




## Service Credit, Refunds, and Retirement

The following brochures and leaflets explain the purchase of prior service, the Reciprocal Act and systems, the refund process and retirement annuities. Another good resource for information on these topics is the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) [1] page.

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 <p>[2] <a href="#">Purchasing Service Credit</a> [3]</p> <p>The State Universities Retirement System (SURS) statutes allow for the purchase of eligible service credit for those members enrolled in the <a href="#">Portable</a> [4] and <a href="#">Traditional</a> [5] plans.</p>	09/13/13	2
 <p>[6] <a href="#">Retirement System Reciprocal Act</a> [7]</p> <p>The Reciprocal Act ensures continuous pension credit for public employment in Illinois. Pension credits of more than one year in any <a href="#">Reciprocal Systems</a> [8] may be used to meet qualifications for retirement or survivor benefits.</p>	06/30/16	2
 <p>[9] <a href="#">Refund Fact Sheet</a> [10]</p> <p>For additional information on the application process and the differences between separation refunds in the Traditional, Portable, and Self-Managed Plans, visit the <a href="#">Separation Refund FAQ</a> [11].</p>	01/01/11	1

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