A new employee who becomes a member of the Retirement Systems of Alabama may purchase up to four years of active duty military service based upon an honorable discharge.

The cost of active duty military service is based upon 4% of the average classroom teacher’s salary during the period of active duty plus interest at 8% per year. Purchase of military service must be completed within the first year of membership in the Retirement System.

If you desire to purchase your military service, please submit to our office a copy of your DD Form 214 or other documentation showing the dates of entry into and discharge from active duty, and an honorable discharge. Also complete and return the enclosed Statement of Military Service. Upon receipt of the necessary documentation, our office will notify you of the cost to purchase this service.

Please be reminded that if you are in receipt of a service connected military retirement benefit, you are not eligible to purchase military service. Those persons who are in the National Guard or National Reserve may purchase only active duty military service. Six months basic training or the time period in which you were called into active duty (i.e., the Berlin Crisis, 1961, or the Vietnam Crisis, 1968) is considered active duty military service. Weekend duty or annual training (summer camp) is not eligible for purchase.

Enclosure: Statement of Military Service
STATEMENT OF MILITARY SERVICE

Teachers’ Retirement System of Alabama
P. O. Box 302150 ♦ Montgomery, AL 36130-2150
334-517-7000 or 877-517-0020
www.rsa-al.gov

The following information must be provided in order to determine your eligibility to purchase military service.

Name _______________________________ Social Security No. _______________________________

Street or P.O. Box Number _______________________________

City ___________________ State ______ Zip Code ________________

I certify that I am a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States and that I am receiving the following benefits for my military service:

☐ No benefit

☐ Service retirement benefit from a branch of the Armed Forces.

☐ Service retirement benefit based partially on my military service from _________________________ (specify source, such as Civil Service Retirement, etc.)

☐ Disability retirement from a branch of the Armed Forces.

☐ Disability retirement benefit based partially on my military service from _________________________ (specify source, such as Civil Service Retirement, etc.)

Type of Release: ☐ Honorable ☐ Other

______________________________        _____________
Signature           Date

Notary Statement

State of Alabama, County of ______________________________

On this _______ day of ________________________, 20___, personally appeared before me, the above named individual and made oath that the statements made therein are true.

(SEAL) Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____________________

Please attach copies of supporting armed forces documents which set forth dates on which you entered and were separated from active duty.