



Office of the New York State Comptroller  
New York State and Local Retirement System  
Employees' Retirement System  
Police and Fire Retirement System  
110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244-0001

# Application for Military Service Credit Under Article 20-RSSL RS 5509

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### SEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON BACK OF FORM

PRINT USING ONLY BLUE OR BLACK INK AND ATTACH MILITARY DISCHARGE PAPERS (DD-214)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Work: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Home: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have credit for **ANY** military service in another public retirement system in New York State?

Yes  No If yes, indicate which system(s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New York State Employees' Retirement System    | <input type="checkbox"/> New York City Teachers' Retirement System    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New York State Police & Fire Retirement System | <input type="checkbox"/> New York City Board of Ed. Retirement System |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New York State Teachers' Retirement System     | <input type="checkbox"/> New York City Police Pension Fund            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New York City Employees' Retirement System     | <input type="checkbox"/> New York City Fire Dept. Pension Fund        |

I \_\_\_\_\_, request credit for this service as provided for in Article 20 of the Retirement and Social Security Law. I understand that I will be provided with the cost for this service and will receive credit only in proportion to the amount of that cost I pay to the Retirement System. I have enclosed my DD-214 showing my dates of enlistment and the campaign ribbons and medals I was awarded.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY SERVICE UNDER ARTICLE 20

To be eligible to receive credit for your military service under Article 20, you must:

- have been honorably discharged;
- have at least five years of credited service in the Retirement System at the time you apply for your military service credit;
- not have credit for this service in any other public retirement system in New York State;
- **not have a total of more than three years of military service credit** in all public retirement systems in New York State, including this service; and
- apply to purchase credit for your military service prior to retirement.

In addition, some or all of your service must have been rendered during one or more 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)
- In 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. (8/2/90 – present)

You may also receive credit if you served in one or more of the following military conflicts and received an Armed Forces expeditionary medal, a Navy expeditionary medal, or the Marine Corps expeditionary medal in connection with this service:

- Lebanon (6/1/83 – 12/1/87)
- Grenada (10/23/83 – 11/21/83)
- Panama (12/20/89 – 1/31/90)

If you are covered by a plan that has a maximum service limit, your military service credit cannot be used to exceed the maximum service limit.

- Payment of 3 percent of the compensation you earned during the year of credited service immediately prior to our receiving your application, times the number of years of credit you are seeking, must be paid into the Retirement System's Pension Accumulation Fund. **THESE PAYMENTS ARE REFUNDABLE ONLY IF THE MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT CANNOT BE USED IN THE CALCULATION OF A BENEFIT.**
- Payment must be made in a period no longer than the amount of credit being granted.
- Prorated credit will be granted for partial payment.

If you do not have a copy of your DD-214, you may obtain one by writing to:

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

A request form to send to the National Personnel Records Center is also available through the National Archives website at [www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/get-service-records.html](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/get-service-records.html)