



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 145-2-05 Free credit for military service.

Effective: January 1, 2025

(A) This rule amplifies section 145.30 of the Revised Code.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Maintained membership" means any of the following:

(a) The member's contributions remained with the public employees retirement system during the military service;

(b) The member's accumulated contributions before the member's military service were refunded pursuant to section 145.40 of the Revised Code or Article VIII of the combined plan and redeposited pursuant to section 145.31 of the Revised Code or rule 145-3-22 of the Administrative Code;

(c) The member was exempt from membership or not a contributor to the retirement system before the member's military service, but Chapter 145. of the Revised Code authorizes a retroactive payment to establish membership before the member's military service.

(2) "Military service" means active duty in the branches of the armed forces as defined in section 145.30 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Total service credit as defined in section 145.01 of the Revised Code of twenty years" means twenty years of Ohio credit exclusive of military or uniformed service.

(4) "Was a member" means membership before the member's military service was established in the same manner as defined in paragraph (B)(1) of this rule.

(5) "Was or is out of active service as a public employee by reason of having become a member of the armed forces" means:



(a) On or before November 13, 1965, the member established membership in the retirement system with one deduction and no more than three months had elapsed between the termination of the member's contributing service and the date the member entered military service.

(b) After November 13, 1965, the member established one year of service credit in the retirement system and no more than three months have elapsed between the termination of the member's contributing service and the date the member entered military service.

(c) For military service that begins before November 13, 1965 and terminates after such date, free military service credit shall be granted if the member meets the eligibility requirements pursuant to section 145.30 of the Revised Code in effect during each period of military service before and after November 13, 1965 and not more than three months had elapsed between the termination of the member's contributing service and the date the member entered military service.

(C)

(1) The service credit to which a member is entitled shall be calculated from the date the member entered military service through the date the military service terminated.

(2) The member shall submit report(s) of separation (form DD214) or other satisfactory documentation as evidence of military service and discharge to the retirement system.