

(2) WITH RESPECT TO ANY FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH A MEMBER COMPLETES AT LEAST 700 HOURS OF SERVICE, THERE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE MEMBER'S ELIGIBILITY SERVICE A FULL YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE.

(3) EXCEPT IN THE FIRST AND LAST YEARS, A MEMBER MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY ELIGIBILITY SERVICE CREDIT IN ANY FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE MEMBER COMPLETES LESS THAN 700 HOURS OF SERVICE. IN THE FIRST AND LAST YEARS, THE ELIGIBILITY SERVICE CREDIT FOR LESS THAN 700 HOURS OF SERVICE SHALL BE PRORATED BASED ON THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED.

(B) (1) FOR ANY MEMBER WHO HAS TRANSFERRED TO THIS PENSION SYSTEM FROM THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CREDITABLE SERVICE RECOGNIZED UNDER THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM THROUGH THE DATE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE MEMBER BECOMES A MEMBER OF THIS PENSION SYSTEM SHALL BE ELIGIBILITY SERVICE.

(2) CREDIT TRANSFERRED FROM A RETIREMENT OR PENSION SYSTEM UNDER TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 4 OF THIS ARTICLE (TRANSFERS) SHALL BE ELIGIBILITY SERVICE.

(C) ELIGIBILITY SERVICE SHALL INCLUDE PERIODS WHILE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 65, § 88 OF THE CODE.

(D) A PERIOD DURING WHICH A MEMBER IS ON A LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, UNDER RULES THAT APPLY TO ALL MEMBERS SIMILARLY SITUATED, SHALL BE INCLUDED IN ELIGIBILITY SERVICE, IF THE PERIOD OF LEAVE IS NOT INCLUDED OTHERWISE UNDER THIS SECTION.

(E) (1) THERE SHALL BE A BREAK IN SERVICE FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR AFTER THE YEAR IN WHICH A MEMBER FIRST BECOMES EMPLOYED DURING WHICH THE MEMBER DOES NOT COMPLETE MORE THAN 350 HOURS OF SERVICE WITH THE STATE.

(2) A MEMBER WHO INCURS A BREAK IN SERVICE AND LATER RETURNS TO MEMBERSHIP MAY BE CREDITED WITH THE ELIGIBILITY SERVICE TO WHICH THE MEMBER WAS ENTITLED BEFORE THE BREAK IN SERVICE, IF:

(I) 1. THE MEMBER HAS COMPLETED 1 YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE FOLLOWING THE BREAK IN SERVICE; AND

2. THE NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE 1-YEAR BREAKS IN SERVICE OF THE MEMBER IS LESS THAN THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE RENDERED AS A MEMBER OF THIS PENSION SYSTEM BEFORE THE BREAK IN SERVICE, DETERMINED AS OF THE TIME OF THE BREAK IN SERVICE AND EXCLUDING ANY ELIGIBILITY SERVICE DISREGARDED BECAUSE OF ANY PRIOR BREAK IN SERVICE; OR