

26-302. ELIGIBILITY SERVICE — RULES FOR COMPUTATION.

(A) IN GENERAL.

SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO ELIGIBILITY SERVICE FOR PERIODS OF EMPLOYMENT WHILE A MEMBER OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES PENSION SYSTEM.

(B) 700-HOUR RULE.

(1) IF A MEMBER COMPLETES AT LEAST 700 HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT WHILE A MEMBER IN ANY FISCAL YEAR, THE MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO 1 YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE.

(2) EXCEPT IN THE FIRST AND LAST FISCAL YEARS, A MEMBER MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY ELIGIBILITY SERVICE FOR A FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE MEMBER COMPLETES LESS THAN 700 HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT WHILE A MEMBER.

(3) IN THE FIRST AND LAST FISCAL YEARS, IF A MEMBER COMPLETES LESS THAN 700 HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT WHILE A MEMBER, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL PRORATE THE ELIGIBILITY SERVICE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 73B, § 8-301(a).

In subsection (a) of this section, the phrase "[s]ubject to subsection (b) of this section" is added to clarify that to receive eligibility service, a member must satisfy the conditions stated in subsection (b).

Also in subsection (a) of this section, the reference to "July 2, 1990" is deleted as obsolete and unnecessary since an individual could not have been a member before that date.

In subsection (b) of this section, the references to "employment while a member" are substituted for the former references to "service" for accuracy and to reflect that "service" is no longer a defined term.

In subsection (b)(2) and (3) of this section, the word "fiscal" is added to modify "first and last ... years" for clarity and to conform to the reference to a "fiscal year" in subsection (b)(1) of this section.

In subsection (b)(3) of this section, the reference to the "Board of Trustees" is added to clarify who has the responsibility to prorate the eligibility service.

Defined terms: "Board of Trustees" § 20-101

"Eligibility service" § 20-101

"Member" § 20-101

"Natural Resources Pension System" § 20-101

26-303. SAME — BREAK IN SERVICE RULES.

(A) "BREAK IN SERVICE" DEFINED.