




RETIREMENT BOARD POLICY AND REFERENCE MANUAL

SUBJECT: REFUND OF RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH RECIPROCITY WITH OTHER CALIFORNIA SYSTEMS	Section: 2-24 Date Adopted/Revised: 12/10/2008
SYSTEM(S): JOINT	Approved:  Retirement Administrator

PURPOSE

Pursuant to the agreement between the City of Fresno and the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), the Boards establish this policy to conform with CalPERS' procedures when refunding contributions where reciprocity has been established between the City of Fresno and another reciprocal system.

In cases where reciprocity has been established, the last agency in the link may be relying on the employee's service credits at the reciprocal system to qualify the employee for certain benefits. If the prior agency refunds contributions and breaks reciprocity it creates problems for the agency that has relied on service credits which have now been refunded. To remedy the situation, CalPERS and reciprocal agencies have agreed to the following policy.

POLICY

The following will govern the refunding of contributions to a member who came from a reciprocal agency to the City of Fresno.

- A member who became employed by the City of Fresno, established reciprocity with a prior agency and who has now left City of Fresno employment will be allowed to request a refund of contributions. Upon issuance of the refund, immediate notice will be given to the prior agency indicating reciprocity has been broken and that a refund has been issued.

The following will govern the refunding of contributions to a member who leaves the City of Fresno and indicates they are entering employment with another reciprocal agency.

- A member who leaves City of Fresno employment and indicates they are entering employment with another reciprocal agency, whether reciprocity is established or not, will not receive a refund of contributions until the second agency notifies us a refund has been issued from that system. If the member has less than 5 years of service after receiving the refund from the reciprocal system, the member will be advised they must either rollover or receive a refund of their City of Fresno contributions.