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**FACT SHEET: CREDITABLE MILITARY SERVICE UNDER THE WISCONSIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

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The state retirement system is generally established in Chapter 40 of the Wisconsin Statutes (2001-2002). Those statutes, specifically s. 40.02 (15), Stats., indicate active military service in one of the armed forces can be converted into creditable state service if all the following requirements are met:

1. The military service was performed prior to January 1, 1974;
2. The military service is not being used as creditable service for any other federal retirement plan, including but not limited to retirement from one of the armed forces;
3. Such military service meets the conditions elaborated in s.40.02(15)(a), Stats., and, the individual claiming the creditable military service terminated their state service on or after January 1, 1982.

If the active military service is creditable, it will be credited at an exchange rate of 1 year of creditable military service for every 5 years of actual state service, up to a maximum of 4 years of additional creditable military service for 20 years of state service.

Specific rules apply to various government positions and the type of state service performed. An affected individual should submit his or her DD-214 to the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds for a binding determination regarding any creditable military service they wish to have applied to their creditable state service.

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