# ANNUAL EMPLOYER TRAINING

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the designated personnel's signature if Inquiry only access is needed for additional employer staff. Employer personnel who are given Inquiry only access do not have to be designated as authorized signers.

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# Employer/Membership Information Site (EMIS)

#### TRSL's employer database

Employers can

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

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### **Reports available in EMIS**

Employer contacts with EMIS access can create various reports at any time

#### Various report options include:

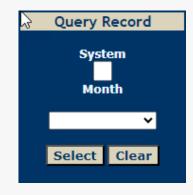
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### **Enrolled Not Reported**

Lists Active and Retired members employed by your agency but have months in which earnings/contributions have not been reported as expected.

- To get the most current results you must select the last month for which a salary/contribution file was submitted.
- Can help you identify members who should be terminated



### **Reporting Not Enrolled**

Lists people for which your agency has reported earnings/contributions to TRSL without a corresponding enrollment.

- Enter the system code and the current fiscal year
- Can help you identify people who need to be enrolled



# **Ending DROP Participation**

Report lists members from your agency who will end DROP for the time period selected

- Can query future and past dates (month/year)
- Employers should pull this report up to three months in advance to ensure deductions/contributions resume if employee continues working after DROP.





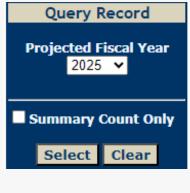
#### **Ending DROP Participation Report**

The Ending Drop Participation report contains a listing of TRSL members from your agency whose DROP participation period ends within the actual month and year requested. The actual month and year can include past or future dates. For example, if you request a report for May, 2009, then you will receive a report with members whose DROP end dates are from May 1 to May 31 of 2009.

### **Members Eligible to Retire**

Provides a list of employees who will be eligible to retire based upon information reported to TRSL and on the fiscal year selected.

• Report will also list employees who are currently in DROP and working after DROP.



#### Member Inquiry Test Environment Members Eligible to Retire Report

The Members Eligible to Retire Report provides a detailed report or a summary report of members eligible to retire. The report will include employees who meet eligibility requirements by June 30 of the projected fiscal year selected. The projection assumes that a full year of service credit will be added to the employee's current service years.

# **ORP to TRSL Election Eligibility**

Used to identify the ORP to TRSL Election eligibility status of ORP participants with earnings in FY 2024 or FY 2025. (Report will be modified after 07/01/2025 to only include those in the 5-year group as the 1-year group will no longer be applicable.)

- Can select One Year Window, Five Year Window, or both
- Can select any combination of Eligible, Not Eligible, May Be Eligible, Withdrawal Complete, and Approaching Close of Window (window closes within 2 years)



### EMIS system codes



System 4	<b>TRSL Regular Plan –</b> Defined Benefit Plan for "teachers" in TRSL eligible positions
System 6	ORP (Optional Retirement Plan) – Defined Contribution Plan; for employees who choose ORP instead of TRSL's Regular Plan (System 4) – available for unclassified employees at Louisiana public institutions of higher education

### 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

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### 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)	<ul> <li>Sick Leave – Use to update employers' 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)

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				

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

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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.

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# 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 often



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#### **EMPLOYER MANUAL 2.0 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 CONTENTS eligible employee in TRSL. Eligibility for TRSL membership State laws govern the rules of TRSL membership eligibility and enrollment. Plan types Some of them are referenced below: Membership eligibility Definition of Teacher (eligible for membership) – LSA R.S. 11:701(35) Ineligible employees Special conditions Part-time Employee Membership Eligibility – LSA R.S. 11:162 Part-time, seasonal, or Enrollment Timeline (60 days) – LSA R.S. 11:722

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#### Charter organizations with Dual positions in Plan B Incex 2.0: TRSL Metalis II rate to sections of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes that pertain to TRSL Parishes Retaining TRSL r physicing TRSL r physi

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



temporary employees

No Social Security number

Employees who contribute to two different systems

Visas

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)

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.

Retain Membership provision (at least 5 years eligibility service credit) –

TRSL Secondary Employer Criteria – Louisiana Administrative Code Title

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nsible for making the initial determination of an gibility for membership. The following pages explain hip rules that currently apply. Please review these y when making your eligibility determination.

nsible for documenting your decision regarding a bility. Your documentation will help protect you in s arise about a decision you have made.

- 4. You are responsible for regularly reviewing the determinations you have made. By doing so, you can ensure that you are reporting correctly.
- 5. All employers are responsible for reporting eligible members and retirees returning to work from the first day of hire.

2.0 - TRSL Membership

# TRSL membership eligibility (Non-retirees)

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

All **<u>unclassified</u>** employees at public college/university or higher education governing board

Lab school employees: other than bus drivers and maintenance personnel

Visa holders other than F-series or J-series

• Exception: J-1 visa holders are TRSL eligible

#### **Employment status:**

Work **at least half** of what the college or university considers full-time <u>or</u> more than 20 hours per week (employees who work 20 hours or less or less than 50% effort are considered part-time) <u>and/or</u> the position 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>:

#### Ten (10) year rule

- Ten or more years of eligibility service credit
- W-2 employees only
- Can work 20 hours or less per week or less than 50% effort

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

- Five or more years of eligibility service credit
- Applies ONLY to lab school classroom teachers who are paid with W-2 earnings
- Can work 20 hours or less per week

### 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 enrollment & reporting</u>:

#### 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 CONDITIONS

#### 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

### Adjuncts (Non-retirees)

Traditional adjuncts teach scheduled number of credit hours each semester

Must determine eligibility <u>EACH</u> semester

#### Eligibility to enroll Adjuncts:

- Must have 10 years TRSL service credit for eligibility to include part-time, seasonal, or temporary adjuncts <u>or</u>
- Must work at least 50% of Full-time and **NOT** be seasonal or temporary <u>or</u>
- Must meet Secondary Employment criteria to include part-time, seasonal, or temporary adjuncts

**SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT:** Part-time/seasonal/temporary employee working in a TRSL-eligible position at your agency and also has an existing primary enrollment with another TRSL-reporting agency

### 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

### **Enrollments process**

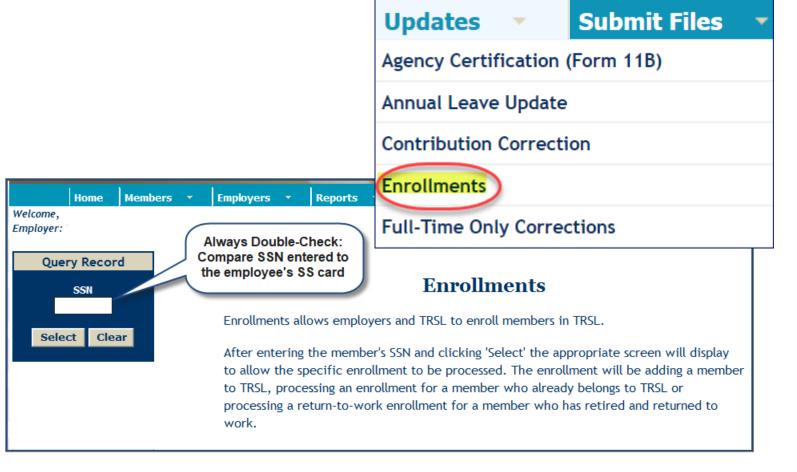
#### **Online enrollments in EMIS**

# 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.

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### **Enrollments – SPECIAL CONDTIONS**

### Enrollment 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
- Submit a Form 2TR, Election to Join TRSL after ORP Participation, if ORP participant is eligible to join TRSL

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### Joining TRSL after ORP Participation

### 1 Year Window vs. 5 Year Window

#### ORP Participants with a <u>1-Year Window</u> to Join TRSL

- ORP First Eligible Date before Aug. 1, 2020, and were active and contributing as of June 2024
- 1-Year Window that closes on June 30, 2025
- Must be eligible for TRSL at time of election (5-year/10-year rule for parttime, seasonal, or temporary)
- ORP to TRSL Election Eligibility is displayed on the Member Summary screen

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#### **Member Summary**

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# Joining TRSL after ORP Participation

### 1 Year Window vs. 5 Year Window

#### ORP Participants with a <u>5-Year Window</u> to Join TRSL

- ORP First Eligible Date on/after Aug. 1, 2020, and were active and contributing at time of election
- 5-Year Window beginning on ORP First Eligible Date
- Must be eligible for TRSL at time of election (5-year/10-year rule for part-time, seasonal, or temporary)
- ORP to TRSL Election Eligibility is displayed on the Member Summary screen



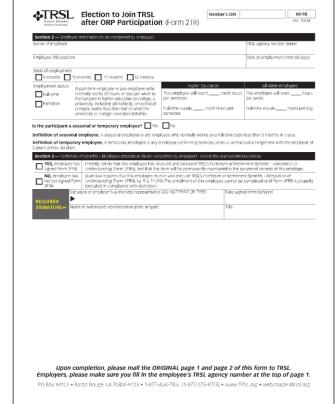
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### Form 2TR: Election to Join TRSL after ORP Participation

Use this form to enroll eligible ORP participants into TRSL's defined benefit plan if they make that election

- Must submit <u>original</u> form.
- Employee fills out 1<sup>st</sup> page
- Employer fills out 2<sup>nd</sup> page

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#### TRSL

#### INDEX 16.0: Optional Retirement Plan (ORP)

The Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) is a defined contribution plan and

CONTENTS Key features of the ORP	an alternative to the defined benefit plan administered by TRSL. The ORP was established on July 1, 1990, to provide retirement benefits to eligible participants while affording maximum portability.
ORP contributions ORP carriers	Eligible employees make an <i>irrevocable</i> election to participate in ORP. ORP participants are not considered TRSL members.
Eligibility ORP-eligible employers	Key features of the ORP:
Determining employee eligibility	<ul> <li>An ORP account is owned by the participant, and there is no waiting period to join the plan.</li> </ul>
ORP eligibility for	ORP accounts are portable.
non-higher education employees	<ul> <li>ORP participants control their own investments.</li> </ul>
Timeframe for choosing to participate in ORP Transfer of funds from	<ul> <li>Employee and employer contributions are invested by the designated ORP carrier in the investment option chosen by the participant.</li> </ul>
TRSL Regular to ORP	<ul> <li>Participants are 100% vested from the date of ORP enrollment.</li> </ul>
Enrollment - Form 16 Monthly ORP salary and	ORP contributions

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Provides information on the Defined Contribution Plan available to academic and unclassified employees of Louisiana colleges, universities, and community colleges



Recovering overpayments Carrier changes (Form 16) Re-employing an ORP participant Terminations Rollover requests Frequently asked questions

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

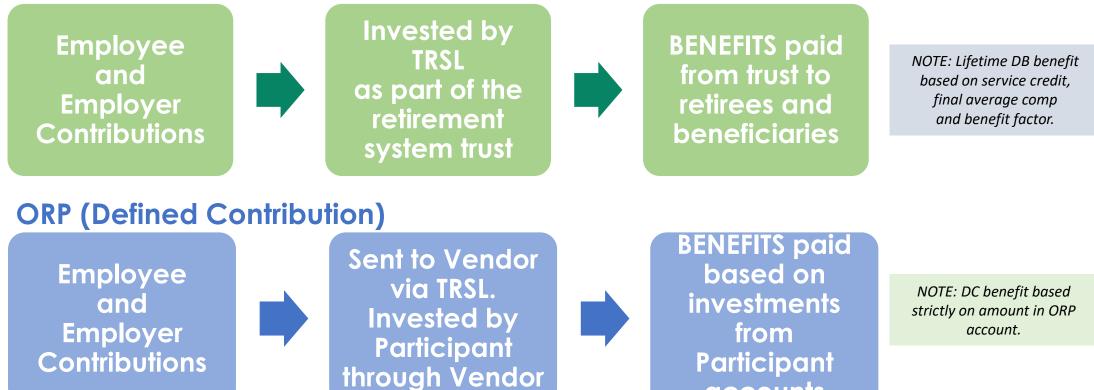
#### A Defined Contribution (DC) Plan

- Established July 1, 1990
- Available to unclassified employees of public institutions of higher education and their governing boards
- Designed to accommodate the higher education community with retirement benefits that are fully portable to other U.S. colleges and universities.

The decision to participate in the ORP is irrevocable, except as provided in La. R.S. 11:932 (Act 109 of 2024).

#### An alternative to TRSL

#### **TRSL Regular Plan (Defined Benefit)**



NOTE: Employer "transfer amount" sent to Vendor. Must be at least 6.2%. accounts



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# **Current ORP carriers**





# 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**

### The ORP should be offered to individuals in academic or unclassified positions within <u>higher education</u>; who

- Are directly employed (W2 employee); and
- Are not vested in TRSL (less than 5.0 years of eligibility credit); or
- Are vested in TRSL but are being employed in higher education for the first time (election must be made within 60 days of new employment).

Example: A TRSL regular member with 10 years of service credit with a K-12 employer changes jobs and is now, for the first time, working as an unclassified employee at a higher education institution. ORP is offered to full-time, parttime, seasonal, and temporary employees

#### ORP is not offered to

- employees of technical colleges or K-12 agencies
- Individuals employed by contract or corporate contract

### Irrevocability and Act 109

Participation in the ORP is an Irrevocable election, except as outlined in La. R.S. 11:932 (Act 109 of 2024). Therefore, continued participation in the ORP is required when

- Employee changes employers, even if employed outside higher education
- Employment status/capacity changes to part-time, seasonal, or temporary

Act 109 provides eligible ORP participants with a one-time window in which they can elect to leave the ORP and join TRSL as a brand-new member of the 2015 retirement plan.

• If not eligible under Act 109, or once eligibility window closes, the employee shall remain a participant of the ORP

### **ORP Effective Dates**

Determined by the timeframe in which the employee made the election.

> If election form signed within the first 60 days of hire

- Effective date will be the date of hire
- > If election form signed more than 60 days from date of hire
  - Effective date is the first of the month, determined by employee's signature date
    - If signed  $1^{st} 15^{th}$ , will be  $1^{st}$  of **current** reporting month
    - If signed  $16^{th} 31^{st}$ , will be  $1^{st}$  of **next** reporting month

Individuals employed in a TRSL-eligible <u>position and capacity</u> should be reported on the Regular System 4 salary file until their decision is made.

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# **ORP** Reporting

#### > Election made within 60 days of hire

- All contributions should be reported under ORP System 6
- Contributions previously reported under TRSL Regular System 4 should be removed via a CCR
- > Election made more than 60 days from date of hire
  - Only prospective contributions should be reported under ORP System 6
  - Contributions for salary earned prior to the ORP effective date should be reported to TRSL Regular System 4, if employee is eligible (not part-time, seasonal, or temporary)

Members who elect to participate in the ORP after contributing to TRSL may elect to have their contributions transferred out of the Defined Benefit Plan and into their ORP account.

Note: only employee contributions will be transferred to the carrier; TRSL retains the employer contributions in this scenario

### **Transfer of ORP Contributions**

Once the monthly ORP salary file and applicable payment is received, TRSL transfers the **employee** and **employer portions** of the reported contributions to the ORP carriers.

- ORP participants report/contribute 8% of salary and TRSL retains 0.05% of the 8% as an administrative fee
- Employer portion includes the Transfer Amount and the Shared Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL), only the Transfer Amount is transferred to the ORP carriers and TRSL retains the UAL portion

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

Total ORP Employer Contribut	Total ORP Employer Contribution Rate (FY 2026)								
Transfer Amount	6.2%								
Shared UAL	15.17%								
Total Employer Contribution Rate	21.37%								

### **ORP salary & contributions limits**

ORP participants are subject to a cap each calendar year, per IRC guidelines.

- Contributions for <u>calendar year 2025</u> are limited to \$70,000
- The limit includes both the employee and employer contribution amounts

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



Calendar Year	Maximum Annual Contribution (Employer & Employee contributions)
2025	\$70,000
2024	\$69,000
2023	\$66,000
2022	\$61,000
2021	\$58,000
2020	\$57,000
2019	\$56,000
2023 2022 2021 2020	\$66,000 \$61,000 \$58,000 \$57,000

### Termination of ORP participants

When an ORP employee terminates employment:

- 1. Update your HR system with the termination date
- 2. If applicable, remove the individual's name from your ORP salary file to ensure they are no longer reported
  - Do not report zeroes for participants with no earnings in the current reporting month
  - When the participant initiates a distribution, the ORP carrier will reach out to TRSL for authorization

If contributions were reported within the last six months, TRSL will request:

- Date of termination
- Last month in which contributions were/will be reported
- Depending on the timing of last contributions, the release of the termination date to the ORP carrier to complete the termination process could take 30-60 days

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Contributions & reporting

Earnable compensation Monthly salary & contribution reports Special cases Leave without pay Docked by substitute Extended sick leave Sabbatical leave 100% accrual

Part-time employees

As a participating TRSL reporting agency, accurate and timely contribution reporting and payments is an important part of your TRSL reporting duties.

This index provides information and instructions for TRSL reporting agencies to accomplish the following:

- 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 current year and prior years requiring corrections

 process terminations for TRSL-covered employees who have resigned or are as langue clicicle to costribute to TRSL.

earnings fund benefits paid out to TRSL members and their beneficiaries. Contributions are calculated based on a member's gross <u>earnable</u>

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<u>Contributions corrections</u>	
Prior year salary corrections	CL
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<u>contributions</u>	
Terminations	
Frequently asked questions	

 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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### Employer contribution rates

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

FISCAL		EMPLOYEE	EMPLOYER RATE							
YEAR	TRSL SUB-PLAN	NORMAL COST	Normal Cost	Admin Expense Rate	AFC Rate*	Shared UAL	Total Employer Contribution			
	K-12 Regular Plan	8.0%		0.36%						
2025-26	Plan A	9.1%	3.67%		1.75%	15.17%	20.95%			
2023-20	Plan B	5.0%								
	Higher Ed Regular Plan	8.0%	3.05%	0.36%	1.75%	15.17%	20.33%			
	K-12 Regular Plan	8.0%								
2024-25	Plan A	9.1%	3.73%	0.38%	1.50%	15.90%	21.51%			
2024-25	Plan B	5.0%								
	Higher Ed Regular Plan	8.0%	3.10%	0.38%	1.50%	15.90%	20.88%			

K-12 Regular Plan includes university laboratory schools; \* Effective FY 2024-25, used to directly pay for PBIs (permanent benefit increases) for TRSL retirees & benefit recipients

Note: FY 2025-26 employer rates subject to change if voters approve a constitutional amendment requiring a large one-time payment to the UAL during the March 29, 2025 statewide election

### 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

Defined in La. RS 11:701(10)

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

# Examples of Payments That Are Not Earnable Compensation

- Payment in lieu of unused sick or annual leave
- Lump sum payments for discontinuation of contractual services
- Form 1099 only payments for non-retirees without a Primary Employer
- Form 1099 secondary employer payments are not reportable if all of the following occur
  - Employee is not a TRSL retiree
  - Individual contract is for \$1,000 or less
  - Cumulative amount of Form 1099 payments issued by a single secondary employer to an employee in a fiscal year is \$15,000 or less



## 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



# Types of contributions

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

Tax sheltered (Type 30)	Tax unsheltered (Type 10)
<ul> <li>Active members only</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Employees on workers'</li></ul>
(including members	compensation (contributions via
working after DROP)	third-party payments)
<ul> <li>Includes paid sabbatical or</li></ul>	<ul> <li>USERRA payments</li> <li>TRSL retirees who returned to work</li></ul>
extended sick leave (only	in a TRSL-eligible position and are
for lab schools) <li>Employees on workers'</li>	classified as "retired teachers" or
compensation and using	enrolled under RTW Option 1 or
their sick leave	RTW Option 2.
	Employer contributions

# Monthly Salary and Contributions Reports

Employers are required to send contribution reports (salary/contributions files) each month detailing employees' earnable compensation and contributions paid by TRSL-covered employees. File layout can be found in Index 18.0.

• Direct upload on EMIS via File Submission is the most common method.

- If you use File Submission, you will receive either a summary report immediately telling you the file was accepted along with a list of any individual records that were rejected or an error report if the entire file was rejected.
- The error report will list the records that caused the file to be rejected along with a reason for each record.

### Monthly Salary and Contributions Reports

As of July 1, 2024, TRSL began rejecting salary/contribution files that contained ORP participants. If your file is rejected because it contains an ORP participant then you must remove that record and resubmit your file.

You must include the ORP participant on your ORP file. If you already submitted that month's ORP file then you must add that ORP participant's data to the next month's ORP file.

### 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
    - Clicking on "Error" link
    - "Generate Report" button



Query Record System 4	Employer Contribution Charges									
	TRSL - REGULAR Fiscal Year: Curr	ent Fiscal Yr	Employ Show	ver: Rejections	SB					
Fiscal Year 2024	Month		Earnings	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Full-Time	Employer			
Select Clear	JUL <u>Error</u>	Transmittal Rejections <u>CCRs</u> Posted	149,081.67 1,509.50 0.00 147,572.17	11,156.39 120.76 0.00 11,035.63	770.12 0.00 0.00 770.12	165,116.42 1,509.50 0.00 163,606.92	35,564.89			
Help Report Type Complete Report Sort Selection Social Security Number ~	AUG <u>Error</u>	Transmittal Rejections <u>CCRs</u> Posted	397,220.15 8,300.78 0.00 388,919.37	29,619.39 664.06 0.00 28,955.33	2,158.16 0.00 0.00 2,158.16	397,220.15 8,300.78 0.00 388,919.37	93,729.57			
Generate Report	SEP <u>Error</u>	Transmittal Rejections <u>CCRs</u> Posted	668,776.54 0.00 0.00 668,776.54	48,442.09 0.00 0.01 48,442.10	4,602.67 0.00 0.00 4,602.67	672,039.91 0.00 0.00 672,039.91	161,175.15			
Member Summary Account History Member Notations Monthly Salary/Contributions	OCT <u>Error</u>	Transmittal Rejections <u>CCRs</u> Posted	547,756.11 0.00 0.00 547,756.11	38,689.87 0.00 0.01 38,689.88	4,143.05 0.00 0.00 4,143.05	550,404.76 0.00 0.00 550,404.76	132,009.22			
Annual Salary History Benefit Payroll Benefit Payee COLA History	TOTAL <u>Report</u>	Transmittal Rejections CCRs Posted	1,762,834.47 9,810.28 0.00 1,753,024.19	127,907.74 784.82 0.02 127,122.94	11,674.00 0.00 0.00 11,674.00	1,784,781.24 9,810.28 0.00 1,774,970.96	422,478.83			

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# **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

TRSL - REGULAR Fiscal Year:		Employ Show	<b>/er:</b> Rejections	SC BD		
Month		Earnings	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Full-Time	Employer
JUL <u>Report</u>	Transmittal	1,237,676.57	97,043.49	19.20	1,240,912.51	
	Rejections	7,756.68	620.53	0.00	7,756.68	
	CCRs	-5,151.96	-412.16	0.00	-2,697.32	303,742.4
	Posted	1,224,767.93	96,010.80	19.20	1,230,458.51	
AUG Error	Transmittal	1,648,844.21	130,503.92	132.20	1,649,635.35	
	Rejections	8,011.25	607.30	33.60	8,011.25	
	CCRs	-4,902.04	-392.16	0.00	-4,902.04	405,710.8
	Posted	1,635,930.92	129,504.46	98.60	1,636,722.06	
SEP <u>Error</u>	Transmittal	7,348,769.65	581,962.39	4,669.27	7,354,294.04	
	Rejections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	CCRs	-134.48	-25.22	14.46	14,464.76	1,822,461.5
	Posted	7,348,635.17	581,937.17	4,683.73	7,368,758.80	
OCT Error	Transmittal	10,228,711.78	811,716.36	4,157.77	10,236,007.93	
	Rejections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	CCRs	-11,015.23	-881.22	0.00	2,249.33	2,533,988.7
	Posted	10,217,696.55	810,835.14	4,157.77	10,238,257.26	

### **Employer Contribution Charges**

# **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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					CCRs		-5,15			2.16	0.00	
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					Posted		7,348,63	5.17	581,93	7.17	4,683.73	7,36

### Recommend Report Type: Complete Report

Report Type
Complete Report
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

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nployer: 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		ACTIVE	03/02/2021	09/2023	Unsheltered	807.50	64.60	807.50	Contribution type invalid.
10/27/2021		RTW337 EL	10/27/2021	11/2023					RTW member Enrolled not reported.
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08/07/2003	08/03/2023	<b>B</b> EST RETIRE	08/04/2023	08/2023					Enrolled not reported.

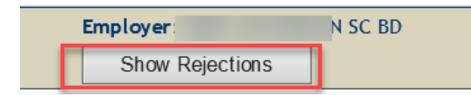
Tip: Exception records will delete from report upon each online correction/update

### **Retrieving salary rejections**

Review Employer Contribution Charges screen in EMIS after posting your monthly salary/contributions report for the applicable retirement 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.





Month/Year	SSN	Actual Earnings	Sheltered Contributions	Unsheltered Contributions	FullTime Earnings	Error Message
07/2024		26,728.91	2,138.32	0.00	26,728.91	CONTRIBUTION AMT MUST BE 0
07/2024		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	PERSON IN ESTIMATED STATUS
	TOTAL:	26,728.91	2,138.32	0.00	26,728.91	
08/2024		-317.46	-25.39	0.00	5,617.00	NEG MONEY AMOUNT DISALLOWED
08/2024		26,728.91	-213.83	0.00	26,728.91	NEG MONEY AMOUNT DISALLOWED
08/2024		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	PENDING RET/DROP/OPT5/DROP MBR
08/2024		-73.47	-5.87	0.00	5,633.00	NEG MONEY AMOUNT DISALLOWED
08/2024		-39.18	-3.13	0.00	9,013.00	NEG MONEY AMOUNT DISALLOWED
08/2024	s	-19.92	-1.59	0.00	4,583.00	NEG MONEY AMOUNT DISALLOWED
	TOTAL:	26,278.88	-249.81	0.00	51,574.91	
09/2024		-6.22	-0.49	0.00	7,436.00	NEG MONEY AMOUNT DISALLOWED
09/2024		1,020.00	81.60	0.00	1,020.00	PENDING RET/DROP/OPT5/DROP MBR
09/2024	-	-33.33	480.00	0.00	3,000.00	NEG MONEY AMOUNT DISALLOWED
09/2024		-48.88	704.00	0.00	4,400.00	NEG MONEY AMOUNT DISALLOWED
	TOTAL	024 57	1 265 11	0.00	15 956 00	



### Salary rejections

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

Month/Year	SSN	Actual Earnings	Sheltered Contributions	Unsheltered Contributions	FullTime Earnings	Error Message
07/2024		26,728.91	2,138.32	0.00	26,728.91	CONTRIBUTION AMT MUST BE 0
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	TOTAL	024 57	1 265 11	0.00	15 956 00	

#### Salary Rejections

# 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**

- Contribution Correction (current fiscal year only)
- Enrollments
- Terminations

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

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Agency Certification	n (Form 11B)
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ORP Salary Entry (u	p to 100 employees only)
Prior Year Salary Co	rrections
Questionable Year O	Certification
Retiree Voluntary/In	nsurance Deduction
Salary Contribution	Entry (up to 100 employees only)
Sick Leave Days Pai	d Update
	/or Update

## Contribution Corrections (CCR)

Corrects salary reporting in the current fiscal year

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

	Co	ntributior	n Correctio	on					
System: SSN: Name:									
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	Actual	Full-Time	Contribution	<u>Constrait sting</u>					
	Earnings	Earnings	Amount	Contribution Typ <del>e</del>					

# Monthly Correction Journal Screen

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

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

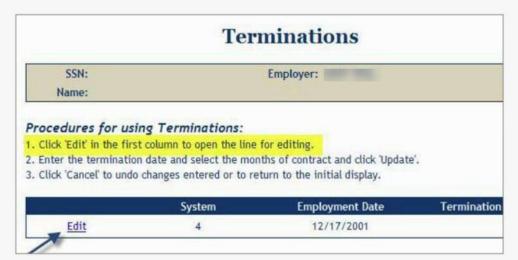
Monthly Correction Journal For 10/Year								
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	30 Posted o	R on 11/16/2023	9,323.98 by EMPR	745.92	9,323.98	5,671.10	453.69	5,671.10
	30 Posted o	R on 11/16/2023	10,923.98 by EMPR	873.92	10,923.98	4,496.99	359.76	4,496.99
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Employer Payments					
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Journal Entry					
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Monthly Correc	tion Jo	ournal			

# 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

Updates 🔻	Submit Files				
Agency Certification (Form 11B)					
Annual Leave Update					
Contribution Correction					
Enrollments					
Sick Leave Days Paid Update					
Sick Leave Add and/or Update					
Terminations					

### **EMPLOYER MANUAL 6.0**

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

September 2022

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 more information and instructions.)

• Full-time earnings: The compensation that would be payable if the employee worked full-time for the entire reporting period plus member would r as a full-time

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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.

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

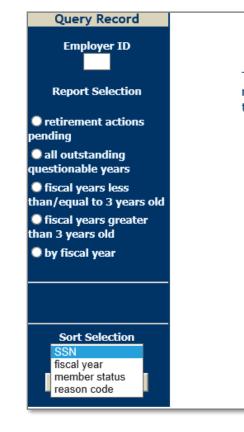
• Percent effort: 5/8 hours = 63% effort

<u>Example 2</u>: Adjunct employee scheduled for Fall semester to teach 6 credit hours; normal full-time is 15 credit hours for Fall & Spring

• Percent effort: 6/15 credit hours = 40% effort for Fall semester

### **Retrieving Questionable Years Report**

Reports 🔻	Updates	-	Logo		
Active/Active DROP	Member Servi	ice			
Agencies Without Ch	arges				
Annual Leave					
Checklist Status					
Contribution Except	ion				
Employer Payments					
Employer Delinquent Contributions					
Employer Statements					
Enrolled Not Reported					
Ending DROP Participation					
Furloughed Employe	es Certificati	on			
Insurance/Voluntary	Deduction				
Members Eligible to	Retire				
ORP Statements					
Questionable Years	Questionable Years				
Questionable Year Statistics for All Fiscal Years					
Reporting Not Enroll	ed				
Sick Leave					
Sick Leave Errors					



#### **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.
- Option 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 This report contains all outstanding questionable years sorted by SSN.

Current Count 345 as of 01/16/2025 Employer: Original Count 3,696 91% Complete

#### Description of Reason

1 Annual salary is more than 5% decrease from previous year

2 1st year of employment for an employer / 1st 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.

Name	Sys	SSN	Fiscal Year	Status	Date of Employment	Date of Termination	Actual Earnings	Full-Time Earnings		Reason for Questioning Year
WF	4		2023	INACTIVE	05/26/2022	06/28/2024	21,103.31	29,107.91	0.73	4
HE	4		2024	INACTIVE	08/08/2023	05/13/2024	44,000.00	44,000.00	0.93	2,3,4
WIL	4		2016	REFUNDED	01/14/2014	12/14/2015	29,350.00	29,350.00	0.48	1,3,4
BAC	4		2024	ACTIVE	08/09/2022		41,823.25	112,272.42	0.37	1,4

# 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

Reason:	
	Official Leave (Other than Sabbatical)
comment:	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

#### **Full-Time Only Corrections**

SSN:		Employer: BD					
Name:		Fiscal Year: 2017					
System: 4							
Contribution Type	Employer Indicator	Actual Earnings	Contribution Amount	Full Time Earnings	Service Credit		
			644.51	8,056,35		OUESTIONABLE YEAR	

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

- 1. The information as reported to TRSL for the fiscal year is displayed above.
- 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-RS. 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.
   If the fiscal year you are correcting has service credit LESS THAN 1.00 and the service credit bould 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.

 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:	V
Comment:	
	Submit
	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

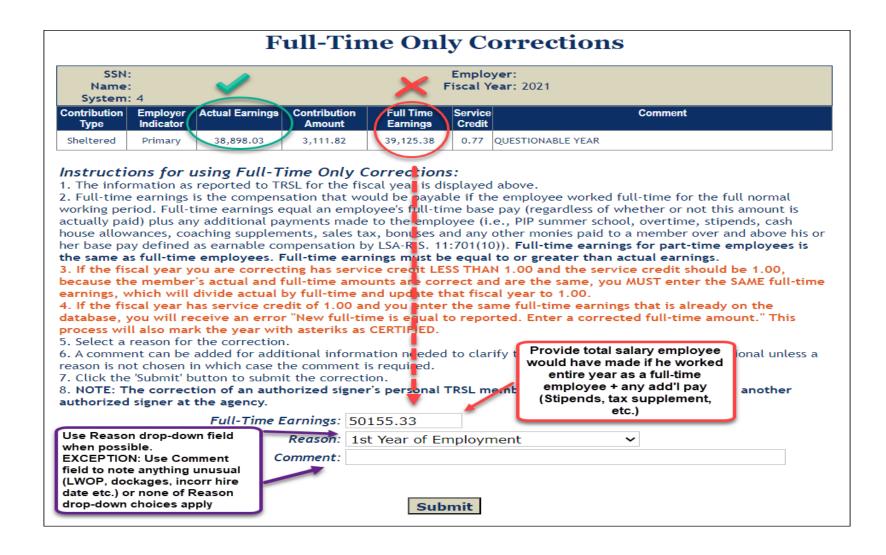
#### Questionable year reason codes

- 1. Annual earnings decreased more than 5% from previous year
- 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**



### **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:

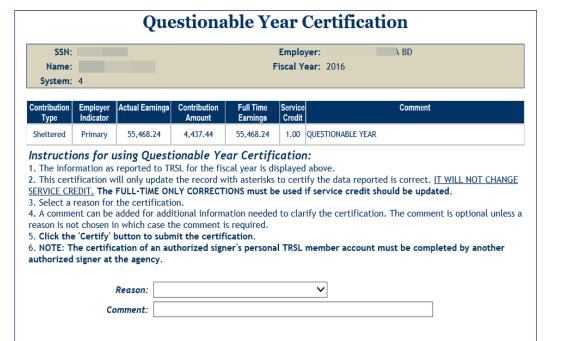
Current Fiscal Year:	FY 2025
Fiscal Year 1:	FY 2024
Fiscal Year 2:	FY 2023
Fiscal Year 3:	FY 2022
Older than three years:	FY 2021 & all fiscal years prior

### **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		
Cirgioniny	Reason:	
	Comment:	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
		Extra earnings
		Workers' compensation
		Summer school earnings
		Part-time employee
		Substitute earnings only



Certify

### **EXAMPLE: Questionable Year Certification**

Record appears on the Questionable Years report

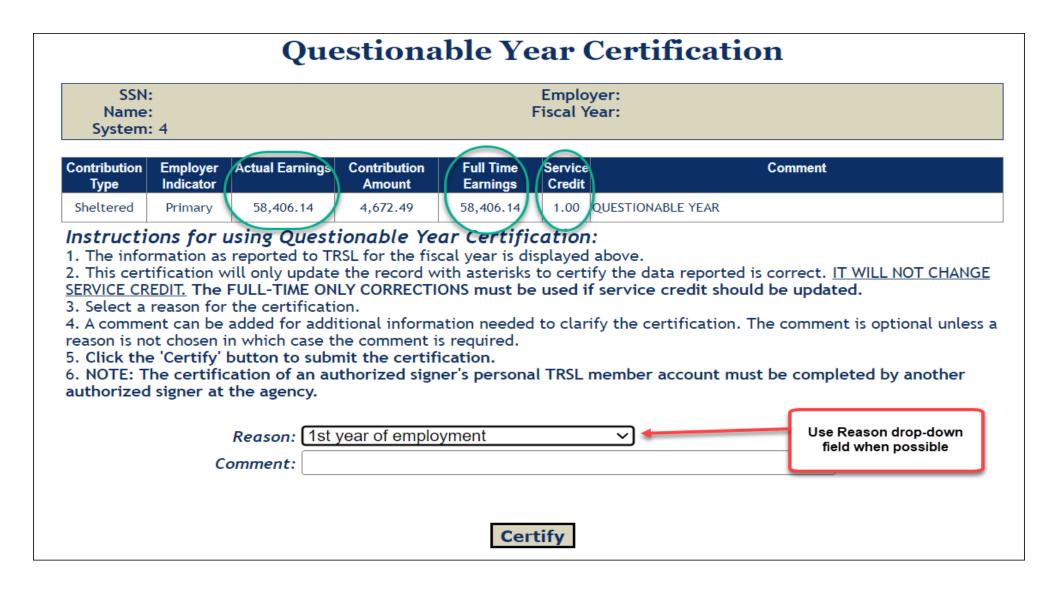
- **Example:** New hire as of 08/06/2020; need certification for 1st year of employment (FY 2021)
- Per employer's research, employee has worked the entire year and had no dockages or leave without pay (LWOP) during FY 2021; Both Actual Earnings and Full-time earnings previously reported are correct.

#### Questionable year reason codes

- 1. Annual earnings decreased more than 5% from previous year
- 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

Na	me	Sys	SSN	Fiscal Year	Status	Date of Employment	Date of Termination	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

SSN: Name: System:		R			Employ Fiscal	rer ID: BD Year: 2017	
Contribution Type	Employer Indicator	Actual Earnings	Contribution Amount	Full Time Earnings	Service Credit	Comment	
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	Sh	eltered:	Act	ual Earnings 14678.92		Full-Time Earnings Delete Postir	og
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□ 100% S <sup>·</sup>		y Correction Co	mmont			Salary Correction Full-Time	
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### Actuarial Cost/Charges for Prior Year Salary Corrections

If prior year correction *increases* earnings/contributions :

### For fiscal years three years old or less:

 employer will be charged member & employer contributions plus interest rate at the judicial rate.

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

- Employer will be charged the greater of the actuarial cost of the increase or the member and employer contributions plus interest at the actuarial rate
  - \$200 fee required
  - Separate Journal Entry invoice for actuarial charge

### The three-year timeline for **Prior Year Corrections:** Current Fiscal Year: FY 2025 FY 2024 Fiscal Year 1: Fiscal Year 2: FY 2023 Fiscal Year 3: FY 2022 Older than FY 2021 & all three years: fiscal years prior

### Certifying traditional adjunct employment - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Use TRSL's Adjunct Certification letter for adjunct employees employed by credit hour contracts

 Ensure eligibility each semester before certifying

Assigned Retirement Analyst Liaison will provide instructions to update online in EMIS

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UNIVER	SITY	SERVIC	E CREDIT CERTIFI	CATION - A	DJUNCT	
	LA	000		Re: SSN:		
The fisca information	on:		estioned for possible			y the following
Fiscal Year:	Number of Credit Hours or Classes taught per semester	Number of Credit Hours or Classes considered Full-Time	Actual Earnings for each Semester	Did member work the entire semester? (circle one)	If No, indicate Amount member would have earned if worked entire semester	Explanation for other earnings (i.e. additional compensation, overloads, grants, etc
July/Aug Summer Semester			\$	Yes / No	\$	
Fall Semester			\$	Yes / No	\$	
Spring Semester			\$	Yes / No	\$	
June Summer Semester			\$	Yes / No	\$	
Please verif			fore certifying anyon se see Index 2.0 of th			

## Certifying hourly adjuncts - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Typically requires a Full-time Only Correction

- 1. Verify hourly employee's enrollment eligibility
  - Must work more than 20 hours per week <u>OR</u>
  - Meets Ten (10) year rule for service credit for eligibility

### 2. Calculate Full-time Earnings amount

Hourly rate x total hours of contract for a year Examples:

- 9 months: 1,440 hours x hourly rate
- 12 months: 2,080 hours x hourly rate

### Certifying hourly adjuncts (cont.) - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

### Typically requires a Full-time Only Correction

3. Reason: If worked a set schedule then select "Part-time Employee" as the reason. If worked as needed with no set schedule then skip reason.

**4. Enter comment**: Hourly employee @ XX/hr, sched to work at least XX hours per week.

Document employees contracted to work more than 20 hours per week or at 50%

Full-time Only Corrections program

Full-Time Earnings:	Enter Full-time Amount	
Reason:	Select / Part-time	Employee"
Comment:	Enter Comment	

Submit





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### Provides information related to the retirement process

(Form 11)

Termination of

Employment at End

Application for RTW

Supplement (Form 11RTW)

of DROP Participation/ Employment (Form 11H)



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#### Frequently asked questions

Application for Service

Retirement, ILSB, or DROP

**RELATED FORMS** 

#### **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> 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 <u>Application for Service Retirement, ILSB, 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

# 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

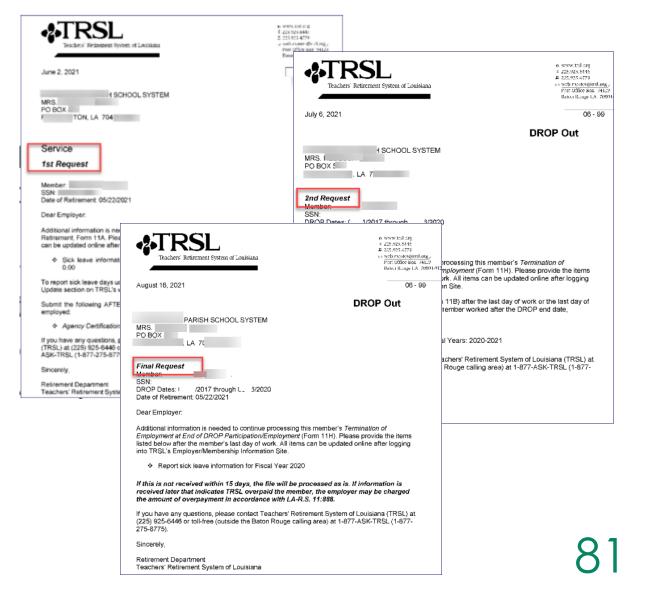
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Sick Leave Days Pa	id Update		
Sick Leave Add and	l/or Update		

\*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)

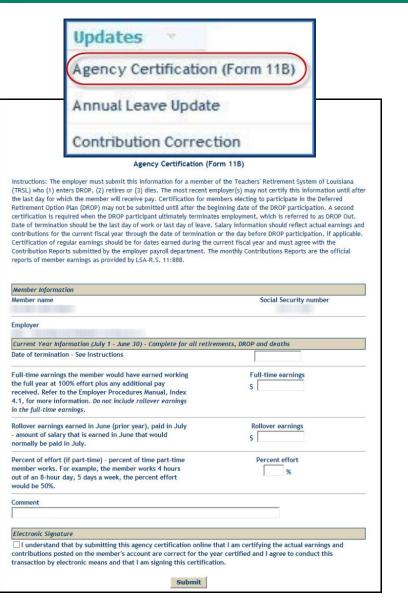
Certifies member's termination date and service credit for the current fiscal year

- 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

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 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

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.	Actual earnings \$
Full-time earnings - earnings the DROP participant would have earned working the full year at 100% effort.	Full-time earnings \$

Agency Certification (Form 11B)	)
Instructions: The employer must submit this information for a member of the Tead (TRSL) who (1) enters DROP, (2) retires or (3) dies. The most recent employer(s) r the last day for which the member will receive pay. Certification for members ele Retirement Option Plan (DROP) may not be submitted until after the beginning di certification is required when the DROP participant ultimately terminates employ Date of termination should be the last day of work or last day of leave. Salary inf contributions for the current fiscal year through the date of termination or the d Certification neports submitted by the employer payroll department. The monthl reports of member earnings as provided by LSA-R.S. 11:888.	may not certify this information until after ecting to participate in the Deferred ate of the DROP participation. A second yment, which is referred to as DROP Out. formation should reflect actual earnings and ay before DROP participation, if applicable. scal year and must agree with the
Member Information	
Member name	Social Security number
Employer	
Current Year Information (July 1 - June 30) - Complete for all retirements,	
Date of termination - See Instructions Enter	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 \$
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 \$
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
Comment	
	+
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.	Actual earnings S
Full-time earnings - earnings the DROP participant would have earned working the full year at 100% effort.	Full-time earnings S

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### Termination date vs. retirement date

Termination date cannot be the same as the retirement date.

### **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)

# **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** <u>and</u> the employer has entered an **online termination date** after retiree's last day of work.

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ноw то	DROP OFF or MAIL IN	EMAIL	FAX	TRSL U	SE ONLY
SUBMIT:	8401 United Plaza Blvd, Ste 300 Baton Rouge LA 70809	web.master@trsl.org	(225) 925-6366		wed by:

Print in blue or black ink or type all entries except signatures. Complete Sections 1–5 of this form. If you are continuing employment after returning to work, you do not need to complete this form until you are ready to terminate employment. Your application may be canceled prior to receiving your first RTW Supplemental Benefit. Contact TRSL immediately if you intend to cancel your application.

Address: Street / PO box	City, state, zip
Daytime telephone (include area code)	Email address
Marital status	Has your marital status changed since returning to work?
Single Married Divorced Re-married Legally Widowed	Yes No
Name of current or last employer	Job title
Section 2 - Employment termination	
Last day of work (mm/dd/www) Your supplement	tal benefit will be effective 90 days after this date.
	an benefit will be enceave 70 days after this date.
Section 3 - Direct deposit	
DIRECT DEPOSIT (If TRSL doesn't receive a new Form 15D before your benefit resumes,	vour provious bank information will be used )
Use Form 15D already on file with TRSL I will submit a NEW For	ITT ISD
Section 4 - Federal tax information	
	mes, the most recent tax withholding on file with TRSL will be used. If you would like
pdate your withholding, please complete a new Form W-4P, which is available at www.tr	A set of the set of th

I hereby make application for retirement in accordance with Louisiana laws. I have carefully read the instructions and made the appropriate date of termination designation in Section 2. I understand that I should receive an acknowledgment letter by mail approximately two weeks after the date TRSL receives my application. If I do not receive an acknowledgment letter, I will contact TRSL.

Member's signature (DO NOT PRINT OR TYPE)	Date signed (mm/dd/yyyy)
Member's signature (DO NOT PRINT OR TYPE)	Date signed (mm/dd/yyyy)

Supplemental benefit is not effective until **90 days** after the 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

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



## 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)

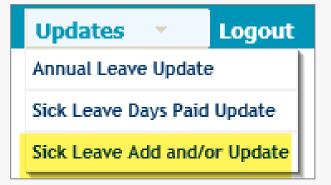
# Sick Leave Add and/or Update SSN: System: 4 Employer: Procedures for using Sick Leave Add and/or Update: 1. Click 'Edit' or 'Add' in the first column to open the line for editing. 2. Enter the appropriate data and click 'Update'.

3. Click 'Cancel' to undo changes entered or to return to the initial display.

4. Click 'Delete' to remove data permanently.

NOTE: The certification of an authorized signer's personal TRSL member account must be completed by another authorized signer at the agency.

	Fiscal Year Ending	Months of Contract	Days Used	Summer School Days Worked	Summer School % Effort	Eligibility Indicator	Data Unavailable	Error Code	
Edit	1999	12	14.00	0.00	0	Y			Delete
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Edit	2002	09	4.00	0.00	0	Y			<u>Delete</u>
Edit	2003	09	6.50	0.00	0	Y			<u>Delete</u>
Edit	2004	09	4.00	0.00	0	Y			<u>Delete</u>
Edit	2005	09	2.00	0.00	0	Y			<u>Delete</u>
Edit	2006	09	12.50	0.00	0	Y			<u>Delete</u>
Edit	2007	09	6.00	0.00	0	Y			<u>Delete</u>
Edit	2008	09	22.00	0.00	0	Y			<u>Delete</u>
Edit	2009	09	11.00	0.00	0	Y			<u>Delete</u>
Edit	2010	09	5.50	0.00	0	Y			<u>Delete</u>



# 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	Numeric	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)	



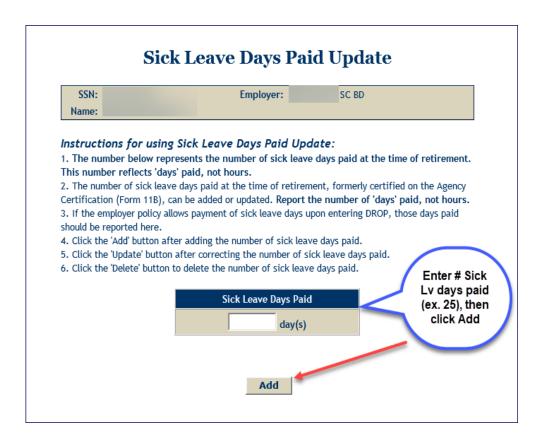
**Tip:** Check Sick Leave Summary Report for sick leave records rejected from the uploaded sick leave data file.

## 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)

				51	ck Leave				
SSN: A Name:									
Fiscal Year	Employer ID	Months of Contract	Days Used	Eligibility	Last Updated By	Transaction Date	Summer Days Worked	Summer Percent Effort	
2014	00	12	1.00		EMPLOYER-FILE	07/10/2014			
2015	00	12	0.00			03/30/2017			
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			
2020	00	12	5.50		EMPLOYER-FILE	07/21/2020			
2021	00	12	45.00		EMPLOYER-FILE	11/01/2021			
		Total:	166.50		days used 07/01/1990 and forward.				
			Sie	ck Le	ave Days Paid				
Days	Paid	Employe	er ID		Last Updated By		Transacti	on Date	

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Member Summary						
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Member Notat	ions					
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Annual Salary History						
Benefit Payroll						
Benefit Payee						
COLA History						
1099-R Information						
Retirement Be	enefit Pa	syment History				
Sick Leave/Annual Leave						
DROP/ILSB Sur	nmary/H	listory				



### Contains information regarding the employment of TRSL retirees

June 30,

in TRSL-covered positions

of service

eligible for the 2022 RTW Group. • At least age of (La. R.S. 11:710.2)

#### Enrollments

The return-to-work (RTW) laws require employers to notify TRSL of all retirees returning to work in TRSL-covered positions within 30 days of such reemployment.

If an employer fails to enroll a reemployed retiree within 30 days of reemployment, and a retiree receives benefits which would have been suspended had the enrollment occurred timely, the return-to-work law provides that the employer shall be liable to TRSL for repayment of such benefits.

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15.0 - RTW Overview

### 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

La. R.S. 11:710 <b>2010 RTW Group</b>	Retired <b>before</b> July 1, 2020 <b>Standard transfer option:</b> can elect to move into the "new" group. This is an irrevocable election; retiree is permanently forfeiting their eligibility to "old" categories
<u>La. R.S. 11:710.1</u> <b>2020 RTW Group</b>	Retired <b>on/after</b> July 1, 2020 + those who elect to transfer from 2010 to 2020 group <b>Special transfer option:</b> 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
La. R.S. 11:710.2 2022 RTW Group	Higher education critical shortage (adjunct professor in a nursing program where a critical shortage exists)

### 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.

There are no exemptions or waivers, but some categories of the laws are more permissible than others. Standard 12-month waiting period exists

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

### <u>2010</u>

- Grandfathered Group (1173)
- Advanced Speech
- Retired Member (Suspension)

• Earnings Limit

Critical Shortage

#### <u>2020</u>

- RTW Supplemental (RTW Option 2/ACT-RET)
- Contracted/Corporate Contract Employment (Suspension)

# 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
- 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.

# **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.

### 2010 RTW Law Retired before July 1, 2020

 Position typically determines provision & benefit impact

### 2020 RTW Law Retired on or after July 1, 2020

 Hiring method determines "options"

# Identifying retiree's group

#### Status Information

Sys	Seq	Status	Code	Date	DROP Record
4	0	DROP RET	(RR)	06/30/2016	DROP Summary
4		RTW921-394	(SC)	08/02/2024	

	Employment History					
Empr ID	Emp Ind	Employer Name	RTW Type		RTW Portal	Employment Dates
	Р	ST JAMES SC BD				10/18/1970 to 06/22/2000
	R	ST JAMES SC BD	RTW-ACT1173		A	01/01/2007 to 05/08/2007
	R	ST JOHN SC BD	RTW-ACT1173		Α	12/01/2006 to 05/24/2007
	R	ST JOHN SC BD	RTW-ACT1173		Α	11/01/2007 to 12/20/2007
	R	ST JAMES SC BD	RTW-ACT1173		Α	02/01/2008 to 06/30/2008



### 2010 RTW Provisions

Benefit Impact	No impact	<b>Earnings Limit</b> (25% of Benefit)	Suspended benefit
Position eligibility	Grandfathered group & advanced speech	Adjunct, tutor of K-12 students, proctor, presenter of professional development	All other positions, including administrative, athletic, clerical, etc.
Contribution requirement	Yes, refundable upon terminating reemployment	Yes, refundable upon terminating reemployment	No

### 2020 RTW Options

Option	<b>RTW Option 1</b> Earnings Limit / 25% FAC	<b>RTW Option 2</b> Suspended benefit	Contract Employment 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	Yes, accrues supplemental benefit (11RTW & DOT needed to resume)	<u>No</u> (DOT needed to resume)

### 2022 RTW Options

Critical Shortage	No impact	Adjunct professor in a nursing program where a shortage exists	Yes refundable upon termination
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### 2022 RTW Law (La. R.S. 11:710.2) \*Higher Ed Only\*

Applies to <u>adjunct professor positions</u> in a <u>nursing program</u> where a *critical shortage exists* 

### **Retiree eligibility:**

- Retired on/before June 30, 2020
- Have at least 30 years of service
- Be at least age 62

### To declare:

Must list unfilled positions or positions filled by retirees on websites of:

- 1. Post-secondary institution
- 2. Institution's management board
- 3. Board of Regents

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