

Additional Retirement Service Credit

Additional Retirement Service Credit (ARSC) is a service credit option which allows CalPERS members in compensated employment the opportunity to purchase additional service credit that may result in a higher monthly retirement pension.

What are the eligibility requirements?

- You must be a CalPERS member (State, School or Public Agency) in compensated employment with a CalPERS-covered employer.
- You must have at least five years of earned CalPERS service credit.

How much ARSC can I purchase?

- You may purchase up to five years of additional service in whole-year increments (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 years).
- You have only one opportunity to make the purchase, even if you initially choose to purchase less than five years.

How much will it cost to purchase ARSC?

- A “present value” costing method is used to determine how much you will pay for this service credit. This means CalPERS looks at the projected increase you are expected to receive from the ARSC and converts that to a lump sum cost in today’s dollars.
- Members pay for the entire cost of the estimated increase in their future retirement income -- the costing method is intended to be “cost neutral” to employers.
- For more information on service credit costing, visit the **Additional Retirement Service Credit** section of the CalPERS Web site and select the **Requesting a Purchase** link on the FAQs page.

Where do I find out how much it will cost to purchase ARSC?

- You can find out the cost to purchase ARSC by visiting the CalPERS Web site at www.calpers.ca.gov.
- Use the Service Credit Cost Estimator to determine your approximate cost.

How do I purchase ARSC?

- Download and complete the *ARSC Request for Service Credit Cost Information* form from the CalPERS Web site.
- Submit both the *ARSC Request for Service Credit Cost Information* form and a printout of your results from the online Service Credit Cost Estimator.
- If either of these two items is not included in your purchase request, your request may be returned to you.

Where can I find more information?

- For the most current information on ARSC, visit the CalPERS Web site:

www.calpers.ca.gov