

**Initial Inquiry for Costs to Combine Creditable Service  
Pursuant to 40 ILCS 5/4-109(3) ("Reciprocity")**

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Member Contact Information

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Current Pension Fund</b>	
Date of Hire	
Pension Fund Contact Name	

<b>Prior Pension Fund</b>	
Date of Hire	
Last Day Worked	
Unpaid Breaks in Service, if applicable	
Contributions Paid to Fund	
Date of Refund of Contributions (if not applicable, list "N/A")	
Pension Fund Contact Name	

<b>Prior Pension Fund (if applicable)</b>	
Date of Hire	
Last Day Worked	
Unpaid Breaks in Service, if applicable	
Contributions Paid to Fund	
Date of Refund of Contributions (if not applicable, list "N/A")	
Pension Fund Contact Name	

*By signing below, I request my Current and Prior Pension Funds confirm the information listed above and provide any additional information needed to complete the calculations required under 40 ILCS 5/4-109(3). I understand that this is an initial application only, for the purpose of learning the costs involved in this process, and that this is not a final authorization to pursue said combination of service.*

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## Buying creditable service with Fire Pension Fund per ILCS 5/4-109.3 (eff March 2005)

### Requirements [5/4-109.3(b-c)]

1. At least one year of service with Prior Fund (must repay refund with interest)
2. At least three years of service with Last/Current Fund
3. Combined total service of 20 years, attained age 50
4. Active status as FF with a fund as of 07/01/04 or later

### Retirement benefit [5/4-109.3(d-e)]

1. Prior Fund pays a monthly benefit of 1/12 of 2.5% of final monthly salary for each month of service in that fund (maximum 75% of final monthly salary)

*Example: FF worked 15 months with Fund A & final monthly salary was \$3,000*

$$\text{Monthly retirement benefit from Fund A} = 1/12 * .025 * 3000 * 15 = \$93.75$$

2. Current Fund calculates benefit as if FF worked entire amount of combined creditable service with all funds involved at the Current Fund, using the final salary of the Current Fund. From this amount, the Current Fund subtracts the benefit amount paid by all other Prior Funds and pays the FF the difference.

*Example: FF worked 15 months with Fund A & final monthly salary was \$3,000. FF worked 21 years with Fund B and final monthly salary was \$6,250.*

*Calculate benefit from Fund B as if FF worked 22y,3m (15m Fund A + 21y Fund B) @ \$6,250*

$$22y3m = 55.625\% \quad .55625 * 6,250 = \text{monthly retirement benefit of } \$3,476.56$$

*Fund A pays \$93.75 (see above) and Fund B pays \$3,382.81 (3,476.56-93.75)*

### Disability benefit [5/4-109.3(l-m)]

1. If in process of buying back time, FF becomes entitled to an occupational disease disability, each fund named as Prior/Current pays a portion of the occupational disease benefit equal to the proportion that the FF's service credit with that fund bears to the FF's total service credit with all funds.

*Example: FF worked 15 months with Fund A and 21 years (252 months) with Fund B for total of 22y3m*

$$22y3m = 267 \text{ months. } 15/267 = .06 \quad 252/267 = .94$$

*Fund A pays 6% of benefit and Fund B pays 94% of benefit*

2. If in process of buying back time, FF becomes entitled to a non-duty disability or duty disability, the Current Fund is responsible to pay the disability pension, based only on the FF's service with the Current Fund.

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**Two types of payments must be made to Prior/Current Fund (must be paid in full to all funds before any benefit can be received)**

- 1. Contribution refund plus interest to all Prior Funds [5/4-109.3(g)]**
- 2. Additional 1% contribution [5/4-109.3(i)]**
  - a. Prior to Declaration Date - interest accrues**
  - b. After Declaration Date - no interest, simple paycheck deduction**

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| <p><b>1. Contribution refund plus interest</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Interest compounded at 6% annually from date of refund to repayment date</li> <li>b. Can pay in lump sum or in equal installments over 10 years</li> </ol> | <p><b>2. 1% of monthly salary for each month of service to all funds</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Prior Funds: 1%, + 6% interest compounded annually from the FF's first day of employment with that fund or the first day of the fiscal year of that fund that immediately precedes the FF's first day of employment with the fund, whichever is earlier, to the date of payment.</li> <li>b. Current Fund: FF owes 1%, + 6% interest (see Prior Fund compounding above) from date of hire to date of written declaration to that fund. Then the municipality is to withhold the additional 1% (with no interest) from the FF's check as of the date of declaration to the date of retirement (making the total payroll deduction = 10.455%)</li> </ol> |
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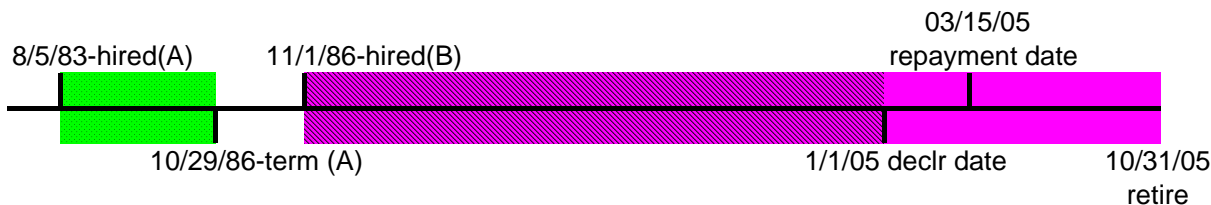
**Example:**

FF John worked at Fund A and Fund B as follows:

**Fund A (fiscal year begins May 1)**  
 Hired 8/5/83  
 Term 10/29/86  
 Service 3y 3m  
 Refund of contributions rec'd 11/30/86

**Fund B (fiscal year begins Jan 1)**  
 Hired 11/1/86  
 Retire 10/31/05  
 Service 18 years

Date of written declaration to both funds January 1, 2005; repayment date March 15, 2005



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| <p><b>(1) Must repay contribution refund + 6% interest compounded from 11/30/86 to 03/15/05</b></p> <p><b>(2a) Must pay 1% of monthly salary for each month of service + 6% interest compounded from 5/1/83 1st day of fiscal year) to 03/15/05 (repayment date)</b></p> | <p><b>(2a) Must pay 1% of monthly salary for each month of service (from 11/1/86-12/31/04) + 6% interest compounded from 1/1/86 (1st day of fiscal year) to 3/15/05 (repayment date)</b></p> <p><b>(2b) Municipality withholds 10.455% from check</b></p> |
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