



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

State Retirement Board

JUDICIAL VETERAN'S CREDITABLE SERVICE PURCHASE (BUYBACK) FORM

Please complete the reverse side of this form and attach a copy of your DD-214 and/or RIP (Retirement Information Point) sheet to purchase service.

NOTICE OF POTENTIAL BENEFITS PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 32, §65K

G.L. c. 32, §65K permits judges and justices, as eligible honorably-discharged veterans, to receive credit for military service for the purposes of satisfying the minimum vesting requirements for the receipt of a judicial pension due to service in the armed forces of the United States.

SECTION 1 - STATE VETERAN STATUS ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for veterans' benefits, one must be a "veteran" or a dependent of a "veteran" under M.G.L. c. 4, §7, cl. 43rd as amended by the Acts of 2005, ch. 130. See below for service requirements and exceptions.

Era of Service	Dates	Requirements for Veteran Status
WWI	4/6/1917 - 11/11/1918	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PEACETIME	11/12/1918 - 9/15/1940	180 days of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
WWII (Merchant Marine: 12/7/1941 - 12/31/1946)	9/16/1940 - 7/25/1947	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PEACETIME	7/26/1947 - 6/24/1950	180 days of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
KOREA	6/25/1950 - 1/31/1955	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
KOREAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL	7/28/1954 - TBD	90 days of active duty service, last discharge or release under honorable conditions and the Korean Defense Service Medal.
VIETNAM I	2/1/1955 - 8/4/1964	180 days of active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
VIETNAM II	8/5/1964 - 5/7/1975	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PEACETIME	5/8/1975 - 8/1/1990	180 days of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
Lebanon Campaign*	8/25/1982 - TBD	90 days of active duty, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
Grenada Campaign*	10/25/1983 - 12/15/1983	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
Panama Campaign*	12/20/1989 - 1/31/1990	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
Persian Gulf	8/2/1990 - TBD	90 Days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.

*Naval and Marine DD-214 must indicate Expeditionary Medal. All DD-214's must specify campaign: Lebanon, Granada, or Panama.

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JUDICIAL VETERAN'S CREDITABLE SERVICE PURCHASE (BUYBACK) FORM (continued)

For **NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS** to qualify, they must have **180 days** and have been activated under Title 10 of the U.S. Code -OR- Members who were activated under Title 10 or Title 32 of the U.S. Code or Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 33, sections 38, 40, and 41 must have **90 days**, at least one of which was during "wartime," per the chart on page 1.

For **RESERVISTS** to qualify, they must have been called to regular active duty, at which point their eligibility can be determined by the chart on page 1.

Training Duty Exception

Active duty service in the armed forces **shall not** include active duty for training in the Army or Air National Guard or active duty for training as a Reservist in the Armed Forces of the United States. If applicable, please attach a copy of your Retirement Information Point Sheet.

Minimum Service Exception (for Death or Disability)

It is not necessary that an applicant have completed the minimum service for wartime or peacetime campaign if he/she served some time in the campaign and was awarded a Purple Heart, or suffered a service-connected disability per the Discharge Certificate, or died in the service under honorable conditions.

Procedures

You must complete this application and file it with your retirement board no later than 1 year after you vest in the retirement system unless you are a member of the National Guard or Reserves, who have five years from the date in which they qualify as a veteran, or the date that they qualify for the full four-year purchase, whichever date last occurs, to enter into a buyback agreement. You must enclose a copy of your federal form DD-214 with your application.

- Payment of 10% of your salary when you last became a member of a retirement system per year of creditable service being purchase is required. Consult your retirement board for payment options.
- Once your eligibility has been verified you will receive written notification of: (1) the years and months of service you may purchase (not to exceed four years) and (2) the amount owed.
- A judge or justice may not purchase service for which they previously received credit in any Chapter 32 retirement system, including, but not limited to, non-judicial membership in the state employees' retirement system.
- No refunds are allowed after purchasing this service except by a refund of all accumulated deductions.

SECTION 2 - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MEMBER (PLEASE PRINT)

I respectfully request credit for military service for the purposes of satisfying the minimum vesting requirements for the receipt of a judicial pension for my active service in the armed forces of the United States and Active Reserve or National Guard under the provisions of G.L. c. 32, §65K. I have attached a copy of my DD-214 which indicates I was discharged under honorable conditions. I have also attached a copy of my Retirement Information Point Sheet from the National Guard (if applicable).

Full Name (print)

Provide the Last Four Digits of Your SSN, or MSRB ID, or HRCMS ID

Home Address (Street Number or P.O. Box)

City or Town / State / Zip

Telephone Number

Personal Email

Work Email

Agency

Date Most Recently
Entered Public Service

Date of
Honorable Discharge

I sign this application under the penalties of perjury. I affirm that the information presented in this application is correct, complete and accurately presented. I understand that giving false or incomplete information may subject me to the loss of my benefits as well as civil and criminal penalties.

Signature

Date