

Military Service Credit

What is Military Service Credit?

A member of ERS may qualify to have their ERS service credit increased for some past and current honorable service in the military.

Military Service Credit is treated the same as County service for pension purposes.

What if I have Military Service while I am a County employee?

If your Milwaukee County employment is interrupted by Military Service, you may receive service credit from the time you are granted a military leave of absence, until you return from the military leave of absence, if you comply with the rules for returning from a military leave of absence.

What if I had Military Service prior to County employment?

Qualifying Military Service is service between January 1, 1938 and December 31, 1974. You may qualify for up to 4 years of ERS service credit based on your other creditable ERS service.

What is the formula to determine Credit for Pre-employment Military Service?

- Up to 1 year of Military Service Credit if you have 5 years of creditable County service.
- Up to 2 years of Military Service Credit if you have 10 years of creditable County service.
- Up to 3 years of Military Service Credit if you have 15 years of creditable County service.
- Up to 4 years of Military Service Credit if you have 20 or more years of creditable County service.

When should I apply for Credit for Pre-employment Military Service?

- It is advisable for you to furnish evidence of pre-employment Military Service as soon as possible, regardless of your length of County employment.
- Your Military Service Credit will be allocated at the time of your retirement based on the length of your military service and your County employment.

How do I obtain Credit for Pre-employment Military Service?

- You must submit an application form along with an **original or certified copy** of your Form DD214 or Report of Separation Form.
- Application forms can be obtained from the Employees' Retirement System office (ERS) in Room 210 in the Courthouse.

Additional Information:

- For a more detailed explanation, please contact the ERS Office.
- Military Service Credit is provided for in Milwaukee County Ordinance Chapter 201.24, Section 2.10 and in Federal law.

How can I contact ERS?

In Milwaukee

Telephone: 414-278-4207

Outside Milwaukee

**Toll free: 877-652-6377
(877 ML CO ERS)**

Website:

Internet

www.county.milwaukee.gov/retirement

Intranet

www.county.milwaukee.gov/ContactUs

Where is ERS located?

Employment Retirement System
Courthouse Room 210
901 N. 9th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Disclaimer

This brochure highlights certain aspects of your ERS benefits. In an effort to keep the brochure's language as clear and non-technical as possible, the information provided is only a brief overview of your benefits.

For a more detailed description of our benefits, including limitations on the exclusions, please consult Milwaukee County Ordinances and Pension Board Rules. (General Ordinances of County of Milwaukee/Ord. Section 201.24 and Appendix B).

You should also consult any Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) applicable to your position.

The information contained in this brochure is current through 10/29/2009

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