

**Florida Retirement System Pension Plan
Application for Service Retirement**

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All of the following are **required** before your name can be added to the retired payroll.

1. Termination of all employment with all employers under the Florida Retirement System (FRS). If you are dually employed with one or more FRS employer(s), you must terminate from all positions.
2. A properly completed Application for Service Retirement, Form FR-11. The FR-11 must be signed in the presence of a notary public and approved by your employer. Since your retirement date will be determined by the date we receive the FR-11, you should send the FR-11 to the Division of Retirement even if you do not have the other required documents. The FR-11 will be accepted up to six months before your desired retirement date. Notify the division of any address or telephone number changes that occur after you submit your FR-11.
3. A properly completed Option Selection for Members, Form FRS-11o. An explanation of the options is on the attached page titled "What Retirement Option Should You Choose."
4. A properly completed Spousal Acknowledgment Form, Form SA-1. You must complete and sign the top portion in the presence of a notary. If you are married and select option 1 or 2, your spouse should complete the bottom portion in the presence of a notary.
5. A check payable to the Florida Retirement System for any amount you owe, or a written statement that you do not wish to claim the service. Please put your social security number on the face of the check. You may roll over funds from a qualified plan (IRA, deferred compensation, etc.) to pay the amount due. Form PRO-1, Pretax Direct Rollover, must be received with the payment.
6. Proof of your birth date. If you select Option 3 or 4, you must also submit birth date verification for your beneficiary. We will accept legible photocopies of **one** of the following (except for i):
 - a. Copy of a birth certificate
 - b. Delayed birth certificate
 - c. Valid, unexpired U.S. passport
 - d. Census report more than 30 years old
 - e. Life Insurance policy more than 30 years
 - f. Letter from the Social Security Administration stating the date of birth it has established for the payment of benefits
 - g. Certificate of Naturalization
 - h. Florida driver's license issued after January 1, 2010 that indicated compliance with the federal REAL ID Act
 - i. In the absence of one of the above, a copy of **two** of the following documents:
 - (1) Birth certificate of child, showing age of parent (limit one)
 - (2) Baptismal certificate more than 30 years old
 - (3) Hospital record of birth
 - (4) School record at time of entering grammar school
7. A copy of your marriage certificate if you selected option 3 or 4 and name your spouse as your joint annuitant.
8. A final certification of your earnings by your employer for the last four months of your employment. **Your employer is aware of this requirement.**
9. A Statement of Military Eligibility will be mailed to you if you claim military service and the form is needed.
10. A Beneficiary Designation, Form FST-12, if designating more than one beneficiary; otherwise complete the **Beneficiary Designation** section of Form FR-11.
11. Direct Deposit of your benefit is available through the state's Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) program. An application will be mailed to you after your name has been added to the retired payroll. If you are a state employee, currently on EFT, you will automatically continue on EFT unless you cancel your authorization.

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Member Name _____	Member SSN _____
Position Title _____	Birth Date _____
Home Phone _____	Work Phone _____
Home Mailing Address _____	Present FRS Employer(s) _____
Email Address _____	

My services terminated, or will terminate, on _____. Your retirement date is determined by the Division of Retirement.

Beneficiary Designation: All previous beneficiary designations are null and void unless you are applying for a second career retirement benefit. In the case of a second career benefit, this application does not affect your original benefit in any way. To designate more than one primary beneficiary, attach a Beneficiary Designation Form, FST-12.

<u>Primary</u>	<u>Contingent</u>
Name _____	Name _____
Relation _____	Relation _____
SSN _____	SSN _____
DOB _____	DOB _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Address _____	Address _____

I understand I must terminate all employment with FRS employers to receive a retirement benefit under Chapter 121, Florida Statutes. This includes but is not limited to: part-time work, other personal services(OPS), substitute teaching, adjunct professor or non-Division approved contractual services. I also understand that I cannot add service, change options, change my type of retirement (Regular, Disability, and Early) or elect the Investment Plan once my retirement becomes final. My retirement becomes final when any benefit payment is cashed or deposited.

Member Signature: (sign in the presence of a Notary) _____

Notary: State of _____, County of _____. The above named person who has sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 20_____ and is personally known _____ or has produced _____ as identification.

Signature of Notary Public	Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public
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Employer Certification: This is to certify that the above named member was employed by this agency and will terminate, or has terminated on _____ with the last day worked on _____.

Authorized Personnel Signature: _____	Agency Number: _____
Agency Phone: _____	Date: _____

**Florida Retirement System Pension Plan
Option Selection for FRS Members**



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Member Name _____ Member SSN _____

A member must select one of the following retirement options prior to receipt of their first monthly retirement benefit.

I select:

_____ Option 1: A monthly benefit payable for my lifetime. Upon my death the monthly benefit will stop and my beneficiary will receive only a refund of any contributions I have paid which are in excess of the amount I have received in benefits. This option does not provide a continuing benefit to my beneficiary.

_____ Option 2: A reduced monthly benefit payable for my lifetime. If I die within a period of ten years after my retirement date, my designated beneficiary will receive a monthly benefit in the same amount as I was receiving for the balance of the 10-year period. No further benefits are then payable.

_____ Option 3: A reduced monthly benefit payable for my lifetime. Upon my death, my joint annuitant, if living, will receive a lifetime monthly benefit payment in the same amount as I was receiving. (Exception: The benefit paid to a joint annuitant under age 25, who is not your spouse, will be your option one benefit amount. The benefit will stop when your joint annuitant reaches age 25, unless disabled and incapable of self-support, in which case the benefit will continue for the duration of the disability.) No further benefits are payable after both my joint annuitant and I are deceased.

The social security number of my joint annuitant is _____.

_____ Option 4: An adjusted monthly benefit payable to me while both my joint annuitant and I are living. Upon the death of **either my joint annuitant or me**, the monthly benefit payable to the surviving person (my joint annuitant or me) **is reduced to two-thirds** of the monthly benefit payable while we were both living. (Exception: The benefit paid to a joint annuitant under age 25, who is not your spouse, will be your option one benefit amount. The benefit will stop when your joint annuitant reaches age 25, unless disabled and incapable of self-support, in which case the benefit will continue for the duration of the disability.) No further benefits are payable after both my joint annuitant and I are deceased.

The social security number of my joint annuitant is _____.

COMPLETE AND RETURN FORM SA-1

I understand I must terminate all employment with FRS employers to receive a retirement benefit under Chapter 121, Florida Statutes. I also understand that I **cannot** add service, change options or change my type of retirement (Regular, Disability or Early) once my retirement becomes final. My retirement becomes final when any benefit payment is cashed, deposited or when my Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) participation begins.

Member Signature: (sign in the presence of a Notary) _____

Notary: State of Florida, County of _____, The above named person who has sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 20 _____ and is personally known _____ or has produced _____ as identification.

Signature of Notary Public

Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

**Florida Retirement System Pension Plan
Spousal Acknowledgment Form**



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Member Name: _____ Member SSN: _____

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

MARRIED: _____ YES _____ NO IF YES AND YOU SELECTED OPTION 1 OR 2,
YOUR SPOUSE MUST ALSO COMPLETE BOX 2.

Notarized Signature of Member: _____

1 **Notary:** State of Florida, County of _____. The above named person who has sworn to and
subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 20____ and is personally known _____ or
produced _____ as identification.

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

SPOUSAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT: I, _____ being the spouse of the above named
member, acknowledge that the member has selected either Option 1 or 2.

Notarized Signature of Spouse: _____

2 **Notary:** State of Florida, County of _____. The above named person who has sworn to and
subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 20____ and is personally known _____ or
produced _____ as identification.

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

The following is an explanation of all four Florida Retirement System Options:

- Option 1: A monthly benefit payable for my lifetime. Upon my death, the monthly benefit will stop and my beneficiary will receive only a refund of any contributions I have paid which are in excess of the amount I have received in benefits. This option does not provide a continuing benefit to my beneficiary.
- Option 2: A reduced monthly benefit payable for my lifetime. If I die within a period of ten years after my retirement date, my designated beneficiary will receive a monthly benefit in the same amount as I was receiving for the balance of the 10-year period. No further benefits are then payable.
- Option 3: A reduced monthly benefit payable for my lifetime. Upon my death, my joint annuitant, if living, will receive a lifetime monthly benefit payable in the same amount as I was receiving. (Exception: The benefit paid to a joint annuitant under age 25, who is not your spouse, will be your option one benefit amount. The benefit will stop when your joint annuitant reaches age 25, unless disabled and incapable of self-support, in which case the benefit will continue for the duration of the disability.) No further benefits are payable after both my joint annuitant and I are deceased.
- Option 4: An adjusted monthly benefit payable to me while both my joint annuitant and I are living. Upon the death of either my joint annuitant or me, the monthly benefit payable to the survivor is reduced to two-thirds of the monthly benefit received when both were living. (Exception: The benefit paid to the joint annuitant under age 25, who is not your spouse, will be your option one benefit amount. The benefit will stop when your joint annuitant reaches age 25, unless disabled and incapable of self-support, in which case the benefit will continue for the duration of the disability.) No further benefits are payable after both my joint annuitant and I are deceased.

FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM PENSION PLAN TERMINATION AND REEMPLOYMENT AFTER RETIREMENT

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To begin receiving a retirement benefit, including the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) payout, you must terminate all employment relationships with and cease providing services to all FRS employers. If you are dually employed with one or more FRS employers, you must terminate from all positions, even if one of those positions is not an FRS-covered position. You must terminate from all positions that include, but are not limited to:

- full time work
- part time work
- other personal services (OPS)
- election poll work
- substitute teaching
- adjunct instructing
- contractual services
- third-party companies providing services to FRS employers

Beginning July 1, 2023, Volunteer Services in accordance with section 121.091(15), Florida Statutes, do not constitute employment by or provision of services to an FRS employer.

You are subject to the following termination requirement in the first 6 calendar months from your service retirement effective date or following your DROP termination date:

TERMINATION REQUIREMENT: 1st through 6th calendar months

During the first six calendar months from your service retirement effective date or following your DROP termination date, you cannot be in an employment relationship with and must cease providing services to all FRS employers. An employment relationship with an FRS employer in any capacity during this six-calendar month period may void your retirement and you and your FRS employer may be held jointly and severally liable for repayment of all retirement benefits received, which include any DROP accumulation or payout. This means that each party can be held fully responsible for the repayment of the total amount of retirement benefits. **There are no exceptions to the six-calendar month termination requirement. Examples of violations:**

- You terminate from all FRS employment on June 10 and apply to begin receiving your monthly retirement benefit in July. Your service retirement effective date is July 1, and your six-calendar month termination requirement is from July through December. You become employed part-time with an FRS employer in September. This employment voids your retirement. Your retirement will be cancelled, and you and your employer will be held jointly and severally liable for repayment of any retirement benefits paid to you during that time.
- You are dually employed with two FRS employers and are in DROP. You work for your primary employer in a regularly established position, and with your other employer as an adjunct, a non-reported position. You terminate employment with your primary employer and exit DROP on August 31. You receive your DROP payout and begin receiving your monthly retirement benefit in September. Your six-calendar month termination requirement is from September through February. You never terminated your other position, an adjunct with an FRS employer. This employment voids your DROP. Your retirement will be cancelled, and you and your employer will be held jointly and severally liable for repayment of any retirement benefits paid to you, including your entire DROP payout.

Beginning with the 7th calendar month from your service retirement effective date or following your DROP termination date, there are no restrictions on working for an FRS employer.

If you retired under the disability provisions of the FRS and become employed with any employer, whether public or private, your disability benefit will be discontinued. There are no reemployment exceptions for disability retirees.

For more information about the effects of reemployment on your retirement benefits, visit our website, frs.myflorida.com, where you can view our "[READY.SET.RETIRE.](#)" guide that further explains the FRS reemployment provisions.

Disclaimer:

As much as possible, this guide is written in nontechnical terms, avoiding the formal language of retirement laws and rules. If questions of interpretation arise as a result of the attempt to make the retirement provisions easy to understand, Chapter 121 of the Florida Statutes, chapters 60S and 19 of the Florida Administrative Code, and applicable federal law remain the final authority.