# **ANNUAL EMPLOYER TRAINING**

State Agencies

March 14, 2024

# Agenda

- Employer Membership Information Site (EMIS) Authorized Contacts
- TRSL Eligibility and Enrollments
- Optional Retirement Plan
- Monthly Contribution/Salary Reporting
- Service Credit Certifications/Corrections
- Retirement Processes/Issues



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# TRSL vs. LASERS: Comparison for state agencies

- TRSL assigns agency numbers
- Employer Contribution rate is same as K-12 employer contribution rate
- Service credit awarded on fiscal year basis
- Does not interface with LAGov

- LASERS' agency number generally assigned based on Division of Administration numbers
- Different rates for employer contributions based on membership type
- Service credit awarded on calendar year basis
- Interfaces with LAGov

## **TRSL Liaisons**

Each agency is assigned a Retirement Benefits Analyst liaison

#### Liaison for most DOA State Agencies:

Quincia Ezejiofo, <u>quincia.ezejiofo@trsl.org</u> or 225-922-3265

Other Employer Services Staff								
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	Ed Branagan	(225) 925-4846						
ACCOUNTANT MANAGER	Beth Fraser	(225) 925-6462						
RETIREMENT SUPERVISOR	Vacant							
RETIREMENT BENEFITS MANAGER	Jeff George	(225) 925-1887						
ORP VENDOR LIAISON	J <u>essica Trosclair</u>	(225) 925-3663						
RETURN-TO-WORK SPECIALIST	J <u>essica Trosclair</u>	(225) 925-3663						
EMPLOYER TRAINING	Sharon Lachney	(225) 925-4097						
EMPLOYER TRAINING	<u>Heather Landry</u>	(225) 925-7093						
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP SPECIALIST	Anthony Zeringue	(225) 925-6407						

Employer Services TRSL Liaisons Employer Training Employer Surveys GASB Contact Employer Reporting EMIS Instructions FTP/File Layouts Procedures Manual Contribution Rates IRS Limits Employer FAQs

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  ORP reports, enrollment eligibility, etc.
- Contact your Retirement Analyst Liaison: For help with questionable years, service credit certifications, sick leave certifications, actuarial cost corrections, etc.

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## **Employer Procedures Manual (EPM)**

Employers' guide for TRSL reporting, including 18 topicspecific indices

Employer Services
TRSL Liaisons
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	Procedures Manual (by index number)	
Index	Subject (Revised Date)	"Mastering the Manual" tips
Intro	Introduction (07/2017)	Series preview
0.0	Employer/Membership Information Site (EMIS) (12/2019)	New to EMIS?
1.0	Authorized Contacts & Employer Directory Contacts (01/2022)	Authorized contacts
2.0	TRSL Membership (3/2022)	New hires to enroll?
3.0	Beneficiary Designation (11/2022)	Please don't sign/witness blank beneficiary forms
4.0	Contribution Reporting & Corrections (01/2022)	Annual contribution limits
5.0	Online Member Access & Statements (12/2022)	Member Access through EMIS
6.0	Service Credit Certifications/Corrections (09/2022)	Reminders regarding service credit
7.0	Refunds of Employee Contributions (09/2021)	<u>Understanding the 90-day waiting period for</u> refunds

### Employer/Member Information System (EMIS)

#### TRSL's employer database

Employers can

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

\*OSUP reports monthly salary/contributions & sick leave usage for most state agencies (DOA agencies) with TRSL-covered employees

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Agency Certificatio	n (Form 11B)	DOA ORP Contribution						
Annual Leave Upda	te	DOA Salary Contribution						
Contribution Corre	ction	DOA Sick Leave						
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Full-Time Only Cor	rections	LSU-MEDICAL ORP Contribution						
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### **Member Summary**

Member's personal information

- Historical record of TRSL-covered employment with dates
- Place to determine if member can elect to retain membership
  - Must have 5.00 years of service credit for eligibility



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### **Account History**

Location to view member's service credit by fiscal year

 Way to identify any questionable years left to certify when reviewing a member's account

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# Monthly Salary/Contributions

Displays member's current fiscal year salary and contributions reported

- Can be used to determine when Agency
   Certification can be completed
- Active members (EXP):
  - "3": Earnings expected
  - "4": Earnings may be reported
  - "0": No earnings can be reported

Members 💎
Member Summary
Account History
Member Notations
Monthly Salary/Contributions
Annual Salary History

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Sep	4,904.01	4,904.01	392.32	3	3					
Oct	4,904.00	4,904.00	392.32	3	3					
Nov	4,904.00	4,904.00	392.32	3	3					
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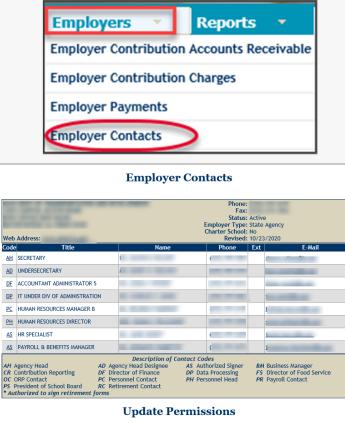


System 4	<b>TRSL Regular Plan –</b> Defined Benefit Plan for "teachers" in TRSL eligible positions
	ORP (Optional Retirement Plan) – Defined Contribution Plan;
System (	for employees who chose ORP during employment at a
System 6	Louisiana public institution of higher education; opted out of
	TRSL's Regular Plan (System 4), must remain in ORP

### **Employer Contacts**

TRSL uses this screen to know who to contact regarding accounting and retirement issues

 The Update Permissions section shows who can access EMIS and perform update functions



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## Form 1: Authorized Contacts

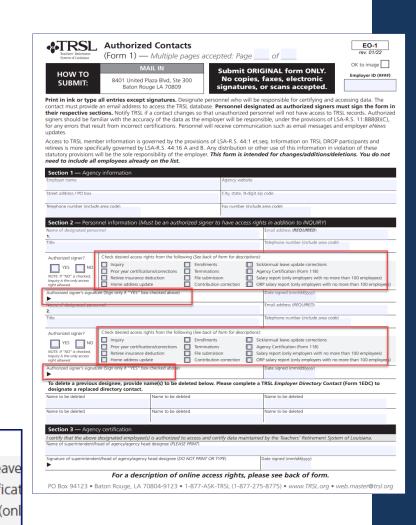
Grants EMIS access rights to designated employer personnel

#### 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

Che	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
Sick/Annual Leave Update/Corrections (SLU)	<ul> <li>Sick Leave – Use to update employees' sick leave usage</li> <li>Annual Leave - (Higher ed and state agencies only) – Use to report annual leave balances</li> </ul>
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)

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

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

### 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.

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Agency head designee					
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Director of finance					
Director of personnel/ human resource mgr					
Director of food services					
President of school board					
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Optional Retirement Plan (ORP)					
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Personnel					
Retirement					

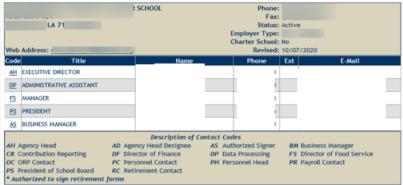
# Keep employer contacts up to date

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





**Update Permissions** 

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#### **EMPLOYER MANUAL 2.0** March 2022

#### **INDEX 2.0: TRSL Membership**

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 – Louisiana Administrative Code 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 quide, refer to sections of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes that pertain to TRSL

Employers should keep the following responsibilities in mind when

# Index 2.0: TRS Retires returning to work rollment Online r BNS in comparison BNS member enrollments DROP member enrollments

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

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

2.0 - TRSL Memb

#### **Enrollments process**

Documents to include in hiring packet

- 1. Election to Retain Membership (Form 2R)
  - Submit <u>original</u> to TRSL
- 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

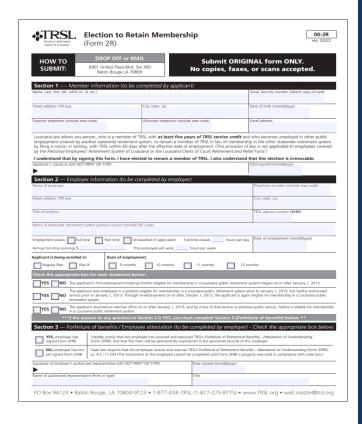
### Form 2R: Election to Retain Membership

#### LSA R.S. 11:723

When a Louisiana state agency hires an employee, the new hire is normally eligible for LASERS membership. If that employee has <u>at least 5 years</u> <u>of TRSL eligibility credit</u>, he may elect to retain TRSL membership, instead of joining LASERS.

Not applicable to employees covered by Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (PERS) or Louisiana Clerks of Courts Retirement & Relief Fund.

- Election to Retain Membership (Form 2R) must be completed within 60 days of new employment.
- Must submit original Form 2R with original signatures to TRSL.



#### Form 2R errors

Contact your TRSL Retirement Benefits Analyst Liaison for assistance with any errors discovered after submitting Form 2R

#### **ERROR EXAMPLES:**

- Incorrect date of employment (hire date)
- Enrollment to be deleted if employee was not eligible to participate in TRSL (part-time, seasonal, or temporary positions), etc.

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### Membership Eligibility - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

#### Part-time, seasonal, or temporary employment

Retaining TRSL membership for part-time, seasonal, or temporary employees is not allowed unless the employee meets the below criteria:

#### Ten (10) year rule

Ten or more years of TRSL eligibility service credit

- W-2 employees only
- Can work 20 hours or less per week

#### **Definitions:**

- **Part-time:** Employees who work 20 hours or **less** are considered part-time and are not eligible to retain membership unless they have 10 or more years of TRSL eligibility service credit. Employees who work **more** than 20 hours per week can retain membership.
- **Seasonal:** An employee who normally works on a full-time basis less than five months in a year
- **Temporary:** Any employee performing services under a <u>contractual arrangement</u> with the employer of <u>two years or less</u> in duration

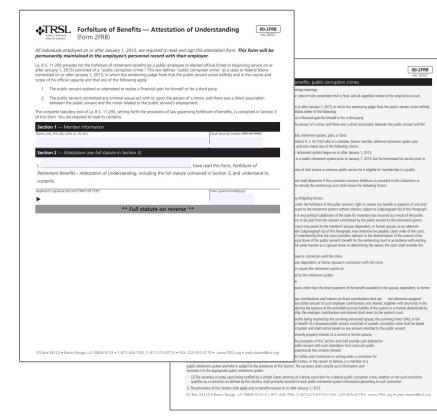
# Form 2FRB: Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits – Attestation of Understanding

The Form 2R will require agency to verify if the employee has completed and signed the Form 2FRB

- YES: enrollment is processed
- NO: enrollment is **not** processed

All new hires are required to complete Form 2FRB

 Keep original signed form in employees' personnel records



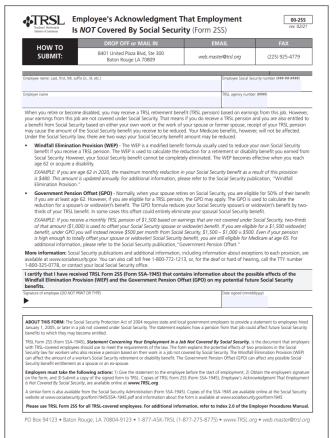
#### Form 2SS: Statement Concerning Employment in a Job Not Covered by Social Security

Most 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 are required to complete and sign the Form 2SS

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

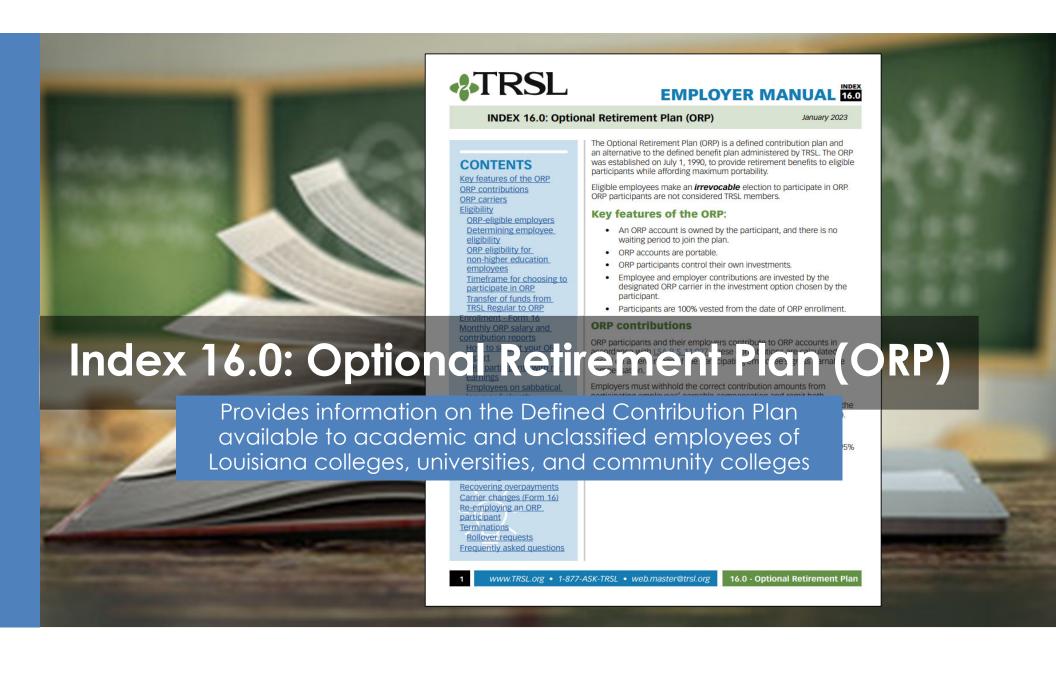


#### Form 3: Beneficiary Designation for Non-Retired Members

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

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## What is the Optional Retirement Plan (ORP)?

#### ORP is a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan

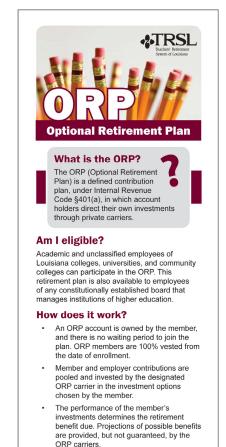
- Established July 1, 1990
- Provides retirement benefits to participants based on contributions and interest earned on their investments
- Portable

#### The decision to participate in ORP is irrevocable

 ORP participants do not participate in TRSL's Defined Benefit Plan and are not considered TRSL members

## Participants control their own investments through private carriers

- Employee & employer contributions are invested by the ORP carrier in the investment option(s) chosen by the employee
- Participants are 100% vested from date of enrollment



#### **ORP eligibility for NON-higher education employees**

If the TRSL-ORP participant elects to retain TRSL membership, he/she must remain in ORP, regardless of the number of years (This holds true even if the position is not in higher education or the TRSL eligible position the employee is filling is part-time, seasonal, or temporary)

If the ORP participant is employed in a position covered by another Louisiana public retirement system, see below:

- If member has **fewer than five years**: You will enroll him/her in the new retirement system
- <u>If member has **five or more years**</u>: He/she can opt to retain ORP membership under TRSL by completing a Form 2R within 60-days of new employment

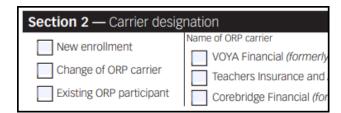
ORP members are 100% vested from the date of enrollment and make an irrevocable election to participate in ORP.

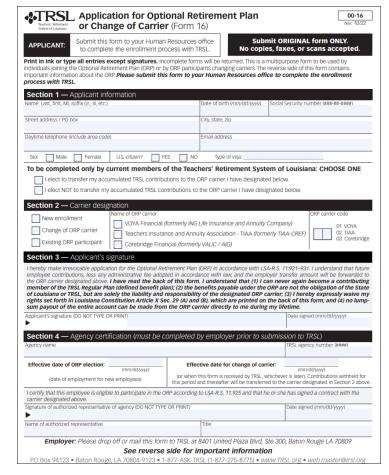
• **IRREVOCABLE ELECTION:** Continued participation is mandatory even if future employment in a TRSL eligible position is part-time, seasonal, or temporary.

### **ORP** enrollment

Application for Optional Retirement Plan or Change of Carrier (Form 16)

- Employee completes Sections 1-3
- Employer completes Section 4 and submits <u>original</u> Form 16 to TRSL for processing





## **Current ORP carriers**



https://trsl.beready2retire.com



https://www.tiaa.org/public/tcm/louisianaorp



https://www.corebridgefinancial.com/rs/trsl

### **ORP** contribution rates

The total employer contribution rate for all employers includes the following:

Transfer Amount: The percentage amount actually transferred to each ORP participant's account; set by law.

#### The transfer rate is 6.2%\*\*

Shared UAL: The percentage all employers pay toward the unfunded accrued liability (UAL) and retained by TRSL.

Total ORP Employer Contribution Rate (FY 2025)					
**Transfer Amount	6.2%				
^Shared UAL	15.9%				
Total Employer Contribution Rate	22.1%				

Contributions transferred to the ORP participant's carrier				
*Employee	7.95%			
**Employer	6.2%			
Total transferred to ORP carrier account	14.15%			

\* **ORP participants contribute** 8% of salary, less a 0.05% TRSL administrative fee.

\*\* LSA R.S. 11:927 sets the employer portion transfer amount, which cannot be less than 6.2%.

^ TRSL retains the UAL portion of the employer's total contribution rate.

### **ORP salary & contribution limits**

Contributions reported/transferred to the ORP carriers are limited to \$69,000 for <u>calendar year 2024</u>

 The limit includes both the employee and employer contribution amounts

#### **Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) Maximum Contribution Limits**



C	alendar Year	Maximum Annual Contribution (Employer & Employee contributions)
	2024	\$69,000
	2023	\$66,000
	2022	\$61,000
	2021	\$58,000
	2020	\$57,000
	2019	\$56,000

## **Termination of ORP participants**

#### Do not process an online termination in EMIS for an ORP participant

- Update your agency's software with the termination date for the participant to ensure salary information is no longer reported to TRSL
- When the former employee requests a rollover of his ORP funds, TRSL will contact you for a termination date
- TRSL will provide the confirmed termination date to the former employee's ORP carrier to initiate the rollover



Monthly salary &

Leave without pay

Sabbatical leave

100% accrual

Docked by substitute Extended sick leave

**Contributions corrections** 

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January 2023

#### **Contributions and reporting**

CONTENTS As a participating TRSL reporting agency, accurate and timely contribution **Contributions & reporting** 

reporting and payments is an important part of your TRSL reporting duties. Earnable compensation This index provides information and instructions for TRSL reporting agencies to accomplish the following: contribution reports

- · withhold employee and employer contributions on all TRSL-eligible earnable compensation
- prepare and submit accurate and timely contribution reports
- · remit contributions promptly and review employer account activity to ensure accurate credits, payments, and adjustments for your agency's accounts
  - identify and correct any previously reported contributions for c year and prior years requiring corrections

#### Index 4.0: Contribution Reporting Correction Street Street Louisiana law mandates that participating employers and covered employees contribute to TRSL. These contributions and investment earnings fund benefits paid out to TRSL members and their beneficiari Contributions are calculated based on a member's gross earnable

Provides information on salary and contribution reporting, including instructions for identifying and correcting reported contributions for current and prior years

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tablished by LSA R.S. 11:62 (11) for d by TRSL **Current member contribution rates** School Lunch Plan A 9.1% (System Code 2) School Lunch Plan B 5.0% (System Code 3) Regular Plan 8.0% (System Code 4)

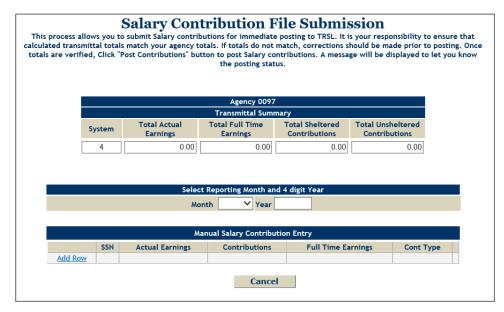
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## Office of State Uniform Payroll (OSUP)

The Office of State Uniform Payroll (OSUP) submits salary and contributions information (monthly files) for most state agencies

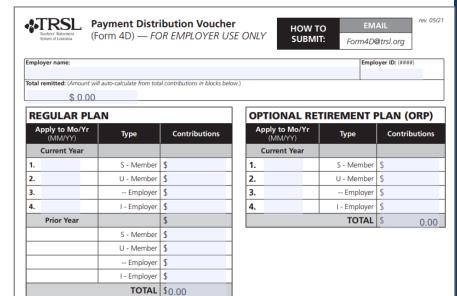
If your agency is not OSUPbased, you may have the option to enter salary information directly into EMIS or submit a monthly file



## Monthly contribution payments by OSUP

For most state agencies, the Office of State Uniform Payroll (OSUP) submits monthly employee and employer contribution payments corresponding to the monthly salary/contributions report and the Payment Distribution Voucher (Form 4D) to TRSL.

 Payment Distribution Voucher (Form 4D) is required with all payments.



# Additional invoices/actuarial costs

#### Corrections made to current year and prior year actual earnings may result in additional contributions due

May result in miscellaneous invoices or actuarial costs to the state agency

# Any correction made by a state agency outside of the monthly salary/contributions remittance is the responsibility of the state agency

 Individual state agency will be responsible for submission of payment and the Payment Distribution Voucher (Form 4D) to TRSL for these additional costs.

# Form 4D should accompany payment and can be submitted by several methods:

- Mail to TRSL's address
- Fax to 225-922-4258
- Email to Form4D@trsl.org

# **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 Benefits Analyst Liaison for assistance.

Tax sheltered	Tax unsheltered
<ul> <li>Active members only</li> <li>Employees on workers'</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Employees on workers'</li></ul>
compensation and using	compensation (contributions via
their sick leave	third-party payments) <li>USERRA payments</li> <li>Employer contributions</li>

# **Contribution rates**

Contributions are calculated based on member's gross earnable compensation

#### Member (employee) portion: 8.0%

**Employer portion** (subject to change each fiscal year):

- <u>Normal cost</u>: Amount needed to fund benefits accrued in the fiscal year
- <u>Administrative expense rate</u>: Non-investment administrative expenses of TRSL (funded directly beginning in FY 2019)
- <u>Account Funding Contribution (AFC) rate</u>: Funding mechanism to directly pay for future benefit increases (PBIs)—funded directly beginning FY 2025
- **<u>Shared UAL</u>**: Unfunded accrued liability payment

## LASERS vs. TRSL contribution rates

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

		Employee		Employ	er rate	(ER)	
Fiscal year	LASERS/TRSL sub-plans	contribution rate	Normal cost	Admin expense rate	AFC Rate**	Shared UAL	Total ER
LASERS	Rank & file employees (prior to 7/1/2006)	7.5%					
2024-25	Rank & file employees (on or after 7/1/2006)	8.0%	2.35%	0.89%	1.50%	30.00%	34.74%
	K-12 Regular Plan*	8.0%					
TPCI	Lunch Plan A	9.1%	3.73%	0.38%	1.50%	15.90%	21.51%
2024-25	TRSL 2024-25 Lunch Plan B						
	Higher Ed Regular Plan	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

# Full-time earnings

Definition (for monthly salary reporting):

• Compensation the employee would have been paid had she/he worked fulltime 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

Example: For a two-pay period month – report Full-time Earnings amount equal to two 80-hour bi-weekly paychecks

## 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 EMIS

- Available for **Defined Benefit** retirement plan (System 4)
- Two ways to retrieve report



Query Record System		E	mployer	Contribu	tion Char	rges	
Employer ID	TRSL - REGULAR		1	Employer:	SC BD		
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		Posted	444,886.23	31,380.45	4,210.34	444,886.23	
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		Rejections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		CCRs	415.22	33.22	0.00	23,943.20	792,299.74
		Posted	3,144,046.57	241,656.27	9,867.86	3,170,590.40	
	OCT Error	Transmittal	3,612,994.15	277,209.56	11.830.26	3.620.775.91	
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		CCRs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	910,474.53
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		Posted	7,571,092.28	575,617.09	30,070.80	7,606,598.84	

# 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

	E	mployer (	Contribu	tion Char	·ges	
TRSL - REGULAR Fiscal Year:		Emplo Shov	yer: v Rejections	SC BD		
Month		Earnings	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Full-Time	Employer
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AUG <u>Error</u>	Transmittal Rejections <u>CCRs</u> 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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OCTError	Transmittal Rejections <u>CCRs</u> 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"

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Query Recor	rd									
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			Year: 2023			Emp	loyer.			
Fiscal Year			Month			Earnings	Shelte	red	Unsheltered	Ful
2023		JUL	Report	Transmittal		890,128.05	68,	642.00	787.70	ç
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				CCRs		0.00	1	689.56	0.00	
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Help		AUG	Report	Transmittal		1,434,542.32	111,	706.88	1,632.78	1,4
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Sort Selectio Social Security Nun				Posted	_	1,427,289.32	111,	186.64	1,632.78	1,4
		SEP	Error	Transmittal		3,154,694.60	244,	596.95	3,887.68	3,2
Generate Rep	ort			Rejections		0.00		0.00	0.00	
				CCRs		0.00		0.00	0.00	

### **Recommend Report**

Type: Complete Report

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

Social Security Number Alphabetically Exception Message

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# **Contribution Exception Report**

Layout:

Sort & filter info

 Number of exception records

Leading zeros in SSNs will not appear

Date: 01/09/202 Time: 10:56:50/ Sorted By: Soci Filtered By: No	M al Security N	lumber	Teachers' F		nt System atribution Exc or Fiscal Year	of Louisiana - eption Report 2023-2024	Regular P	lan	Page By: Sh Exceptions Fou
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09/14/2020	06/30/2023	L ACTIVE	07/19/2023	07/2023	Sheltered	1,362.90	109.03	1,362.90	Reported not enrolled.
11/07/2016	06/30/2023	ACTIVE	12/18/2023	07/2023	Sheltered	1,578.52	126.28	1,578.52	Reported not enrolled.
12/02/2019	06/30/2023	ACTIVE <b>F</b>	10/30/2023	07/2023	Sheltered	1,362.91	109.03	1,362.91	Reported not enrolled.
11/21/2016	06/30/202		IA 08/01/2023	07/2023	Sheltered	1,383.49	110.68	1,383.49	Reported not enrolled.
02/21/2022	06/30/2023	INACTIVE	SA A 06/30/2023	07/2023	Sheltered	265.86	21.27	1,329.30	Reported not enrolled.
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**Tip:** Exception records will delete from report upon each online correction/update

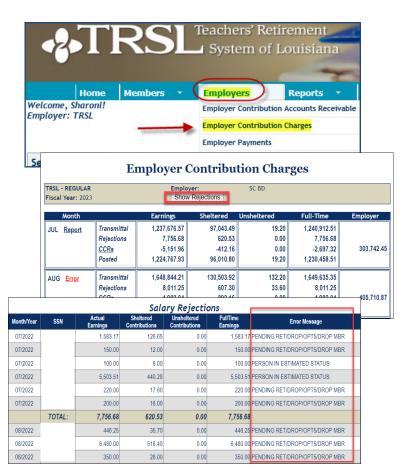
# **Retrieving salary rejections**

Review Employer Contribution Charges screen in EMIS after posting your monthly salary/contributions report for the Regular Plan (System 4).

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					
07/2022		-25,338.00	0.00	0.00	-25,338.00	TRANSACTION ALREADY RECEIVED					
	TOTAL:	-25,338.00	0.00	0.00	-25,338.00						

# **Clearing exceptions & rejections**

## **Online updates in EMIS**

- Enrollments Contact assigned Analyst Liaison
- 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

	Сот	ntributior	n Correctio	on	
System: 4 SSN: Name:	4	Repo	Employer: Fiscal Year: C orting Month/Year: 11		
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	Actual Earnings	Full-Time Earnings	Contribution Amount	Contribution Type	
Edit	2736.00	2736.00	218.88	30	Delete

# (Online) Prior Year Salary Corrections

Use to correct prior year actual earnings, contributions, and full-time earnings

- Must enter annual actual earnings and full-time earnings for a prior (closed) fiscal year
- Must use Reason drop-down box and/or Comment field for both <u>Salary Correction Comment</u> and <u>Salary Correction Full-Time</u> <u>Comment</u>

SSN: Name					Employ Fiscal	er ID: Year: 2015	
System:	4						
Contribution Type	Employer Indicator	Actual Earnings	Contribution Amount	Full Time Earnings	Service Credit	Comm	ent,
Sheltered	Primary	15,861.02	1,548.88	16,861.02	.48		
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# **Terminations**

Enter a termination date for employee who:

- Resigns or
- Is approved for TRSL disability retirement

- 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

	Ter	minations	
SSN: Name:		Employer:	
Procedures for us	ing Terminations:		
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Updates 🔻 Submit Fil	es
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#### **EMPLOYER MANUAL** 6.0

September 2022

#### **INDEX 6.0: Service Credit Certifications/Corrections**

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 pre information and instructions

• Full-time earnings: The compensation that would be payable if

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- 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.

50% (6 credit hours divided by 12 credit hours)

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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:

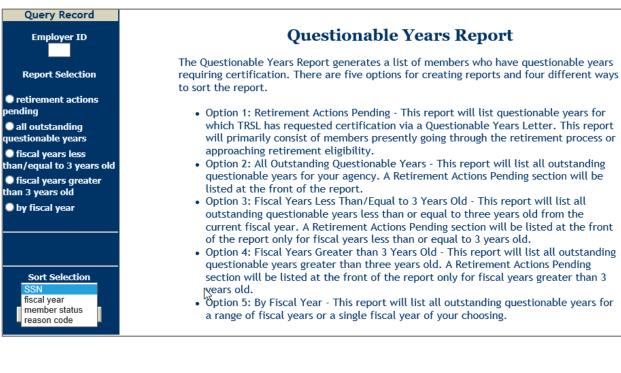
# hours worked / # hours in a full workday

*Example*: Employee works 5 hours per day; normal full-time is 8 hours per day;

5/8 hours = 63% effort

## **Retrieving Questionable Years Report**





# **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 Time: 12:55:47PM				Teachers' Re	tirement System Questionable Year	n of Louisiana s				Page 1 of 2 By: Sharoni	
This report contains a <i>Current Count 17 a</i> <i>Original Count 417</i>		nable years sor	ted by re	ason code.	Employer: 96% Complet	te					
Description of Reason 1 Annual salary is more than 5% decrease from previous year 2 Lst year of employment for an employer / Lst year of employment after DROP 3 Changed employer / Terminated during the fiscal year Please update/verify enrollment and/or termination date(s) 4 Partial year of service credit not previously certified 5 (P/T) Possible part-time employment (may receive additional eligibility credit)					Note: Employers will be liable for service credit corrections after three years. Corrections resulting in an increase in the service credit will be an actuarial cost in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 11.888 C.						
ame	Sys	SSN	Fiscal Year	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

 Updates
 Submit Files

 Annual Leave Update

 Contribution Correction

 Enrollments

 Full-Time Only Corrections

 Home Address Update

 Journal Entry Review

 ORP Salary Entry (up to 25 employees on

 Prior Year Salary Corrections

 Questionable Year Certification

 Sick Leave Days Paid Update

 Sick Leave Add and/or Update

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



# Full-Time Only Corrections Employer: BD Fiscal Year: 2017

system.	4						
Contribution Type	Employer Indicator	Actual Earnings	Contribution Amount		Service Credit		Comment
Sheltered	Primary	8,056.35	644.51	8,056.35	0.37	QUESTIONABLE YEAR	

#### Instructions for using Full-Time Only Corrections:

SSN:

Name:

1. The information as reported to TRSL for the fiscal year is displayed above. 2. Full-time earnings is the compensation that would be payable if the employee worked full-time for the full normal working period. Full-time earnings equal an employee's full-time base pay (regardless of whether or not this amount is actually paid) plus any additional payments made to the employee (i.e., PIP summer school, overtime, stipends, cash house allowances, coaching supplements, sales tax, bonuses and any other monies paid to a member over and above his or her base pay defined as earnable compensation by LSA-R.S. 11:701(10)). Full-time earnings for part-time employees is the same as full-time employees. Full-time earnings must be equal to or greater than actual earnings. 3. If the fiscal year you are correcting has service credit LESS THAN 1.00 and the service credit should be 1.00, because the member's actual and full-time amounts are correct and are the same, you MUST enter the SAME full-time earnings, which will divide actual by full-time and update that fiscal year to 1.00. 4. If the fiscal year has service credit of 1.00 and you enter the same full-time earnings that is already on the database, you will receive an error "New full-time is equal to reported. Enter a corrected full-time amount." This process will also mark the year with asteriks as CERTIFIED. 5. Select a reason for the correction. 6. A comment can be added for additional information needed to clarify the correction. The comment is optional unless a reason is not chosen in which case the comment is required. 7. Click the 'Submit' button to submit the correction. 8. NOTE: The correction of an authorized signer's personal TRSL member account must be completed by another authorized signer at the agency. Full-Time Earnings: × Reason Comment Submit

# **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
- 2. 1<sup>st</sup> year of employment for an employer / 1st year of employment after DROP
- 3. 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 Date of Employment Termination	Actual Earnings	Full-Time Earnings		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**

		Full-T	ime On	ly Cor	rections		
SSN: Name: System: 4	×		×	Employer: Fiscal Year:			
Contribution Type         Employ Indicat           Sheltered         Primat	or	Amount	Earnings	Service Credit 0.77 QUE	C STIONABLE YEAR	Comment	
working period. Fu actually paid) plus house allowances, her base pay defin the same as full-t 3. If the fiscal yea because the mem earnings, which w 4. If the fiscal yea	as reported t gs is the comp ll-time earnin any additiona coaching supp ed as earnable ime employee r you are cor ber's actual a full divide actual r has service l receive an en nark the year for the correct be added for en in which cas t' button to su ection of an at the agency	o TRSL for the bensation that gs equal an er al payments mo- blements, sale compensatio s. Full-time er recting has se nd full-time and gal by full-time and gal by full-time and rectific of 1.00 rror "New full with asteriks tion. additional info se the comme bomit the corro authorized sig	fiscal year is of would be paya nployee's full-t ade to the emp s tax, bonuses n by LSA-R S. 1 earnings must revice credit L mounts are co- te and update and update and you enter l-time is equal as CERTIF ED. ormation needent is required. ection.	displayed abd able if the en- time base pay oloyee (i.e., and any othe (1:701(10)). be equal to of ESS THAN 1. orrect and ar that fiscal y er the same to reported	Pipe worked full- y (regardless of whet PiP summer school, o er monies paid to a n Full-time earnings f or greater than actu 00 and the service re the same, you ML ear to 1.00. full-time earnings t I. Enter a corrected Provide total sala would have made entire year as a	ther or not thi overtime, stip nember over a or part-time of al earnings. credit should IST enter the nat is already full-time among if he worked a full-time r add'l pay	s amount is ends, cash and above his or employees is be 1.00, SAME full-time on the
<u> </u>		ne Earnings:					
Use Reason drop- when possible. EXCEPTION: Use field to note anythi (LWOP, dockages, date etc.) or none drop-down choices	Comment ng unusual incorr hire of Reason	Reason: Comment:	1st Year of E	mploymen bmit	t v		

# COMMON ERRORS: Full-time earnings

- Not including extra earnings (overtime, lump sum payments, etc.) in full-time earnings
- Entering full-time earnings amount for a period of time less than a full fiscal year (Example: Only entering the full-time earnings amount for January – June if member was hired in January)
- Changing the full-time earnings by \$0.01 if the actual and full-time earnings are both correct but the service credit is incorrect
- Not prorating the full-time earnings when a member has multiple rates of pay or a change in pay during the fiscal year (contact your assigned retirement analyst liaison for assistance)

## COMMON ERRORS: Part-time employment certification

- Selecting "Part-time Employee" for someone who worked full-time but only worked a portion of the year
- Selecting "Part-time Employee" but not including the percent effort in the comment field

#### Salary Correction Full-Time

#### Instructions for using Full-Time Comment:

- 1. Required for Primary when the Full-Time is different.
- 2. Select a reason for the full-time change.

3. A comment can be added for additional information needed to clarify the change. The comment is optional unless a reason is not chosen in which case the comment is required.

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

# **COMMON ERRORS: Miscellaneous**

- Not providing correct start or termination date in comment field if correct dates have not previously been reported
- Reporting rollover earnings via a Full-time Only Correction (Rollover earnings should be moved to the year in which they were earned/accrued via a Prior Year Salary Correction)

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# **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 certifying/correctin years is calculat	ng questionable
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

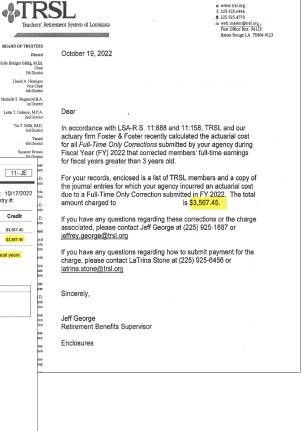
## Actuarial Cost/Charges for Full-Time Only Corrections

#### Example of actuarial cost invoice (notification)

Your agency will receive a Journal Entry invoice for all Full-Time Only Corrections records greater than three (3) years old that resulted in increased service credit.

Invoice attachments will include summary breakdown for each member record included in the total Full-Time Only Corrections actuarial cost.

Journal Entry				11- JE
			Da Journal	ite: 10/17/20 Entry #:
Ac	count Description		Debit	Credit
ADVANCE ACCOUNT PY Employer	Y Employer		\$3,567.45	\$3,567.45
	Total		\$3,567.45	\$3,567.45
			\$301.09 \$508.51 \$203.86	
Audit Log #: 22389				
Audit Log #: 22389				
LAST 4 SSN MBR NAME	SRV TO PURCHASE		Cost	
LAST 4 SSN MBR NAME	<b>V</b> 0.11	<b>¥</b> .	\$2,553.99	
LAST 4 SSN MBR NAME	✓0.11 ✓0.02	×.	\$2,553.99 \$301.09	
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## **Questionable Year Certification**

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

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

<b>Questionable Year Certification</b>										
SSN: Name: System:				F	Employ iscal Yo	yer: ear: 2016	A BD			
Contribution Type	Employer Indicator	Actual Earnings	Contribution Amount	Full Time Earnings	Service Credit		Comment			
Sheltered	Primary	55,468.24	4,437.44	55,468.24		QUESTIONABLE YEAR				
SERVICE CF 3. Select a 4. A common reason is n 5. Click the 6. NOTE: T	REDIT. The reason for ent can be ot chosen i e 'Certify' I The certific I signer at	FULL-TIME ON the certificati added for add n which case t button to subr	ILY CORRECT on. itional inform he comment i nit the certif	ation needed required. required.	e used i I to clar I TRSL	if service credit sho	j is correct. <u>IT WILL NO</u> uld be updated. The comment is option ust be completed by ar	al unless a		
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# **EXAMPLE: Questionable Year Certification**

Record appears on the Questionable Years report

- **Example:** New hire as of 07/01/2020; 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
- 2. 1<sup>st</sup> year of employment for an employer / 1st year of employment after DROP
- 3. Changed employers during the fiscal year and/or break in service
- Partial year of service credit not previously certified

I	Name	· · · · · ·	Sys	SSN	Fiscal Year	Status	Date of Employment	Date of Termination	Actual Earnings	Full-Time Earnings		Reason for Questioning Year
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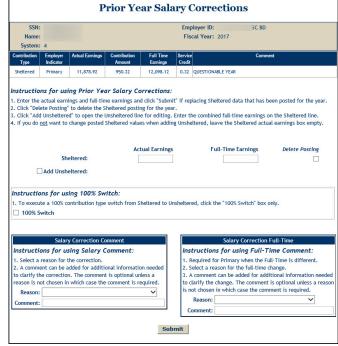
# **EXAMPLE: Questionable Year Certification**

		Que	estiona	ble Ye	ear Co	ertificati	ion		
SSN Name System	:			1	Employe Fiscal Year				
Contribution Type Sheltered	Employer Indicator Primary	Actual Earnings	Contribution Amount 4,672,49	Full Time Earnings 58,406,14	Service Credit	ESTIONABLE YEAR	Comme	nt	
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# **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**

SSN: Name: System:		R		Employer ID: BD Fiscal Year: 2017						
Contribution Type	Employer Indicator	Actual Earnings	Contribution Amount	Full Time Earnings	Service Credit	Comment				
Sheltered	Primary	11,878.92	950.32	12,098.12	0.32	QUESTIONABLE YEAR				
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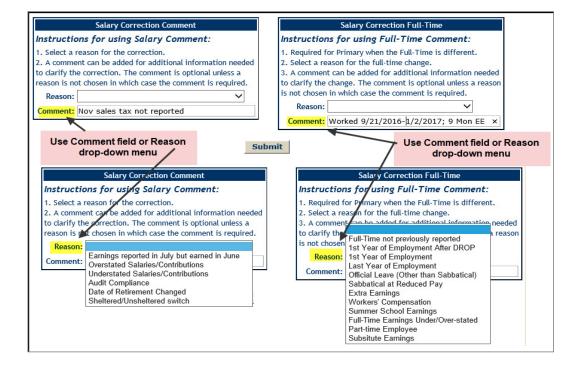
### **EXAMPLE: Prior Year Salary Correction**

- Must provide correct total Actual Earnings & Full-time Earnings earned for the specified fiscal year
- Move rollover earnings to correct fiscal year if employee worked less than entire year for 1<sup>st</sup> year or last year of employment.

SSN: Name: System:						nployer ID: 5C BD iscal Year: 2017	
Contribution Type	Employer Indicator	Actual Earnings	Contribution Amount	Full Time Earnings	Service Credit		
		ing Prior Yea	ne earnings and	d click "Submit		Agency provided correct F time Earnings (amount if employee work eplacing Shelterec entire fiscal year as a full-ti	ed
2. Cli Ag	-	ered correct (fiscal year t	Actual	ng for the year e for editing. I		the combined full-time carings on the presence of the	

### **EXAMPLE: Prior Year Salary Correction**

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



# **ROLLOVER EARNINGS**

#### June earnings reported in July

Due to biweekly pay, some June earnings will be reported on the first paycheck(s) in July.

- These earnings are rollover earnings
- Earnings should be reported when earned, not when paid.

Agency should process an online Contribution Correction to remove the rollover earnings from the current fiscal year and submit a Prior Year Correction to add the rollover earnings into the prior fiscal year

#### **OSUP** payroll calendars

#### Year 2023 Pay Periods Pay Period То Check Date From Insurance Month FI Posting 12/26/2022 01/08/2023 01/13/2023 01/11/2023 1 February 2 01/09/2023 01/22/2023 01/27/2023 01/25/2023 3 01/23/2023 02/05/2023 02/10/2023 02/08/2023 March 4 02/06/2023 02/19/2023 02/24/2023 02/22/2023 5 02/20/2023 03/05/2023 03/10/2023 03/08/2023 April 6 03/06/2023 03/19/2023 03/24/2023 03/22/2023 7 03/20/2023 04/02/2023 04/07/2023 04/05/2023 May 8 04/03/2023 04/16/2023 04/21/2023 04/19/2023 05/05/2023 9 04/17/2023 04/30/2023 05/03/2023 June 05/14/2023 10 05/01/2023 05/17/2023 05/19/2023 11 05/15/2023 05/28/2023 06/02/2023 \*05/31/2023 July 12 05/29/2023 06/11/2023 06/16/2023 06/14/2023 13 06/12/2023 06/25/2023 06/30/2023 Free 06/28/2023 6/26 - 6/30 = 5 dvs 14 06/26/2023 07/09/2023 07/14/2023 August 07/10/2023 07/23/2023 07/28/2023 07/26/2023 15 16 07/24/2023 08/06/2023 08/11/2023 08/09/2023 September 17 08/07/2023 08/20/2023 08/25/2023 08/23/2023 18 08/21/2023 09/03/2023 09/08/2023 09/06/2023 October 09/04/2023 09/17/2023 19 09/22/2023 09/20/2023 20 09/18/2023 10/01/2023 10/06/2023 10/04/2023 November 10/02/2023 21 10/15/2023 10/20/2023 10/18/2023 10/16/2023 22 10/29/2023 11/03/2023 11/01/2023 December 23 10/30/2023 11/12/2023 11/17/2023 11/15/2023 24 11/13/2023 11/26/2023 12/01/2023 \*11/29/2023 January 25 11/27/2023 12/10/2023 12/15/2023 12/13/2023 Free 12/24/2023 12/29/2023 12/27/2023 26 12/11/2023

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Indicates payroll posting completed in a different month from payday.

Indicates payroll posting completed in a different month from payday.

#### Calendar Year 2023

#### June enrollments with no earnings posted

**Step 1**: Contribution Correction update (if current fiscal year) or Prior Year Salary Correction (if prior fiscal year) to remove \$ earned in June, but paid/posted in July from fiscal year following enrollment

**Step 2**: *Prior Year Salary Correction* to add rollover amount removed from Step 1 to fiscal year of enrollment

 Will need to provide full-time earnings member would have made had they worked July 1 – June 30

m of Louisiana	≥ web.master@trsl.org Post Office Box 94123 Baton Rouge LA 70804- 03 - 6 Empr #I
ired in order to continue process SL with the information request	sing the above member's file. ed below along with your signature
021 but no earnings were poster	d for FY 2021, No service credit will
	utions for FY 2021. If earnings were o remove those earnings and add please provide the appropriate
, please provide TRSL will a co n to TRSL	rrect date
Date	_
ease contact Anthony Zeringue	at (225) 925-6407.
	SL with the information request 21 but no earnings were poste bosted rection of earnings and contribu- sting, please process a CCR to th a Prior Year Correction and p FY 2021 please provide TRSL will a co n to TRSL Date

#### Actuarial Cost/Charges for Prior Year Salary Corrections

If prior year correction <u>increases</u> earnings/contributions <u>and</u> 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

# Journal Entry screen

Online prior year corrections will create a record on your agency's *Journal Entry* screen in EMIS

 Actuarial JE – Prior Year Salary Corrections resulting in actuarial charges to your agency



Iournal Entry

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Em	nployer:		Fiscal Year:			
JE Num		JE Date	Fiscal Year Corrected	SSN	Name	
<u>60858</u>	Actuarial JE	08/02/	2024			
<u>60878</u>		08/02/	2023			
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#### EMPLOYER MANUAL 170 INDEX 17.0: Leave Information September 2018 TRS CONT EMPLOYER MANUAL 11.0 Sick leave Certificat INDEX 11.0: Retirement/DROP Processing November 2021 Sick lea update Whenever a TRSL-covered employee retires or enters DROP (Deferred Direct u Retirement Option Plan), TRSL will request the applicable employer(s) certify File tra specific information in a timely manner so that we are able to accurately CONTENTS (FTP) calculate the retirement benefits and promptly begin paying those benefits Service/ILSB retirement to the retiree. Summer : **Deferred Retirement** percent e This index provides employer information and instructions if a TRSL-covered Option Plan (DROP)

# Retirement MP rocess Index 11.0: Retirement MP rocess Screet All States and S

#### Provides information related to the retirement process

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#### Frequently asked questions

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. Supplement (Form 11RTW)

#### 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 <u>DROP</u> <u>Handbook: A guide to the Deferred Retirement Option Plan</u> publication.

#### Entering DROP (DROP In)

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

www.TRSL.org • 1-877-ASK-TRSL • web.master@trsl.org 11.0 - Retirement/DROP Processing

### When a TRSL member applies to retire/enter DROP

TRSL members have two ways to apply to retire:

- Application for Service Retirement, ILSB, or DROP (Form 11), or
- Through Member Access



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## TRSL encourages members to:

- Coordinate their retirement date with their employer
- Speak with their employer for questions regarding insurance benefits
- Work with their employer when requesting payment for annual leave payout

This differs from LASERS, as LASERS members are instructed to contact their agency's Human Resources Office to obtain a retirement application

Employers should receive a copy of acknowledgement letter confirming member's TRSL Retirement or DROP Application <u>within two weeks</u> of receipt at TRSL's office.

#### Employer certifications: Retirement/DROP processing

The following data is needed for each TRSLcovered 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)

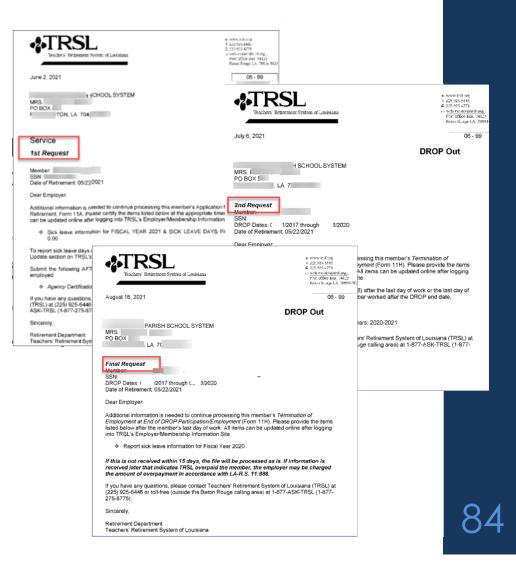
\*Must have access rights designated on Form 1 to submit information

Updates - Submit - Log
Agency Certification (Form 11B)
Annual Leave Update
Contribution Correction
Enrollments
Full-Time Only Corrections
Furlough Certification and Update
Home Address Update
ORP Salary Entry (up to 25 employees only)
Prior Year Salary Corrections
Questionable Year Certification
Retiree Voluntary/Insurance Deduction
Salary Contribution Entry (up to 25 employees only)
Sick Leave Days Paid Update
Sick Leave Add and/or Update
Terminations

# **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)

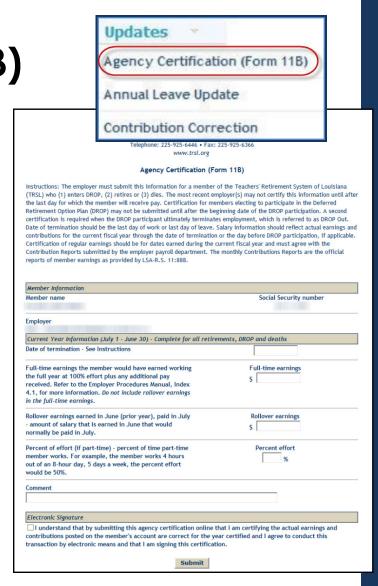
Certifies member's termination date and service credit for the current fiscal year

- 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

Available under Updates menu

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

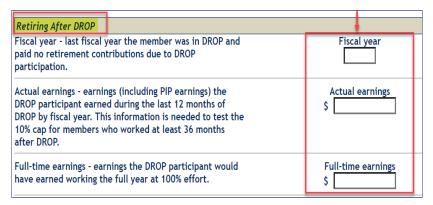
\*Effective date of retirement will be day after termination date OR date retirement/DROP application received, whichever is later



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# 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



Agency Certification (Form 11	В)
Instructions: The employer must submit this information for a member of the T (TRSL) who (1) enters DROP, (2) retires or (3) dies. The most recent employer(5) the last day for which the member will receive pay. Certification for members Retirement Option Plan (DROP) may not be submitted until after the beginning certification is required when the DROP participant ultimately terminates emploate of termination should be the last day of work or last day of leave. Salary i contributions for the current fical year through the date of termination or the Certification of regular earnings should be for dates earned during the current Contribution Reports submitted by the employer payroll department. The mont reports of member earnings as provided by LSA-R.S. 11:888.	) may not certify this information until after electing to participate in the Deferred date of the DROP participation. A second coyment, which is referred to as DROP Out. Information should reflect actual earnings and day before DROP participation, if applicable. fiscal year and must agree with the
Member Information	
Member name	Social Security number
Employer	
Current Year Information (July 1 - June 30) - Complete for all retirement	s, DROP and deaths
	er date in mm/dd/yyyy format.
Full-time earnings the member would have earned working the full year at 100% effort plus any additional pay received. Refer to the Employer Procedures Manual, Index 4.1, for more information. <i>Do not include rollover</i> <i>earnings in the full-time earnings</i> .	Full-time earnings S
Rollover earnings earned in June (prior year), paid in July - amount of salary that is earned in June that would normally be paid in July.	Rollover earnings S
Percent of effort (if part-time) - percent of time part-time member works. For example, the member works 4 hours out of an 8-hour day, 5 days a week, the percent effort would be 50%.	Percent effort
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Retiring After DROP	
Fiscal year - last fiscal year the member was in DROP and paid no retirement contributions due to DROP participation.	Fiscal year
Actual earnings - earnings (including PIP earnings) the DROP participant earned during the last 12 months of DROP by fiscal year. This information is needed to test the 10% cap for members who worked at least 36 months after DROP.	S
Full-time earnings - earnings the DROP participant would have earned working the full year at 100% effort.	Full-time earnings \$

## 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)

# 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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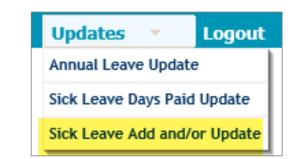
### Sick leave days used

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

OSUP submits annual sick leave file

 May need to certify current fiscal year (if not closed) or other fiscal years where sick leave data was not reported



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# 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



### 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)

C	Exar	nple		Si	ck Leave			
	SSN: -				Name:			
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2016	00	12	0.00			07/13/2021		
2017	00	12	2.50		EMPLOYER-FILE	11/13/2017		
2018	00	12	1.75		EMPLOYER-FILE	07/10/2018		
2019	00	12	18.25		EMPLOYER-FILE	07/08/2019		
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#### **Sharon Lachney**

Email: <u>sharon.lachney@trsl.org</u> Phone: 225-925-4097 (o) or 225-361-1482 (c)

# Surveys

#### Please complete online survey to help us improve future trainings!

- Survey link will be sent to all attendees via email this week
- Survey link closes in two weeks

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