

INFORMATION ON THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (ERS)

Please check one box.

- I would like to join the Employees' Retirement System. Please send a membership application.
- I understand that I am eligible to join the Employee's Retirement System. However, I choose NOT to join at this time. I also understand that if my employment status changes to full-time and permanent, I must join the Retirement System at that time. I certify that I have not been a member of the New York State Employees' Retirement System (ERS) in the last seven years, or, if a member, that I withdrew my contributions upon separation from service and no longer have an active membership with the system.

(print name)

(signature)

(department)

(date)

(title)

Employees who are either part-time or temporary may elect to join the Employees Retirement System; they are not, however, required to join. Employees who are both full time and permanent **must** join the Retirement System according to NYS Retirement & Social Security Law.

You must complete a membership application to join. You are required to contribute 3%-6% (Tier VI) of your salary to the Retirement System. You will need the equivalent of ten years of full-time State service to become eligible for pension benefits.

If you join the ERS, your beneficiary will be protected by a death benefit after you have been credited by the System with one year of service. Upon meeting eligibility requirements, you will be entitled to a lifetime pension at age 62 (Tiers II-V) or age 63 (Tier VI) OR a retirement disability at an earlier age if you become permanently and totally disabled from gainful employment (must meet all ERS service requirements).

Failure to complete and return this document promptly may cause a delay in enrollment.

PLEASE RETURN TO:
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