

FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION ACT 2004-637

Retirement Systems of Alabama
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For use in certifying service under the provisions of Act 637 of the Regular Session of the 2004 Alabama Legislature. This form should be used to certify service as a full-time certified firefighter.

PART I CERTIFICATION OF CURRENT EMPLOYER

Member Name: _____ Social Security No. _____ - _____ - _____

Address: _____
Street or P. O. Box City State Zip Code

Telephone Number: Work (_____) _____ Home (_____) _____

Current Employment Information:

☐ Firefighter Title of Position _____

Employment Status: ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time Employing Agency: _____

Signature of Certifying Official: _____ Date: _____

Title of Certifying Official: _____

Part II CERTIFICATION OF PRIOR SERVICE (Note: Certify Only Periods of Full-time Service)

Position Title	From			To			Total Service		
	Mo.	Day	Yr.	Mo.	Day	Yr.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days

Agency Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Certifying Official: _____ Title: _____

PART III FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION VERIFICATION

Member Name: _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____ - _____ - _____

I hereby certify that the above named individual was duly certified as a firefighter with a minimum level one standard certification.

Certification Number: _____

From	To
Month Day Year	Month Day Year

Remarks: _____

Signature of Certifying Official: _____ Date: _____

Title of Certifying Official: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Part I, Certification of Current Employer, is to be completed by the member's current employer.
2. Part II, Certification of Prior Service, is to be completed by employer to which eligible periods of service were rendered. **Note:** Only periods of full-time service for which the member was certified should be certified.
3. Return the form with Part 1 and Part 2 completed directly to the Employees' Retirement System.

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4. Part III, Firefighter Certification Verification, will be obtained by the ERS from the Firefighters Personnel Standards and Education Commission after the Firefighter Certification Form is submitted to the ERS.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The provisions of Act 2004-637 apply to **full-time** certified firefighters or law enforcement officers not covered as a state policeman and have not had a previous period of eligibility to purchase Hazardous Duty service credit.

The provisions of the Act are effective August 1, 2004. The deadline for making contributions upon the periods of prior service is July 31, 2005, or within one (1) year of the member's enrollment into the ERS.

Act 2004-637 will provide eligible firefighters and law enforcement officers with one year of additional retirement service credit for each five (5) years of employment as a full-time firefighter, correctional officer, or law enforcement officer provided that the member remits to the ERS one percent (1%) of his or her current annual earnable compensation or the previous year's annual earnable compensation, whichever is higher.

Contributions may be made upon the prior service in increments of five (5) years unless the total prior service is less than five (5) years in which case the service cost will be purchased in its entirety. Proportional credit will be awarded for periods of service less than five (5) years.

The additional retirement service credit provided under this Act will be granted upon the member's attainment of the required number of years to qualify for service or disability retirement. The additional retirement service may **not** be used to meet the creditable service requirements for service or disability retirement.

A separate Firefighter Certification Form (Act 2004-637) must be completed by each employing agency to which service under this act has been rendered.

To qualify for the provisions of Act 2004-637, the following conditions **must** be met:

- 1) Member must be employed as a full-time firefighter with a level one minimum standard certification by the Firefighters Personnel Standards and Education Commission; or,
- 2) Member must be employed as a full-time law enforcement officer and must be certified by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission; and,
- 3) Member must **NOT** have had a previous period of eligibility to purchase hazardous duty service credit.