

# Florida Retirement System (FRS) - Certification Form

This form is not an offer of employment or an enrollment form. If hired, a Retirement Choice kit may be mailed to your home with enrollment instructions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SSN (last 4 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name Administrative Office of the Courts - 20th Judicial Circuit

Previous or Current FRS Employer \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete Section I if you have never been a member of a State of Florida administered retirement plan.  
Complete Section II if you are a current or previous member AND Section III if not retired OR Section IV if retired.**

I. I have **never** been a member of a State of Florida administered retirement plan.

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II. I was or currently am a member of the following State of Florida administered retirement plan (**also complete Section III or IV**)<sup>1</sup>

- FRS Pension Plan (incl. DROP)     FRS Investment Plan     State University System Optional Retirement Program (SUSORP)  
 State Community College System Optional Retirement Program (SCCSORP)     Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program (SMSOAP)  
 Other

III. I am **not retired** from any State of Florida administered retirement plan. I understand that if it is later determined that I was a retiree and was reemployed during the first 6 calendar months after I retired or after my DROP termination date, or at any time during the 7<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> calendar months after I retired or after my DROP termination date, I **must repay** all unauthorized benefits received (see Section IV for details), or, if in the Investment Plan, terminate my employment. **My employer may also be liable for repaying any unauthorized benefits I received.**

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IV. I am **retired** from a State of Florida administered retirement plan. My FRS Pension Plan retirement effective date, DROP termination date, or date I received my first distribution from the FRS Investment Plan, SUSORP, SCCSORP, SMSOAP, or other plan was \_\_\_\_\_.

**Effective July 1, 2017, retirees of the Investment Plan, SUSORP, SCCSORP, and SMSOAP are eligible for renewed membership in the Investment Plan, SUSORP, or SCCSORP.**

**I understand that as a Pension Plan retiree:**

- a. If I am employed by an FRS-participating employer in **any type of position**<sup>2</sup> during the **first 6 calendar months** after I retired or after my DROP termination date, my retirement and DROP status are voided, all retirement and DROP benefits I received **must be repaid**,<sup>3</sup> and I must reapply for retirement in order to receive future benefits.
- b. If I am reemployed by an FRS-participating employer at any time during the 7<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> calendar months after I retired or after my DROP termination date, my monthly retirement benefit must be suspended<sup>4</sup> and any unauthorized benefits received must be repaid.<sup>3</sup> **My employer may also be liable for repaying any unauthorized benefits I received.**

**I understand that as an Investment Plan, SUSORP, SCCSORP, or SMSOAP retiree:**

- a. If I am employed by an FRS-participating employer in **any type of position**<sup>2</sup> during the **first 6 calendar months** after I retired, I **must repay**<sup>3</sup> any benefits received or terminate employment for an additional period to satisfy the 6 calendar month termination requirement.
- b. If I am reemployed by an FRS-participating employer at any time during the 7<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> calendar months after my retirement, I will not be eligible for additional distributions until I terminate employment or complete 12 calendar months of retirement.<sup>4</sup>

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## Retiree Definition

You are considered retired if:

1. You have received any benefits under the FRS Pension Plan, including DROP (does not include a withdrawal of employee contributions), or
2. You have taken any distribution (including a rollover) from the FRS Investment Plan, or other state administered retirement programs offered by state universities (SUSORP), state community colleges (SCCSORP), state government for senior managers (SMSOAP), or local governments for senior managers.

<sup>1</sup>If you are not retired and earned FRS service after certain periods in 2002 (depending on your employer), you must rejoin the FRS retirement plan you were enrolled in when you terminated FRS-participating employment. You may have a one-time 2<sup>nd</sup> Election to switch FRS retirement plans. Also, alternative retirement programs are available to certain employees. Contact your employer for deadline and other information.

<sup>2</sup>Positions include OPS, temporary, seasonal, substitute teachers, adjunct professors, part-time, full-time, regularly established, etc.

<sup>3</sup>Florida law requires a return of all unauthorized Pension Plan benefit payments or Investment Plan distributions received by a member who has violated the FRS termination or reemployment provisions. Similar provisions apply to unauthorized SUSORP, SCCSORP, or other state-administered plan distributions – contact that plan's administrator for details.

<sup>4</sup>There is one exception to the restrictions on reemployment limitations after retirement. If you are a retired law enforcement officer, you may only be reemployed as a school resource officer by an FRS-covered employer during the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> calendar months after your retirement date or after your DROP termination date and receive both your salary and retirement benefits.