

(8) "Prior service" shall mean service rendered prior to the date of establishment of the retirement system, or service rendered prior to membership in the Retirement System, for which credit is allowable under Section 4 of this Article.

(10) "Creditable service" shall mean prior service plus membership service for which credit is allowable as provided in Section 4 of this Article. In the case of employees who enjoy such status by virtue of employment in county road systems, as hereinbefore provided, prior service credit shall include credit for the full period for which they have been so employed by the county involved, including service rendered before supervision and control were assumed by the State Roads Commission.

(4) Any employee who elects under sub-section (2) of this Section not to become a member, may thereafter apply for and be admitted to membership; but no such employee shall receive prior service credit unless he becomes a member within the first year following the date of establishment. Any unclassified hourly employee of the State Roads Commission and any employee who is such by virtue of his status as a worker on a county road system, as hereinbefore provided, may apply for and be admitted to membership, and at the time of his admission to membership shall be allowed credit for all prior service for the State, and in addition thereto, shall be granted credit for the period of employment by either the State or the County in the maintenance of county roads, whether under the jurisdiction of the State Roads Commission or prior to the time the State Roads Commission may have assumed jurisdiction over such maintenance. Provided, however, any such employee shall not receive prior service credit unless he make formal application to become a member within one year from the effective date of this Act.

(1) Under such rules and regulations as the Board of Trustees shall adopt, each member who was an employee at any time during the year immediately preceding the date of establishment and who becomes a member during the first year after the date of establishment, shall file a detailed statement of all service as an employee rendered by him prior to the date of establishment for which he claims credit. Each member who is an unclassified hourly employee of the State Roads Commission, or who is an employee by virtue of employment on a county road system, as hereinbefore provided, at the effective date of this Act, and who becomes a member during the first year thereafter, shall file a detailed statement of all services as an