

(6) Should any member in any period of six consecutive years after last becoming a member be absent from service more than two years, or should he withdraw all or part of his accumulated contributions, or should he become a beneficiary or die, he shall thereupon cease to be a member; provided, however, that any member who was absent from service for more than two years on account of the transfer or lease to the United States of the facility or property where said member was employed and who continued to work at the same place as an employee of the United States until the return of the property to the State after the war, when he again became an employee of the State, shall be entitled to credit for all service as an employee of the State before he became an employee of the United States as hereinbefore described and his prior service certificate shall again become effective as if he had not ceased to be an employee of the State. However, any such person who has withdrawn his accumulated contributions (other than one who has become a beneficiary or died) may subsequently redeposit in the retirement system the amount of accumulated contributions previously withdrawn, with interest to the date of redeposit, and regain previous service credit with the condition, however, that he may not retire within three years after the date of reentry in the retirement system.

Any member who had terminated membership in the Teachers' Retirement System or the State Police Retirement System may and upon deposit into the Employees' Retirement System of the accumulated contributions previously withdrawn from the Teachers' System or the State Police System, with interest to date of deposit, receive credit in the Employees' System for the service that had previously been terminated with the condition, however, that he may not retire within three years after the date of entry in the Employees' Retirement System.

(7) It shall be the duty of the head of each department to submit to the board of trustees a statement showing the name, title, compensation, duties, date of birth, and length of service of each member and such information regarding other employees in his department as the board of trustees may require. The board of trustees shall then place each member in one of the following groups:

Group 1. Clerical, administrative, professional and technical workers engaged in duties requiring principally mental exertion.

Group 2. Laborers, mechanics and other workers engaged in duties requiring principally physical exertion.

Any other group of not less than two hundred and fifty persons which may be hereafter recommended by the actuary on the basis of service and mortality experience and approved by the board of trustees, to cover all or part of any group or groups previously created or any additional classes of employees.

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(7) Credit for previous membership; payment of contributions withdrawn. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this article, every employee of the State or of a participating municipal corporation, who is or becomes a member of the Employees' Retirement System and who at any previous time since October 1, 1941, was an employee of the State or of one or more of the counties or municipal corporations of this State, and whose previous employment by the State or county or municipal corporation of this State was not terminated [as] AT his own volition, shall receive in the Employees' Retirement System service credit for the time spent as a member of the Employees' Retirement System in such previous employment so that he shall again be credited with all his creditable service as a member of the Employees' Retirement System, including prior service credit to which he was entitled during the previous employment. Upon receiving a claim for