

**OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULE
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BOARD
CHAPTER 459
DIVISION 075 – OPSRP PENSION PROGRAM**

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Retirement Credit

(1) For purposes of this rule:

(a) “Active member” has the same meaning as provided in ORS 238A.005.

(b) “Major fraction of a month” means *[a minimum of 50 hours in]* any calendar month in which an active member is employed for more than one-half of the total calendar days in the calendar month, being paid a salary by a participating public employer, and for which benefits under ORS Chapter 238A are funded by employer contributions.

(2) Except as provided in OAR 459-0~~11~~05-001~~5~~0(3), an active member accrues one month of retirement credit for each month in which the member performs service or *[recieves]*receives paid leave as described in OAR 459-010-0011 for the major fraction of the month.

(3) An active member is presumed to have performed service for a major fraction of a month if:

(a) The member performs at least 600 hours of service in the calendar year and the member’s employer(s) reports salary and hours for a pay period occurring within the calendar month;

(b) The member starts employment on or before the 15th day of the calendar month and the employment continues through the end of the month;

(c) The member starts employment on or before the first day of the calendar month and ends employment on or after the 16th day of the month; or

1 (d) The member starts employment on or before the first day of the calendar month and
2 ends employment before the 16th day of the month, but is reemployed in a qualifying
3 position before the end of the month.

4 (4) A member or employer may seek to rebut the determination of creditable service
5 based on the presumptions in section (3) by providing to PERS records that establish that
6 the member did or did not perform service for a major fraction of a month as defined in
7 subsection (1)(c) of this rule.

8 (5) An active member who is a school employee will accrue six months of retirement
9 credit if the member performs service for a major fraction of each month of a school year
10 when school is normally in session that falls between January 1 and June 30, and six
11 months of creditable service if the member performs service for a major fraction of each
12 month of a school year when school is normally in session that falls between July 1 and
13 December 31.

14 (a) School is presumed to be in session during the following dates:

15 (A) For non-Higher Education employment, the first half of the school year is presumed
16 to begin on or before September 15 and end on or after December 16;

17 (B) For Higher Education employment, the first half of the school year is presumed to
18 begin on or before September 26 for Higher Education employment and end on or after
19 December 16;

20 (C) For all school employment, the second half of the school year is presumed to begin
21 on or before January 7 and end on or after May 26.

1 (b) If the school year falls outside the presumed dates described above, PERS must
2 receive acceptable certification from the employer of the actual begin and end dates for
3 each half of the school year.

4 (c) An active member who is a school employee on leave of absence without pay may
5 accrue retirement credit as follows:

6 (A) If the period of leave of absence without pay falls outside the dates when school is
7 presumed to be in session, the active member may accrue six months of retirement credit
8 as described above.

9 (B) If the leave of absence without pay falls within the dates when school is presumed to
10 be in session, the active member may only accrue six months of retirement credit if the
11 leave of absence constitutes less than the major fraction of the month, as provided in
12 OAR 459-010-0010(3).

13 (C) If the leave of absence without pay falls within the dates when the school year is in
14 session, the active member may not accrue six months of retirement credit if the leave of
15 absence constitutes the major fraction of the month, as provided in OAR 459-010-
16 0010(3). Such member may accrue one month of retirement credit for each month in
17 which the member performs service or receives paid leave for the major fraction of the
18 month, as described in section (2) of this rule.

19 (6) A member may not accrue more than one month of retirement credit for any calendar
20 month and no more than one year of retirement credit for any calendar year.

21 (7) Credit for the six-month waiting period required by OAR 459-075-0010(2).

22 (a) Upon establishing membership in the pension program, a member shall receive credit
23 for the waiting period required to establish membership under OAR 459-075-0010(2).

1 (b) If the member's waiting period before establishment of membership included an
2 interruption of service as described in OAR 459-075-0010(2)(b), no credit shall be
3 awarded for the period of employment before the interruption.

4 (8) For purposes of calculating retirement credit accrued under ORS 238A.155, the
5 period of disability for a member who receives workers' compensation payments under
6 ORS Chapter 656 and later returns to work with a PERS participating employer shall be
7 deemed to end upon the earlier of:

8 (a) The date on which the member's workers' compensation payments end;

9 (b) The date on which the member returns to work with a PERS participating employer;

10 or

11 (c) The date on which the member attains normal retirement age as defined in ORS

12 238A.160

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