# MEMBERSHIP/TIER REINSTATEMENT REQUEST FORM UNDER SECTION 645 OF THE RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAW



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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

#### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Please file this form if you are an in-service TRS member requesting that TRS determine your eligibility for reinstatement
  to your previous membership/tier status, as well as any associated cost. (To effect a reinstatement, you must repay any
  contributions refunded to you when your previous membership(s) ceased, plus 5% interest compounded annually from
  the date of the refund to the date of repayment.)
- TRS must receive this form before your effective retirement date.
- TRS will notify you of our determination of your eligibility for reinstatement. If you are eligible, we will also notify you of the cost (if any) and provide additional information about reinstatement.
- If there is a cost associated with reinstatement, TRS must receive your lump-sum payment within 30 days of the date of your notification letter; otherwise, this form would be canceled and you would not be reinstated at this time.
- You may submit another "Membership/Tier Reinstatement Request Form" any time before your effective retirement date; this would result in a new calculation of any cost associated with reinstatement.
- For your convenience, TRS forms and publications are available on our website. If you need additional assistance, please contact our Member Services Center at 1 (888) 8-NYC-TRS.

## Section 645 of the Retirement and Social Security Law

Members who previously lost their membership rights in TRS or in other New York public retirement systems may elect to be reinstated to their previous membership (*i.e.*, to have their membership date changed to their former membership date in TRS or the retirement system to which they belonged). If that membership was based on a different tier, members may also be reinstated to that tier. Members who have had more than one previous membership may choose the membership to which they would be reinstated.

Other eligible retirement systems include the New York City Employees' Retirement System (NYCERS), the New York City Board of Education Retirement System (BERS), the New York City Police Pension Fund, the New York City Fire Department Pension Fund, the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS), the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (NYSLERS), and the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System (NYSLPFRS).

**In Part A**: All information must be provided.

**In Part B**: You must provide the specific information requested about the membership that you would like reinstated.

If you have filed a service retirement application (or plan to file one in the near future), you must indicate your expected retirement date.

If you need more space to list additional previous memberships, you may attach a separate sheet. You must provide your name, the last four digits of your Social Security number, TRS membership number, and signature on each additional sheet you provide.

**In Part C**: You must sign and date this form.

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### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- If you have already purchased credit for optional service (e.g., prior service) for the period on which the membership/tier reinstatement would be based, you must still make a lump-sum payment representing any contributions (plus applicable interest) refunded to you when your previous membership(s) ceased; otherwise, your reinstatement would not be effected. If your original membership service was in TRS, that optional service would be considered membership service upon payment. If this service was in another New York public retirement system, it would remain prior service.
- If you are a Tier III, IV, or VI member who is reinstated to a Tier I or II membership, you may elect to receive a refund for
  any prior service credit purchased relative to the reinstated membership. Any purchase of prior service credit that is not yet
  complete at the time of your reinstatement would cease at that time; payments received would be refundable upon request.
   If you choose not to apply for a refund, these funds would remain in your Annuity Savings Fund (ASF) account and may increase
  the retirement benefit payment payable to you.
- If you are reinstated to a different tier and have an outstanding Qualified Pension Plan (QPP) loan balance, the outstanding loan would be recalculated to take into account different tier rules (e.g., insurance and interest rates).

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Please read the instructions before completing this form.

(NOTE: Please print in black o	r blue ink, and initial any chang	es that you make on th	s form.)
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PART A: All information must be provided.

First Name	MI Last Name	Social Security Number (last 4 digits only)
Permanent Home Address	Apt. N	o. Current TRS Membership Number
L City	[ State Zip Code	☐ Primary Phone Number (Check one: ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Mobile)
		Alternate Phone Number (Check one: Home Work Mobile
do not enter a temporary address	s; instead, TRS suggests that you con you can be seen to your permanent address.	late our records based on the information you provide above, onsult the U.S. Postal Service about having your mail forwarde ass (and/or phone number), please access our website or file a
ou are providing new information	above, please indicate the effective	date:/
•	nation requested. If you have filed fo	e membership that you would like reinstated. Please check the retirement or plan to do so in the near future, you must also
evious New York City/New York S	tate retirement system:	
NYC Teachers' Retirement Syst	em (NYCTRS) NYC Employe	es' Retirement System (NYCERS)
NYC Police Pension Fund	NYC Fire Department Pension Fur	nd NYC Board of Education Retirement System (BERS)
NYS and Local Employees' Ret	irement System (NYSLERS)	NYS and Local Police and Fire Retirement System (NYSLPFRS
NYS Teachers' Retirement Syst	em (NYSTRS): You must list the dis	trict(s) or school(s) where you worked:
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Former name under which you held membership (if applicable)	):
Approximate dates of service (from MM/DD/YYYY to MM/DD/Y	YYYY):
Previous membership number (if available):	
Previous position(s):	
Expected date of retirement from TRS (if applicable):	
PART C: Please read the following statement and sign and da	ite below.
associated cost. I understand that any payment amount must in membership(s) ceased, plus 5% interest compounded annually TRS must receive any payment due within 30 days of the date within those 30 days would render my request for reinstatement	of for reinstatement to my previous membership/tier status, as well as any include the amount of contributions refunded to me when my previous of from the date of refund to the date of repayment. I understand that if of my notification letter. I acknowledge that failure to make this payment in twoid; however, I may reapply by filing another "Membership/Tier retirement date. (This would result in a new calculation of the cost of
MEMBER'S SIGNATURE	DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

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