



## OPERATIONS ORDER

SUBJECT: **PURCHASE OF CERTAIN MILITARY SERVICE FOR  
PENSION CREDIT UNDER CHAPTER 548, LAWS OF 2000**

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1. Operations Order 73, series 2000, "Purchase of Certain Military Service for Pension Credit Under Chapter 548 of the Laws of 2000", afforded members of the service who are veterans that served in certain combat theaters or during certain periods of wartime, to purchase and receive credit for up to three (3) years of military service. This procedure is being revised to allow members to purchase this service through payroll deduction, provided the period of payroll deduction does not exceed the amount of time being purchased. All active members and those retired since December 21, 1998 are eligible for this benefit.

2. The following eligibility criteria **MUST** be met in order to qualify for purchase of this time:
- Veterans must have been honorably discharged.
  - Purchase cannot be made until member has five (5) years of credited service, NOT including this military time, in the Article II Police Pension Fund, at the time of application for military service buyback.
  - Member must NOT have credit for this service in any other public retirement system in New York State.
  - Member cannot have a total of more than three (3) years of military service in all public retirement systems in New York State, including this service.
  - All or some of the service must have been during one (1) of the following periods:

World War II (12/7/41 - 12/31/46)

Korean War (6/27/50 - 1/31/55)

Vietnam Era (2/28/61 - 5/7/75)

Or if you served in one (1) of the following military conflicts AND received an Armed Forces, Navy, or Marine Corps expeditionary medal in connection with the following service:

Lebanon (6/1/83 - 12/1/87)

Grenada (10/23/83 - 11/21/83)

Panama (12/20/89 - 1/31/90)

Or if you served in the theater of operations including Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Persian Gulf, Red Sea, and airspace above these locations from August 2, 1990 to present.

- Member must make application prior to retirement, except members who retired on or after December 21, 1998 through October 19, 2000. Those retired members **MUST** make application no later than October 18, 2001 to qualify for this buyback. The attached REVISED application form may be duplicated.

3. Civilian members of the service who qualify must file Form # 244(548) with the New York City Employees Retirement System (NYCERS). Civilian members of the service should NOT contact the Pension Section for information regarding this offer. Eligible civilian members must contact NYCERS directly by telephone at (347) 643 - 3000 or by mail at the below address:

NYCERS  
335 Adams Street, Suite 2300  
Brooklyn, New York 11201-3751

4. The Pension Section will determine the cost for the purchase of military service credit at three (3) percent of the member's salary earned during the twelve (12) months prior to making application for the service, times the number of years of military service being claimed. The Pension Section will then advise the member of the total cost. Active members will have the option to either make a one-time lump sum payment or payments through a payroll deduction (payment must begin or be paid in full within thirty [30] days of computation). Payments made under this section of law are NOT refundable under ANY circumstances.

5. The Pension Section will be expediting applications from retirees who have one (1) year to comply with this bill, and members who will utilize the service credit purchased to retire. Chapter 548 provides for a procedure where payment for this buyback may be made through payroll deductions.

6. Tier 2 (Article 2A) members are reminded that they are still subject to the thirty (30) year cap on attaining 1/60<sup>th</sup> benefits. This limitation should be considered before purchasing military service, which would expand the member's service past thirty (30) years.

7. Members who do not have a copy of their DD-214 may obtain one by writing to:

National Personnel Records Center  
Military Personnel Records  
9700 Page Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

8. Operations Order 73, series 2000 is **REVOKED**.

9. Commanding officers will ensure that the contents of this order are brought to the attention of concerned members of their commands.

**BY DIRECTION OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONER**

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POLICE PENSION FUND ARTICLE II
APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE OF MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT PURSUANT
TO CHAPTER 548 OF THE LAWS OF 2000

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Print Or Type Only

CONTROL NUMBER:

Name: (Last, First, M.I.) Tax Number Social Security Number
Address City State Zip Code
Telephone Number (Work) Telephone Number (Home)
Command Dates Of Military Service From To
Do You Have Credit For Any Military Service In Another Public Retirement System? If Yes, Indicate Which System

I request credit for this service as provided for in Chapter 548 of the Laws of 2000. I understand that I will be provided with the cost for this service and I will only receive credit only in proportion to the amount of that cost I pay to the Retirement System. I have enclosed my DD214 showing my dates of enlistment and the campaign ribbons and medals I was awarded. I understand that these payments are NOT refundable under any circumstances.

Signed Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY PENSION SECTION PERSONNEL

A review of your application indicates the following:

You have Years Months Days of Military Service Credit for which you owe \$ as of / / Upon payment of lump sum amount you will be eligible for retirement with twenty (20) years on / / This payment is due within thirty (30) days of above date. Active members must make payment before date of retirement.

You are not entitled to this credit because

I am enclosing \$ (Signature of member agreeing to lump sum payment)

by Money Order, Bank Check, or Certified Check with a copy of this statement payable to:

ARTICLE II POLICE PENSION FUND CRF.

I am requesting to purchase Military (Signature of member agreeing to payroll deduction)

Service Credit through payroll deduction. (The period of payroll deduction cannot exceed the time of service purchased.) I request \$ be deducted from my bi-weekly pay check (If greater than the minimum)

(Member must print return address below)

Return address lines