



# INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR/WORKER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System  
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This form is to be completed if you are an individual who begins providing personal services to a public employer on or after Jan. 7, 2013 but are not considered by the public employer to be a public employee and will not have contributions made to OPERS. This form must be completed not later than 30 days after you begin providing personal services to the public employer.

## STEP 1: Personal Information

Social Security Number

\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

First Name

MI

Last Name

\_\_\_\_MI\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current Employer

\_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 2: Public Employer Information

Name of Public Employer for Which You Are Providing Personal Services

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Employer Contact

First Name

MI

Last Name

\_\_\_\_MI\_\_\_\_\_

Employer Code

Employer Contact Phone Number

\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

Service Provided to Public Employer

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Start Date of Service

End Date of Service

Month Day Year

Month Day Year

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

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**STEP 3: Acknowledgment**

The public employer identified in Step 2 has identified you as an independent contractor or another classification other than a public employee. Ohio law requires that you acknowledge in writing that you have been informed that the public employer identified in Step 2 has classified you as an independent contractor or another classification other than a public employee for the services described in Step 2 and that you have been advised that contributions to OPERS will not be made on your behalf for these services.

If you disagree with the public employer's classification, you may contact OPERS to request a determination as to whether you are a public employee eligible for OPERS contributions for these services. Ohio law provides that a request for a determination must be made within five years after you begin providing personal services to the public employer, unless you are able to demonstrate through medical records to the Board's satisfaction that at the time the five-year period ended, you were physically or mentally incapacitated and unable to request a determination.

By signing this form, you are acknowledging that the public employer for whom you are providing personal services has informed you that you have been classified as an independent contractor or another classification other than a public employee and that no contributions will be remitted to OPERS for the personal services you provide to the public employer. If entering into a contract to provide services as an independent contractor to the same employer from which you retired, or to any employer if less than two months after the retirement allowance commences, the pension portion of your benefit will be forfeited during the period of the contract. The annuity portion of your benefit will be suspended and will be paid in a lump sum upon termination of the contract.

This acknowledgement will remain valid as long as you continue to provide the same services to the same employer with no break in service regardless of whether the initial contract period is extended by any additional agreement of the parties. You also acknowledge that you understand you have the right to request a determination of your eligibility for OPERS membership if you disagree with the public employer's classification.

**This form must be retained by the public employer and a copy sent to OPERS. The public employer's failure to retain this acknowledgment may extend your right to request a determination beyond the five years referenced above.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Do not print or type name