



State and federal laws give certain rights to some who have served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States. This form allows members of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) to apply for military service credit as defined under Oklahoma State law. To apply, complete this application and enclose a legible copy of your Defense Department Form 214 ("DD214").

You can estimate the cost of purchasing military service using the calculator at www.opers.ok.gov/military-service.

PART 1 – MEMBER INFORMATION

Name (First, Middle, Last)

Social Security number

Mailing address (Street or P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP + 4)

Personal email address

Primary phone number

PART 2 – MEMBER SIGNATURE

Active members of OPERS who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, and received an honorable discharge, may purchase up to five years of service credit. To qualify, the military service must be active duty service and must have occurred prior to or during active OPERS participating employment. Military service that occurs between or after periods of active OPERS participation cannot be used toward OPERS military service credit. Periods of active duty training as a reservist not shown on a DD214 are not eligible for purchase.

Military service credit may be purchased at actuarial cost, which represents the amount required to fund an increase in future lifetime benefits. OPERS will invoice you for the cost to make such a purchase after the receipt of this form and your DD214. You can estimate the cost using the calculator at www.opers.ok.gov/military-service.

Employees joining OPERS after June 30, 2003, will not receive credit for military service in OPERS if the credit was already received for the same period(s) of military service in another Oklahoma state retirement system.

Note: Service in the Armed Forces of the United States may entitle you to rights created under a federal law called the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). Those who wish to assert rights under USERRA must contact OPERS and their employer in writing as soon as possible after discharge from military service. Certain limits and restrictions apply. Additional contributions may also be required to obtain retirement credit under USERRA.

Members may be eligible for military credit under OPERS statutes, for purchases under USERRA, or a combination of the two.

I hereby make application for military service credit as an actively participating member of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System pursuant to the state laws which govern that system, and I certify the information I have provided as evidence of my military service is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Members who joined OPERS prior to July 1, 2000 may be granted service free of cost for certain periods of active military service. The credit is limited to specific periods of active military service listed in paragraph 23 of Section 902 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which includes the following:*

45th Division	September 16, 1940 – December 7, 1941
World War II	December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
Korean War	June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955
Vietnam War	February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975 (For the period from February 28, 1961 – August 4, 1964, service must be in the Republic of Vietnam)
Gulf War/Persian Gulf War/ Operation Desert Storm	August 1, 1990 – December 31, 1991

Other qualifying periods of free military service include wars or military operations which lasted for 90 days or more and are authorized by Congressional authorization or resolution or Presidential Executive Order. Qualifying service is only for the period served in the designated area of responsibility and excludes active duty for training only. Such wars or military operations include, but are not limited to, the following:*

The former Yugoslavia (including Bosnia, Herzegovina, Croatia and Macedonia) <i>By Public Law 104-117</i>	Beginning November 21, 1995 Ending date to be determined
The Kosovo Area <i>By Executive Order 13119 and Public Law 106-21</i>	Beginning March 24, 1999 Ending date to be determined
Afghanistan/Operation Enduring Freedom <i>By Executive Order 13239 and Public Law 107-40</i>	Beginning September 18, 2001 Ending date to be determined
Iraq War/Second Gulf War/Operation Iraqi Freedom <i>By Public Law 107-243</i>	Beginning March 10, 2003 Ending date to be determined

Military service outside the periods listed above may be available for purchase after November 1, 2022.

To obtain military records:

National Personnel Records Center
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138

Telephone: 314-801-0800
Fax: 314-801-9195
E-mail: mpr.center@nara.gov
Web address: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>*

* The list is for convenience only. The official periods for which military service is granted is found in Section 902(23) of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.