

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE ...

You may be able to increase your pension benefit by purchasing service, but there are deadlines.

You must apply to purchase the following before April 1, 2007, and while an active member:

- a leave of absence that ended before April 1, 2002
- arrears for which you received notice before April 1, 2002
- non-contributory service if you were an active member on March 31, 2002
- re-instatement of a refund if you were an active member on March 31, 2002 (this also applies to reinstating refunds taken from the BC College Pension Plan, the BC Municipal Pension Plan and the BC Public Service Pension Plan)

If you are eligible to transfer service under a reciprocal transfer agreement, you may be able to maximize the contributory service you are credited with by completing the transfer by March 31, 2007.

There are other deadlines. You must apply to purchase the following by the deadlines shown:

- leaves of absence that ended on or after April 1, 2002—within five years of the end of the leave period, or before you terminate your current employment, whichever occurs first)
- arrears for which you received notice after March 31, 2002—within five years of the date that the plan sent a written notice to you, or before you terminate your current employment, whichever occurs first
- non-contributory service where you became an active member after March 31, 2002—within five years of the date you enrol in the plan, or before you terminate your current employment, whichever occurs first
- reinstatement of a refund where you became an active member after March 31, 2002—within five years of the date you begin to again contribute to the plan, or before you terminate your current employment, whichever occurs first

Please contact the Teachers' Pension Plan for more information, or see the fact sheets and other purchase of service information on this website.

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