

WAC 415-112-546 If I have retired from another retirement system or am eligible to retire, am I excluded from participating in TRS?

(1) If you have **retired** from another retirement system authorized by the laws of this state, you cannot participate in TRS membership unless:

- (a) You established membership in TRS prior to March 19, 1976;
- (b) You accrued less than fifteen years of service credit in the other retirement system; or
- (c) You are a LEOFF Plan 2 retiree returning to work in a TRS eligible position and choose to participate in TRS membership. See WAC 415-104-111.

(2) If you are **eligible for normal retirement** from another retirement system listed in RCW 41.50.030, you cannot participate in TRS membership unless:

- (a) You established membership in TRS prior to March 19, 1976;
- (b) You accrued less than fifteen years of service credit in the other retirement system; or
- (c) You are a dual member as described in RCW 41.54.010.

(3) If you are **receiving a disability allowance** from another retirement system listed in RCW 41.50.030, you cannot participate in TRS membership unless you are a LEOFF Plan 2 retiree returning to work in a TRS eligible position and choose to participate in TRS membership. See WAC 415-104-111.

(4) **Defined terms used.** Definitions for the following terms used in this section are:

- (a) "Membership" - RCW 41.32.032.
- (b) "Service" - RCW 41.32.010.
- (c) "Normal retirement" - A member is eligible for normal retirement when they have met their plan's age and/or service credit requirements for a full retirement benefit. Normal retirement does not include early retirement with a reduced benefit, or early retirement with employment restrictions prior to full retirement age. See the following plan definitions of normal retirement:

- Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) Plan 1 - RCW 41.40.180;
- Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) Plan 2 - RCW 41.40.630(1);
- Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) Plan 3 - RCW 41.40.820(1);
- Public Safety Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) - RCW 41.37.210 (1) and (2);
- School Employees' Retirement System (SERS) Plan 2 - RCW 41.35.420(1);
- School Employees' Retirement System (SERS) Plan 3 - RCW 41.35.680(1);
- Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) Plan 1 - RCW 41.32.480(1);
- Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) Plan 2 - RCW 41.32.765(1);
- Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) Plan 3 - RCW 41.32.875(1);
- Washington State Patrol Retirement System (WSPRS) - RCW 43.43.250(2).

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