-to-work issues will occur since employee's summer checks represent earnings for work performed through May 26, 2024.

10% or 15% cap exemption letters

State law places a 10% or 15% cap in each of the years used to determine a Final Average Compensation (FAC)

- 10% cap is used for the three-year average (members in one of the four state retirement systems prior to January 1, 2011)
- 15% cap is used for the five-year average (members in one of the state retirement systems joining on or after January 1, 2011)

Employers must complete cap exemption letter with approved salary exemption information for member to avoid/reduce cap

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Teachers' Reti	irement System of Louisiana	Post Office Box 94123 Batori Rouge LA 70804-9123
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Dear Employer:	10% CAP EXEMPT	ON FORM
received within 30 days finalize the member's be	of the date of this letter, we will ass	from 10% cap and return to TRSL. If this form is not ume there are no exemptions that apply and we will tions, please call our Member Information Center (MiC) at
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Example: Cap Letter

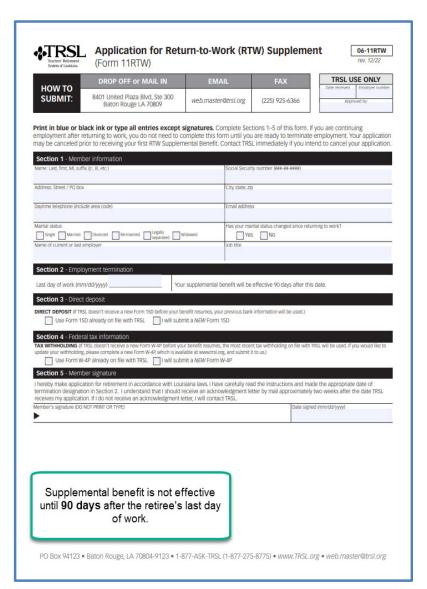
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RTW Supplement

Retirees who elect to return to work under *RTW Option 2 provision* (available to full-time direct employees under the 2020 RTW Law) will accrue service credit to be used to calculate a supplemental benefit for the retiree upon termination of all RTW re-employment.

The retiree's original retirement benefit will be suspended during RTW Option 2 employment.

NOTE: a retiree's benefit cannot be resumed until TRSL has received the **Form 11RTW** and the employer has entered an **online termination date** after retiree's last day of work.



Employer sick leave certification

- Certification of sick leave days used for all fiscal years of employment, including fiscal years during DROP
- Certification of sick leave days paid at retirement

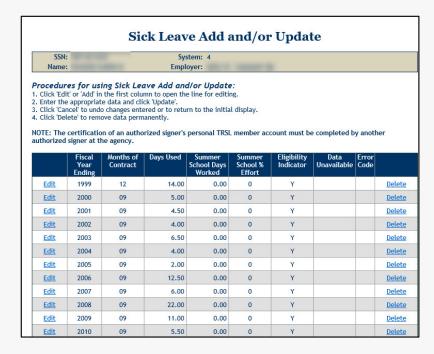
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Sick leave days used

Employers must certify sick leave information for each fiscal year (July 1 – June 30)

- Months of contract (9, 10, 11, or 12) must be entered for each fiscal year
- Number of sick leave days used
- If applicable, number of summer school days worked with summer school percent effort (can be different than regular school year percent effort)





Sick leave days used during DROP participation

No Employment History sequence line(s) in EMIS for member's fiscal years in DROP

To enter sick leave days used during DROP:

- Uncheck 'Use Employment History' box
- Enter Employment Dates:
 - For Beginning Date field, enter member's DROP begin date
 - For Ending Date field, enter member's DROP end date



Submit sick leave by data file

Employers can submit a data file to update the sick leave usage for their employees

- Allows for historical information to be saved in a separate location
- Most software vendors have created a file path to use

Starting position	Field description	Data type	Length
1	Employer ID	Alpha	4
5	Social Security number	Numeric	9
14	Fiscal year	Numeric	4
18	Contract months	Numeric	2
20	Sick leave days used	Numeric	5*
25	Summer percent effort (050 for 50%)	Numeric	3
28	Summer days worked	Numeric	5*
	TOTAL 32 bytes (charac	ters)	



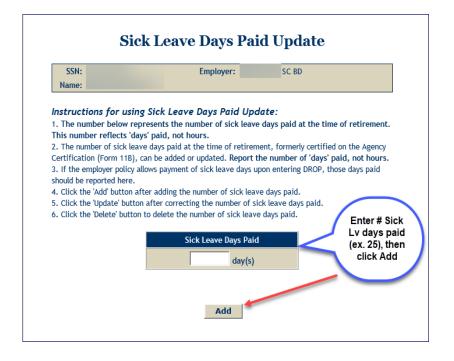
Tip: Check Sick Leave Summary Report for sick leave records rejected from the uploaded sick leave data file.

Sick leave days paid at retirement

Employers must report number of sick leave days paid at time of retirement or DROP.

- Report number of days, not hours
- Report even if 0.00 days paid



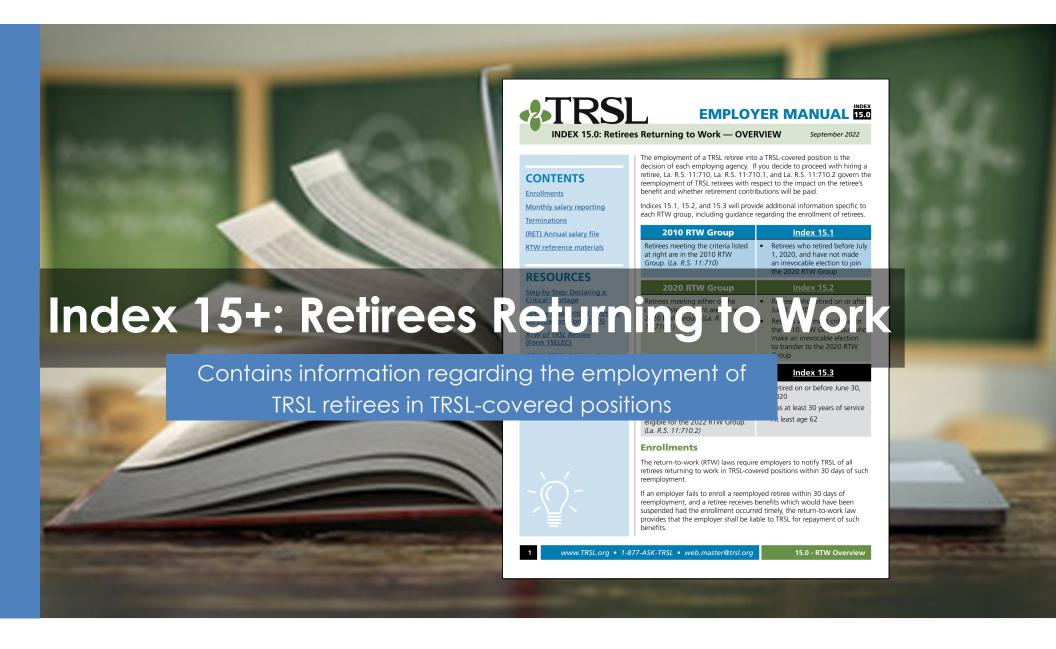


EMIS sick/annual leave summary screen

Confirms leave data already updated by employer(s)







Louisiana Return-to-Work (RTW) Laws

Applicable to any work arrangement in which a **TRSL retiree** is providing **TRSL-eligible services** to a **TRSL reporting agency.** Includes part-time, seasonal, and temporary employment; employment by contract or corporate contract

<u>La. R.S. 11:710</u> 2010 RTW Group	Retired before July 1, 2020 Standard transfer option: can elect to move into the "new" group. This is an irrevocable election; retiree is permanently forfeiting their eligibility to "old" categories Generally most beneficial for classroom teachers
<u>La. R.S. 11:710.1</u> 2020 RTW Group	Retired on/after July 1, 2020 + those who elect to transfer from 2010 to 2020 group Special transfer option: individuals who retired before July 1, 2020, may have been placed into this group based on previous eligibility criteria (first date of reemployment) These individuals may elect to move into the "old" group
	Generally most beneficial for individuals who are not certified teachers
<u>La. R.S. 11:710.2</u> 2022 RTW Group	Higher education critical shortage

Address benefits, not employment

RTW Laws do not prohibit (or allow) employment.

Their purpose is to **specify how retiree benefits are impacted** during reemployment and whether contributions are required.

Standard 12-month waiting period exists

- Can be reemployed, cannot receive benefit
- Can earn service credit

All 36-month waiting periods expired on or before June 30, 2023.

There are no exemptions or waivers, but some categories of the laws are more permissible than others.

Potential impacts:

- 1. Suspended benefit
- 2. Earnings limitation
- 3. No impact to benefit

Notice of Reemployment

TRSL must be notified of all scenarios in which a TRSL retiree is providing TRSL-eligible services.

Failure to do so will result in charges to your agency.

The **online enrollment** serves as official notice and acts as certification of employment dates and type

- Enrollments are expected within 30 days of hire
- Forms are supplemental to the online enrollment
- Additional certification statements may be included in enrollment process (excluding critical shortage)

Termination dates should also be submitted

- Form 7A required for refunds of contributions
- 11RTW required for ACT-RET

The laws are applied based on the enrollment info submitted; the online enrollment is the catalyst to putting specific impacts into motion

Examples:

- Suspension of benefits: online enrollment "flips switch" to turn benefit off
- Earnings limits: Applied to gross salary reported by the employer
- Service credit (earned under RTW
 Option 2): dependent on employer's fiscal year certifications
- Election to switch laws (or applicable provision): Effective upon employer's submission of new enrollment

Annual retiree audit

- No later than August 15: Employers must report to TRSL the earnings of <u>all</u> <u>persons</u> paid in the prior fiscal year, including earnings for part-time, substitute, or temporary employment as well as independent or corporate contract work. NOTE: This includes earnings reported on IRS Form W-2 and those reported on IRS Form 1099.
- Upon receipt of the file: TRSL auditors will identify all retirees, comparing the
 employer data to the information submitted in EMIS over the course of the prior
 year. Additional certification may be required for variances or unreasonable
 reporting.

REMINDER: Submitting timely, accurate enrollments is key to avoiding overpayment charges that can occur with the annual retiree audit.

RTW Provisions – Law Comparison

2010 RTW Law Impact determined by position* *Reemployment Eligible Retiree: Grandfathered & adv. speech degree

Core Subject
No impact

Earnings Limit Positions 25% annual TRSL benefit

Special Leave No impact Retired Member (everything else) Suspended benefit

Critical Shortage positions No impact

2020 RTW Law
Impact determined by
employment
circumstances

Earnings Limit 25% avg. comp.

Suspended Benefit earns supplemental benefit

Suspended Benefit

Determining Retirees RTW Group

- 1. Is date of retirement before July 1, 2020?
 - No 2020 RTW Group
 - Yes Next question
- 2. Does retiree have previous RTW employment history?
 - No 2010 Group
 - Yes group indicated by last RTW employment type

Standard 12-month waiting period exists

Reemployment is not prohibited –
however, retirees cannot receive their TRSL
benefit AND an employment income during
this time frame.

All 36-month waiting periods expired on or before June 30, 2023.

2010 RTW Law

Retired **before** July 1, 2020

- Position typically determines provision & benefit impact
- Generally, most beneficial for certified classroom teachers

2020 RTW Law Retired on or after July 1, 2020

Hiring method determines "options"

No option without limitation

Identifying retiree's group

Examples of employment history records for retirees who retired prior to 07/01/2020.

Employment History				
Empr ID	Emp Ind	Employer Name	RTW Type	Employment Dates
1000	Р			08/22/1983 to 05/29/1992
	Р			08/17/1992 to 06/12/2013
	Р			06/13/2016 to 06/23/2016
	С		RTW-FAC-EL (Position 001)	09/01/2021 to 05/26/2022
	С		RTW-EL-TUT	08/11/2022 to 01/08/2023
	R		RTWCORE-ELA	01/09/2023 to 05/26/2023
	С		RTW-SPL-MAT	08/14/2023 to 10/13/2023

Special Transfer Group** example: Placed into 2020 RTW Group based on "old" eligibility (pre-2022); able to move into 2010 RTW Group since never given opportunity (above – made election; below – election still available)

Employment History				
Empr ID	Emp Ind	Employer Name	RTW Type	Employment Dates
	Р			10/31/1984 to 01/18/1985
	P			08/18/1987 to 05/31/1989
	Р			09/05/1989 to 05/31/1990
	P			08/16/1990 to 01/04/2014
	С		RTW-FAC-EL (Position 001)	08/23/2021 to 99/99/9999

Employment History				
Empr ID	Emp Ind	Employer Name	RTW Type	Employment Dates
	Р			09/29/1980 to 05/31/1983
	P			08/23/1984 to 05/31/1985
	Р			08/20/1985 to 11/15/1985
	Р			06/12/1989 to 05/31/1996
	Р			08/16/1996 to 04/29/2014
	P			04/30/2017 to 05/26/2017
	С		RTW-ELK12SB(Position 112)	08/01/2018 to 05/24/2019
	C		RTW-ELK12SB(Position 112)	09/01/2019 to 03/04/2020
	С		RTW-ELK12SB	11/01/2020 to 01/27/2021
	C		RTW-FAC-EL (Position 001)	01/28/2021 to 04/07/2021
	С		RTW-FAC-EL (Position 001)	11/01/2021 to 03/31/2022
	С		RTW-FAC-EL (Position 001)	08/11/2022 to 03/03/2023
	С		RTW-FAC-EL (Position 001)	08/10/2023 to 99/99/9999

Election to move to 2020 example: employed prior to creation of 2020 RTW Law (default 2010 RTW Group); converted to 2020 (irrevocable election).

Note: 06/30/2020 – 06/30/2020 history is usually a "dummy line" added as a result of the annual RTW audit.

Employment History				
Empr ID	Emp Ind	Employer Name	RTW Type	Employment Dates
	Р			10/01/1984 to 06/30/1998
	Р			09/03/1998 to 12/31/2013
	R		RTW-ELK12SB	06/30/2020 to 06/30/2020
	С		RTW-ACT-RET(Position 011)	07/24/2020 to 08/31/2023

2010 RTW Provisions

Earnings Limit No impact Suspended benefit **Benefit Impact** (25% of Benefit) Grandfathered group, Substitute classroom All other positions, including advanced speech, certain teacher, tutor, proctor, administrative, athletic, Position eligibility classroom teachers and fullnurse, literacy instructor, clerical, paraprofessional, time critical shortage presenter of professional food services, etc. positions development Yes, refundable Yes, refundable Contribution upon terminating upon terminating No requirement reemployment reemployment

TRSL | Reemployment of retirees

2020 RTW Options

Option

RTW Option 1 Earnings Limit / 25% FAC RTW Option 2 Suspended benefit **RTW Option 3**Suspended Benefit

Provision eligibility

Available to all part-time and full-time direct employment positions

Available to all full-time direct employment positions

Applies to all employment by contract or corporate contract

Contribution requirement

Yes, refundable upon terminating reemployment

<u>Yes</u>, accrues supplemental benefit (11RTW & DOT needed to resume)

No (DOT needed to resume)

TRSL | Reemployment of retirees

No impact provisions - retired before July 1, 2020

Those who retired **before July 1, 2010** (grandfathered group) or who hold an **advanced speech degree** can be reemployed in **any position**, **any capacity**, **with no impact**.

Otherwise, the following position-centric categories are available

	Full- and part-time classroom teachers in any subject where a shortage exists
Critical Shortage	Full-time, certified speech therapist, speech pathologist, audiologist, educational
<u>oour ononago</u>	diagnostician, school social worker, school counselor school psychologist, interpreters,
	educational transliterators, or educators of the deaf or hard of hearing
	Full- and part-time, directly employed retirees certified in math, science, English language
<u>Core Subject</u>	arts, or special education (excluding gifted/ talented)
	Certified directly employed retirees age 62+ with 30+ years of service, when filling a
<u>Special Leave</u>	teaching vacancy due to maternity, military, or extended sick leave or sabbatical

No impact provisions, cont'd

Three separate categories with nuanced differences:

Critical Shortage

Continuous declaration requirement and annual certification required

- Applicable for all subjects
- Can fill position for entire year

All critical shortage enrollments cease on 06/30 of any given fiscal year

Core Subject

No declaration process, no forms

- Applicable only to math, science,
 ELA, and Special Ed positions
- Full- or part-time & substitute
- Retiree maintains eligibility only if no non-retired applicants (retiree can be "bumped" from position)

Special Leave

No declaration process, no forms

- Applicable for all subjects
- Retiree must meet required age and service credit criteria
- Vacancy must be due to specific leave scenarios

New critical shortage declaration (effective permanently)

To declare a critical shortage for your parish: CONTINUOUS PROCESS

- A general statement that you are <u>soliciting applications for future employment of</u> <u>certified teachers</u> must be:
 - 1. Advertised at least once per month, continuously in official journal
 - 2. Posted at career development office of every post-secondary institute within 120-mile radius at the **beginning of each semester**
- Additionally, must prominently display a list of unfilled positions and any position filled with a retiree on employer's website or the governing authority's website

To utilize critical shortage for a specific position: ANNUAL PROCESS

- Retiree must be certified in subject area or position
- Must have an applicant pool of fewer than three

Pros and cons of switching groups

Converting from **2010** to **2020** Group

Irrevocable

- Earnings limit option available to all directly employed positions
- Earnings limit typically higher when based on FAC
- Option 2 allows for additional service credit
- Employment by contract results in suspension of benefit

Converting from **2020** to **2010** Group*

Binding until 07/01/2027

- No impact to benefit if employed in critical shortage, core subjects, or special leave provisions
- If employed in capacity other than described above, could have earnings limit or suspension of benefit

*Special Transfer Group: Option is not available for everyone



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- Survey link closes in two weeks



