



EMPLOYER BULLETIN

Membership Qualifications & Tier II Reporting

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Who qualifies for Tier I?

A teacher or administrator is a Tier I member if he/she:

- worked for a TRS-covered employer in a certified position (including subbing) prior to Jan. 1, 2011;
- became a member of TRS prior to Jan. 1, 2011 but took a refund of his/her TRS contributions;
- became a member of a retirement system that has reciprocal rights with TRS prior to Jan. 1, 2011; or
- became a member of a reciprocal system prior to Jan. 1, 2011 but took a refund.

Please note that non-certified, extra-duty work (such as coaching) done prior to Jan. 1, 2011 does not qualify the person for Tier I membership.

Who qualifies for Tier II?

A teacher or administrator is a Tier II member if he/she:

- never worked in a certified position for a TRS-covered employer prior to Jan. 1, 2011;
- never was a member of a reciprocal retirement system prior to Jan. 1, 2011.

Should the employer notify TRS if a Tier II member is hired?

Not at this time. During the summer of 2011, TRS will ask employers to report the first day of contributing service for anyone who does not appear to have previous service with TRS or a reciprocal system.