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**NOTICE: Service Credit Review Reminder**

**To all NYSCOPBA members who have served activations in conjunction with the War on Terror, September 11, 2001 to present and were NYSCOPBA members during those activations, please note the following information. Upon return to state service it is necessary for you to notify the retirement system that you would like a service credit review for the time you were activated. The retirement system will require you to forward a copy of your DD 214 to them so that they can determine the proper amount of time to credit to you in the system. The retirement system will also determine based on your activation dates and your # of years in service, if you are going to receive your credit at no cost to you, based on NYS Military Law 243d (which ran from Sept. 11, 2001 to Jan. 1, 2006 when the Law sunset, after Jan. 1, 2006 anyone with less than 10 years of service must pay back the retirement system to receive their credit). The importance of ensuring that your service time is credited is to ensure that you have no breaks in service and are at the proper pay rate on the Department Pay Schedule when you choose to retire after completing your 25 years of service (please note that once you receive your service credit you will not be eligible to participate in the Article 20-RSSL Buy Back as you have been made whole in the retirement system, and thus cannot buy back time you have already received). As always the Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our veterans for their service**

**and dedication to the State of New York and the United States of America. Please feel free to contact the committee if you have any questions concerning service credit issues.**

**Please note any member who served in conjunction with the War on Terror or any qualifying service period under Article 20 of the Retirement and Social Security Law (see attached application) prior to joining this Department is still eligible to participate in the Article 20 Buy Back Law program.**



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

(Rev. 2/06)

**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)