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MEMORANDUM HR10-2021

To: Agency Administrators
From: Carolyn Horwich, Esq., Director of Human Resources
Subject: REVISED FRS Certification Form
Date: June 14, 2021

The State Board of Administration in tandem with the Division of Retirement has updated its FRS Employment Certification Form. The updated form is posted to the Justice Administrative Commission's public website under Human Resources Forms as well as under Payroll>New Hire. The updated form has been sent to CIP.

Please note the following:

- Please begin using the form and destroy all old versions.
- When a prospective employee signs a Certification Form, they are certifying any previous FRS service or retirement with any State of Florida administered retirement plan.
- Your organization may be jointly liable for repayment of funds paid out if you hire a retiree in violation of re-employment after retirement provisions.
- Have each prospective employee sign and date a form before your hiring process is completed and an offer of employment is made.
- Please remember to check if a prospective employee has received an Investment Plan distribution or retired from the Pension Plan prior to hiring the person.

If you have any questions, please email JAC Retirement Coordinators at RetirementCoordinator@justiceadmin.org.

Thank you.



FRS Employment Certification Form

This form is not an offer of employment and completion of this form does not constitute enrollment in a retirement program under the Florida Retirement System (FRS). If you are hired, information about your retirement plan options may be mailed to your address on file.

1 Enter Your Info PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

CURRENT AGENCY NAME _____ PREVIOUS AGENCY NAME _____

2 Confirm Prior Membership

Have you ever been a member of a State of Florida-administered retirement plan?

No, I have never been a member of a State of Florida-administered retirement plan.
If No, skip to section 4.

Yes, I have been a member of a State of Florida-administered retirement plan.
If Yes, indicate which plan(s) you are or were a member of, then proceed to section 3.

FRS Pension Plan (including DROP) FRS Investment Plan

Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program (SMSOAP) State Community College System Optional Retirement Program (SCCSORP)

State University System Optional Retirement Program (SUSORP) Other _____

3 Confirm Retiree Status

Are you retired from a State of Florida-administered plan? You are considered retired if:

- You have received any benefits (other than a withdrawal of your employee contributions) under the FRS Pension Plan, including DROP.
- 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.

No, I am not retired from a State of Florida-administered plan. I understand that if it is later determined I am retired, both my employer and I might be liable for repaying retirement benefits I have received if I am reemployed by or provide services to an FRS-covered employer through any paid or unpaid arrangement as described below. Refer to Page 2 for additional information.

Yes, I am retired from a State of Florida-administered plan, and I understand I must satisfy any termination requirement prior to returning to FRS employment.
If Yes, enter your FRS Pension Plan retirement effective date, DROP termination date, or date you received your first distribution from the FRS Investment Plan, SUSORP, SCCSORP, SMSOAP, or other plan.

DATE _____

4 Sign Here

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information on pages 1 and 2 of this form, and I certify all supplied information to be true and correct.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Questions? Call the MyFRS Financial Guidance Line at 1-866-446-9377, Option 2 (TRS 711) or visit MyFRS.com.

This completed form, including page 2, should be retained in the employee's personnel file. Do not send this form to the FRS, unless requested.

Review the Following Important Information Carefully

- If you are a Pension Plan retiree, you understand:
 - If you are reemployed within six calendar months of retirement in **any type of position** with an FRS-participating employer, your retirement and DROP status (if applicable) are voided, all retirement and DROP benefits you received must be repaid, and you must reapply for retirement to receive future benefits.
 - If you are reemployed during months 7 through 12 after retirement in **any type of position** with an FRS-participating employer, your monthly retirement benefit must be suspended and any overpaid benefits you received must be repaid.
- If you are an Investment Plan SUSORP, SCCSORP, or SMSOAP retiree, you understand:
 - If you are reemployed within six calendar months of retirement in **any type of position** with an FRS-participating employer, any benefits you received must be repaid, or you must terminate employment.
 - If you are reemployed during months 7 through 12 after retirement in **any type of position** with an FRS-participating employer, you will not be eligible for additional distributions until you terminate employment or complete 12 calendar months of retirement (whichever occurs first).
- **Any type of position** includes, but is not limited to, regularly established, full-time, part-time, OPS, temporary, seasonal, substitute teachers, adjunct professors, etc. Also, any paid or unpaid positions with an FRS employer, service arrangements with an FRS employer, employment by or through a third-party providing service to an FRS employer, or positions pre-arranged before retirement to provide services after retirement to any FRS employer, are prohibited.
- Florida law requires a return of all overpaid 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 overpaid SUSORP, SCCSORP, or other state-administered plan distributions – contact that plan’s administrator for details.
- There is one exception to the restrictions on reemployment limitations after retirement. If you are a retired law enforcement officer and are reemployed as a school resource officer by an FRS-covered employer during the seventh through twelfth calendar months after your retirement date or after your DROP termination date, you are eligible to receive both your salary and retirement benefits during this period.
- Effective July 1, 2017, retirees of the Investment Plan, SUSORP, SMSOAP, SCCSORP are eligible for renewed membership in the Investment Plan, SUSORP, SMSOAP, SCCSORP. You must be employed in an FRS-covered position on or after July 1, 2017 in order to have renewed membership. Renewed members may not use a second election to change to the Pension Plan.
- If you are not retired and you earned FRS service after certain periods since 2002 (depending on your employer), you will be enrolled in the FRS retirement plan you were enrolled in when you terminated FRS-covered employment.

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