



Please read pages 1, 2 and 4 before completing the attached form.

Why would I purchase service?

By purchasing service you increase the number of years that count toward your pension. This could get you closer to an unreduced pension and increases the amount of your benefit at retirement. This application package will help you understand this process.

Who can purchase service?

You may be able to purchase service if:

- you are currently a member of the Municipal Pension Plan, and
- the service was with the Municipal Pension Plan.

What are the deadlines for purchase?

There is a five year deadline for all purchase types. You must apply to purchase within 30 days after leaving your current employer. **For deadlines**, see the applicable [fact sheet](#) on the website or contact the pension plan.

What are the types of eligible service?

Leaves of absence: Time you were away on approved leaves. These include general leaves (which can include shared cost leaves under a collective agreement or the *Employment Standards Act (ESA)*; for example, maternity, parental, adoption, compassionate and jury leaves).

Non-contributory service: Service in which you worked for a Municipal Pension Plan employer but didn't contribute to the plan, such as during a probationary period, or casual work prior to joining the pension plan.

For more information see the applicable fact sheets on the website at mpp.pensionsbc.ca or contact the pension plan.

What information do I need?

To begin with, you need to know the dates of the service in question.

If your employer does not have records related to the period of service, you may also need: employment letters, leave approvals, timesheets, cheque stubs, T4s, employment insurance record of employment forms, letters from Canada Revenue Agency or the Canada Pension Plan.

Can I repay my refunded contributions?

If you withdrew your pension contributions from the Municipal Pension Plan and are now an active plan member with the same employer you took the refund from, you may be able to reinstate your pension by repaying those funds, plus interest. ***This application package does not apply in that case.*** For deadlines and other information see the [reinstatement fact sheet](#) on the website or contact the pension plan.

What service can't I purchase?

Not all service is available for purchase. For instance:

- You can't purchase more service than you would normally have worked—for example, you can't be a part-time employee and purchase service to full-time.
- You continue to be credited with service while on an approved Group Disability Plan (LTD) leave, and you do not need to purchase this service.
- You cannot purchase service that exceeds income tax limits for pension and RRSP contributions—note that you may wish input from a financial advisor (see "*Tax considerations?*" on Page 4).

How much will it cost?

For a more accurate estimate of the purchase cost and the increase to your pension see our purchase cost estimator available on the web at mpp.pensionsbc.ca. Or, use the simple table below.

To estimate the cost of purchasing service you will need to know your full-time equivalent monthly salary. This is the amount of salary you would earn if working full-time. You will find the formula for converting part-time hours into full-time equivalent on page 4 or on the website.

	Example (numbers have been rounded)
Your current full-time gross monthly salary (or full-time equivalent if part-time)	\$3,500
Percentage of full-time employment during purchase period	X 100%
Number of months available to purchase	X 6
Contribution rates (employee/employer combined) Group 2 (police or firefighter) = 22% Group 5 (police or firefighter) = 26% All others = 19%	X 19%
Estimated cost to purchase the service	= \$3,990
Maternity/parental/compassionate or other shared cost leaves (if applicable)	÷ 2 = \$1,995

(NOTE: Dividing by two assumes member and employer shares are both 50%)

How much will it increase my pension?

Use the table below to estimate how much your monthly pension benefit may increase for every month of service you purchase. Multiply the approximate monthly increase by the number of months. This is an estimate of the lifetime pension payable, assuming you retire with the average annual earnings shown.

Average Annual Earnings at Retirement	Approximate Monthly Increase
\$30,000	\$2
\$40,000	\$3
\$50,000	\$4
\$60,000	\$6
\$70,000	\$7
\$80,000	\$9
\$90,000	\$10
\$100,000	\$11
\$110,000	\$13

What are the next steps?

- to purchase service complete part A of the attached *Purchase of Service Application*; copy and attach all necessary documents
- send everything to your employer, who will complete part B and send it to the Municipal Pension Plan
- for arrears only: ensure that if the period being purchased was worked with a former employer that you first send them the application—after they've completed part C, forward the application to your current employer (note that if your former employer no longer exists you must provide proof of that employment to your current employer)

How do I pay for my purchase?

Don't send money at this time. You will receive an invoice which notes the payment due date, and any other necessary documents, from the pension plan. You may pay for your purchase by RRSP transfer and/or cheque, money order, etc. For more information see the applicable fact sheet available on the website or contact the pension plan.

Need help?

More information is available by contacting your employer or the pension plan. You may also refer to the website at mpp.pensionsbc.ca.

Contact Information: Questions can be directed to your employer or contact us at:

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PLAN MEMBER

- Read pages 1, 2 and 4 before completing this form.
- Do **not** send payment; the pension plan will send you an invoice.
- Complete part A, copy and attach all required documents, then forward this form to your employer.
- Refer to *What are the next steps?* on page 2 if the arrears being purchased was with a former employer.
- Direct questions to your employer, or contact us.

PART A To be completed by the **PLAN MEMBER** – please print clearly

PLAN MEMBER LAST NAME	FIRST NAME AND INITIAL (if any)		
MAILING ADDRESS (include street, city or town, province and postal code)			
DAYTIME PHONE (include 10 digits)	E-MAIL (optional)	DATE OF BIRTH YYYY / MM / DD	SOCIAL INSURANCE NO.

TYPE OF PURCHASE (separate application required for each purchase type) – please check (✓) ONE of the types below			
LEAVE OF ABSENCE			
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL	OR	YYYY / MM / DD	ARREARS
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL SHARED LEAVE: Employer pays its share (e.g., as per a collective agreement)	<input type="checkbox"/> MATERNITY – (child date of birth)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> ENROLMENT <input type="checkbox"/> PAYROLL ERROR
	<input type="checkbox"/> PARENTAL – (child date of birth)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-CONTRIBUTORY SERVICE
	<input type="checkbox"/> ADOPTION – (adoption date)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-CONTRIBUTORY SERVICE DEFAULT (no records, see page 4 for explanation)
	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER – (e.g., compassionate care, jury duty, etc.)	_____	
PERIOD OF SERVICE APPLYING TO PURCHASE			
EMPLOYER NAME DURING PURCHASE PERIOD		START DATE YYYY / MM / DD	END DATE YYYY / MM / DD
AMOUNT OF SERVICE APPLYING TO PURCHASE			
<input type="checkbox"/> FULL-TIME <input type="checkbox"/> PART-TIME (indicate percentage)	%	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-CONTRIBUTORY SERVICE DEFAULT
		PENSIONABLE SERVICE MONTHS	CONTRIBUTORY SERVICE MONTHS
PLAN MEMBER SIGNATURE – I understand that I must meet all eligibility requirements in order to purchase this period of service.			DATE SIGNED YYYY / MM / DD

PART B To be completed by **CURRENT EMPLOYER** – please print clearly – refer to employer manual for clarification

CURRENT EMPLOYER NAME	CONTACT PHONE (include 10 digits)	EMPLOYER NO. (include 5 digits)
CURRENT ANNUAL PENSIONABLE SALARY – (full-time equivalent pensionable salary must be completed by current employer)	\$	OR <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK (✓) IF PLAN MEMBER IS CURRENTLY ON GROUP DISABILITY (e.g., LTD)
FOR CURRENT YEAR REQUESTS Indicate the amount of pensionable service earned but not yet reported to the plan.	MONTHS	FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS Indicate the amount of pensionable service earned during the purchase period (e.g., Maternity top up, partial leaves), if applicable.
		MONTHS

CURRENT EMPLOYER CERTIFICATION – By signing this form I certify that I am an authorized signing officer for the employer indicated above. I also realize that by signing this form it is irrevocable and I accept the respective employer responsibility. I certify that the information completed in Parts A and B of this form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

AUTHORIZED SIGNING OFFICER (print name)	AUTHORIZED SIGNING OFFICER TITLE	AUTHORIZED SIGNING OFFICER SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED YYYY / MM / DD
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PART C FOR ARREARS ONLY: To be completed by **FORMER EMPLOYER**, if required – please print clearly

This part is to be completed by the former employer for arrears pertaining to them in Part A above.

FORMER EMPLOYER CERTIFICATION – By signing this form I certify that I am an authorized signing officer for the employer indicated above. I also realize that by signing this form it is irrevocable and I accept the respective employer responsibility. I certify that the information completed in Parts A and C of this form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

AUTHORIZED SIGNING OFFICER (print name)	AUTHORIZED SIGNING OFFICER TITLE	AUTHORIZED SIGNING OFFICER SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED YYYY / MM / DD
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Employer and Plan Member: Make a copy of this completed form for your records before forwarding to the pension plan

NOTES

Contributory service—Number of months you (and your employer) made contributions to the plan. It is used to determine if you are eligible for a pension and whether your pension will be reduced (and by how much) should you decide to retire before normal retirement age. You earn one month of contributory service for any month in which you and/or your employer make the required contribution for that time.

Deadlines

- **Arrears**—You have five years from receiving the notice of arrears or 30 days after termination of employment, whichever is earlier, to apply to purchase the arrears period.
- **Leave of Absence**—You must apply to purchase your leave within five years of the end of the leave or within 30 days after termination of employment with the employer with which the leave occurred, whichever is earlier.
- **Non-Contributory Service**—You must apply within five years from the time contributions commenced or within 30 days after termination of employment with the employer which the service occurred, whichever is earlier.

Non-contributory Service Default—In cases where employment records are missing, inaccessible or incomplete, and where both the employer and member agree, a default pensionable service option can be accepted. The default option is 50% pensionable service and 100% contributory service for the period of eligible time you want to purchase.

Full-time equivalent—The amount of salary you would earn if you were working full-time. Divide the current full-time gross monthly salary you are paid by the percentage of part-time you are working. Multiply by 12 to determine the full-time equivalent annual salary. You can determine the percentage of full-time by dividing the hours you work into the hours a full-time member works. The full-time hours vary by employer and job so contact your employer if you need details.

Example: You are working 30 hours per week and a full-time employee works 40 hours per week: 30 divided by 40 equals 75%.

You earned \$3,000 last month: \$3,000 divided by .75 equals \$4,000.

\$4,000 is the full-time equivalent monthly salary.

\$4,000 multiplied by 12 equals \$48,000 and is the full-time equivalent annual salary.

Pensionable Service—The actual time you worked while contributing to the plan. You earn one full month of pensionable service when you work full-time for a month. If you work half-time, you receive half a month of pensionable service. Pensionable service is used to determine your benefit amount.

Tax considerations? When you purchase service the value of your pension increases. Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) places limits on how much you can deduct for contributions made to RRSPs and registered pension plans. If you purchase service that occurred in 1990 or later the pension plan will contact CRA for approval of past service pension adjustments and report any amended pension adjustments. Generally, if you pay for your purchase by RRSP transfer there are no tax implications, though you should always seek the advice of a qualified financial advisor. More information is available on [CRA's website](#).