



# Election of Optional Membership— California National Guard Member

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## Section 1

### Election of Optional California National Guard Membership

**Important**  
California National Guard members who elect membership in CalPERS must pay both member and employer retirement contributions.

You must elect optional California National Guard membership in CalPERS to purchase your prior National Guard service credit.

If you are already making retirement contributions to CalPERS in another concurrent position, please call us at **888 CalPERS** (or 888-225-7377) before you submit your election.

You may submit this election of optional National Guard membership at any time while in active service with the California National Guard. Once elected, the membership remains in effect for all future service in the California National Guard. Below are important steps and considerations:

- To become a “National Guard member” of CalPERS (pursuant to Government Code section 20326), officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel of the California National Guard must:
  - Complete this election form.
  - Once completed, send this election form to the Military Department for certification and filing with the CalPERS Board of Administration.
- As a California National Guard member, you will contribute to the retirement fund in accordance with Government Code section 20772.5, as described below:
  - **California National Guard Member Contributions:** paid at the employee rate applicable to state miscellaneous members; and
  - **Employer Contributions (paid by California National Guard member):** paid at the employer contribution rate, which is adjusted on an annual basis, pursuant to section 20814.
- As a California National Guard member, you may, on a **prospective** basis, cancel your election of National Guard membership by filing a completed ***Cancellation of Election of Optional Membership—California National Guard Member*** form with the Military Department for submission to the CalPERS Board (Government Code section 20327). **This prospective cancellation may only be made once.**

#### Purchasing Prior National Guard Service Credit

Upon electing optional California National Guard membership in CalPERS, you may elect (prior to retirement) to purchase service credit for your eligible prior service in the California National Guard, unless the service was terminated by a discharge under other than honorable conditions.

To request this past California National Guard service, complete the ***Request for Service Credit Cost Information—California National Guard Military*** form, which is available at [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov).

Your Name | Social Security Number or CalPERS ID

Section 2

Applicant Signature and Certification

Please review Section 1 carefully before signing.

I am a "National Guard member" as defined in Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Government Code section 20326, I elect to become a National Guard member of CalPERS. I request that this election be filed with the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) as my election to become a member. I understand this election is irrevocable as long as I remain in employment as a member; however, my obligation to make future membership contributions may be canceled one time only, as provided in Government Code section 20327.

Please indicate your current CalPERS membership status:

- I am currently an active CalPERS member employed with
I am not currently an active CalPERS member.

Name of Applicant (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name) | Social Security Number or CalPERS ID
Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) | Daytime Phone | Evening Phone
Address | City | State | ZIP Code
Signature of Applicant | Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Important: Please submit this form to the Military Department, not CalPERS. The Military Department will complete Section 3.

Mail to: State Personnel Programs (SB 14 Team)
Box 27, 9800 Goethe Road, Sacramento, CA 95826-9101

Section 3

Military Department Signature and Certification

This section to be completed by the Military Department.

Please complete this section and submit entire form to CalPERS.

Please certify California National Guard employment status:

- Active in the California National Guard
Part Time Full Time
Officer
Warrant Officer
Enlisted

I hereby certify that this individual is currently active in the California National Guard as an officer, warrant officer, or enlisted personnel.

Military Department Representative (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)
Title | Daytime Phone
Signature of Representative | Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Mail to: CalPERS Employer Account Management Division • P.O. Box 942709, Sacramento, California 95812-2709

# Privacy Notice

The privacy of personal information is of the utmost importance to CalPERS. The following information is provided to you in compliance with the Information Practices Act of 1977 and the Federal Privacy Act of 1974.

## Information Purpose

The information requested is collected pursuant to the Government Code (sections 20000 et seq.) and will be used for administration of Board duties under the Retirement Law, the Social Security Act, and the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act, as the case may be. Submission of the requested information is mandatory. Failure to comply may result in CalPERS being unable to perform its functions regarding your status.

Please do not include information that is not requested.

## Social Security Numbers

Social Security numbers are collected on a mandatory and voluntary basis. If this is CalPERS' first request for disclosure of your Social Security number, then disclosure is mandatory. If your Social Security number has already been provided, disclosure is voluntary. Due to the use of Social Security numbers by other agencies for identification purposes, we may be unable to verify eligibility for benefits without the number.

Social Security numbers are used for the following purposes:

1. Enrollee identification
2. Payroll deduction/state contributions
3. Billing of contracting agencies for employee/ employer contributions
4. Reports to CalPERS and other state agencies
5. Coordination of benefits among carriers
6. Resolving member appeals, complaints, or grievances with health plan carriers

## Information Disclosure

Portions of this information may be transferred to other state agencies (such as your employer), physicians, and insurance carriers, but only in strict accordance with current statutes regarding confidentiality.

## Your Rights

You have the right to review your membership files maintained by the System. For questions about this notice, our Privacy Policy, or your rights, please write to the CalPERS Privacy Officer at 400 Q Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 or call us at **888 CalPERS** (or **888-225-7377**).