

RULE 8-7

FREE MILITARY SERVICE

A.C.A. § 24-7-602

A member of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS) who entered the Armed Forces of the United States between July 1, 1937, and June 30, 1973 or during a period that a federal military draft is in effect, may establish that active duty service in this System without cost, provided the following conditions are met:

1. Service must be the initial enlistment. Reenlistment or voluntary extension of the initial enlistment is not considered compulsory and shall not be allowed as service credit.
2. Military service shall not exceed five (5) years, and the years to be credited shall be those closest to the teaching service.
3. Crediting of military service will require the completion of Form M-1, provided by ATRS, and official military documents listing the entry and discharge dates of the first enlistment or induction.
4. Must have received an honorable discharge.
5. All military service credited prior to July 1, 1986, is contributory service.
6. Military service may be established at any time after becoming a member of ATRS but official crediting shall be effective upon completion of five (5) years of actual service ATRS, excluding military service credit.

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