

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY ADOPT, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL VERIFY, AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE FILING OF SUCH STATEMENTS OF SERVICE, THE SERVICE THEREIN CLAIMED.

(4) SERVICE CERTIFICATES. --UPON VERIFICATION OF THE STATEMENTS OF SERVICE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL ISSUE PRIOR SERVICE CERTIFICATES CERTIFYING TO EACH MEMBER THE LENGTH OF SERVICE RENDERED PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, WITH WHICH HE IS CREDITED ON THE BASIS OF HIS STATEMENT OF SERVICE. SO LONG AS MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES A PRIOR SERVICE CERTIFICATE SHALL BE FINAL AND CONCLUSIVE FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES AS TO SUCH SERVICE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY MEMBER MAY, WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OR MODIFICATION OF SUCH CERTIFICATE, REQUEST THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO MODIFY OR CORRECT HIS PRIOR SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

WHEN MEMBERSHIP CEASES SUCH PRIOR SERVICE CERTIFICATE SHALL BECOME VOID. SHOULD THE TEACHER AGAIN BECOME A MEMBER, SUCH TEACHER SHALL ENTER THE SYSTEM AS A TEACHER NOT ENTITLED TO PRIOR SERVICE CREDIT EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN §86(5) (B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(5) WHAT CONSTITUTES CREDITABLE SERVICE ON RETIREMENT. --CREDITABLE SERVICE AT RETIREMENT ON WHICH THE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE OF A MEMBER SHALL BE BASED SHALL CONSIST OF THE MEMBERSHIP SERVICE RENDERED BY HIM SINCE HE LAST BECAME A MEMBER, AND ALSO IF HE HAS A PRIOR SERVICE CERTIFICATE WHICH IS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT, THE AMOUNT OF THE SERVICE CERTIFIED ON HIS PRIOR SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

(6) HOLDERS OF EMERGENCY TEACHING CERTIFICATES. --NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE MEMBERS WHO HELD EMERGENCY TEACHING CERTIFICATES, AND WHO THEREAFTER EXERCISED THE OPTION OF MEMBERSHIP EXTENDED TO THEM BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTING PURSUANT TO ITS POWER SET FORTH IN §83(6) OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO SERVICE CREDIT FOR THE SERVICE PERFORMED BY SUCH MEMBERS WHILE HOLDING EMERGENCY TEACHING CERTIFICATES, PROVIDED THAT THEY PAY INTO THE SYSTEM AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED OF THEM HAD THEY BEEN MEMBERS OF THE SYSTEM WHILE PERFORMING SUCH SERVICE.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN DENIED THE BENEFITS OF THIS SUBSECTION DUE TO RETIREMENT PRIOR TO ITS ENACTMENT MAY UPON APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, RECEIVE THE SERVICE RETIREMENT TO WHICH THEY WOULD BE ENTITLED IF THEY RETIRED SUBSEQUENT TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE SUBSECTION.

(7) OUT-OF-STATE, NONPUBLIC, OR POSTSECONDARY TEACHING SERVICES. --A MEMBER MAY RECEIVE CREDIT TOWARDS ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER §86 OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR OUT-OF-STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHING SERVICE, NONPUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHING SERVICE OR POSTSECONDARY TEACHING SERVICE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF TEN YEARS IF THE MEMBER FILES A CLAIM FOR IT WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PAYS INTO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE RESE&VES REQUIRED TO FUND THE