

**ETF 20.05 Annuity options integrated with social security.** (1) A participant or beneficiary shall not be eligible for the social security integrated annuity if the reduced annuity payable for life in the normal form under s. 40.24 (4), Stats., would be equal to or less than \$25.00 per month for a benefit with an effective date in calendar year 1982 or, for a benefit with an effective date in a subsequent calendar year, the monthly amount applied under this section for the previous calendar year increased by the salary index, as defined in s. 40.02 (52), Stats., ignoring fractions of the dollar.

(2) Pursuant to s. 40.03 (2) (k), Stats., the department will assume that the primary OASDHI benefit, as defined in s. 40.02 (44), Stats., for a person eligible to receive a beneficiary annuity and selecting an option payable under s. 40.24 (4), Stats., will be based on the work record of the participant from whose account the benefit is being paid.

History: Cr. Register, June, 1979, No. 282, eff. 1-1-80; cr. (2), (1) renum. from ETF 7.02 (1) and am., Register, November, 1982, No. 323, eff. 12-1-82; am. (1), Register, December, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1-1-88.

**ETF 20.055 Spouse's signature on an annuity application.** Documentation of inability to obtain a spouse's signature on an annuity application as required under s. 40.24 (7) (a), Stats., shall be accepted for the following reasons only:

(1) The spouse is incompetent as defined under s. 880.01 (4), Stats., and a copy of the court order appointing the spouse's guardian is submitted to the department, except guardianship papers are not required when payment is a single sum benefit payable under s. 40.25 (1), Stats. The guardian's signature shall be required on the annuity application in lieu of the spouse's signature if the participant chooses an annuity option other than an option specified under s. 40.24 (7) (a), Stats.; or

(2) The participant certifies, on a form provided by the department, that the participant does not now know and has not known the whereabouts of the spouse for at least the 90 days immediately prior to the date the application is signed.

Note: Section ETF 20.055 (2) requires forms which are available at no cost by contacting the Department of Employee Trust Funds, P.O. Box 7930, Madison, WI 53707.

History: Cr. Register, September, 1986, No. 369, eff. 10-1-86.

**ETF 20.06 Early retirement reduction factors.** Pursuant to s. 40.23 (2), Stats., this section applies only to participants who are not participating employees after March 9, 1984. In computing a formula annuity in the normal form beginning prior to the normal retirement date of a participant, there shall be a .5% reduction for each month the participant's age is under 65 but at least 60 and a .4% reduction for each month the participant's age is under 60.

History: Cr. Register, June, 1979, No. 282, eff. 1-1-80; renum. from ETF 7.02 (2), Register, November, 1982, No. 323, eff. 12-1-82; am. Register, March, 1986, No. 363, eff. 4-1-86.

**ETF 20.15 Computation for reestablishment of creditable service forfeited.** (1) For purposes of reestablishing creditable service as provided in s. 40.25 (6) (a) 3, Stats., the application received date is deemed to be the first day of the annual earnings period in which it is received. In cases where the service to be reestablished was earned in more than one employment category separate calculations shall be done for each period of

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service using the statutory contribution under s. 40.05 (1) (a), Stats., for each employment category.

(2) Upon making application, the amount payable shall be due as follows:

(a) If the creditable service being reestablished is 2 or less years the amount payable shall accompany the application. The application and amount payable shall be deemed to be received within the preceding annual earnings period if received within the first month after the end of an annual earnings period.

(b) If the creditable service being reestablished exceeds 2 years, the amount payable may be divided into 5 equal annual installments. The first installment shall accompany the application. Subsequent installments shall be received by the department on or before the last day of the annual earnings period, June 30 for teachers applying to reestablish creditable service on or after November 1, 1985 and December 31 for non-teachers, or 30 days from the date of the billing by the department, whichever is later. Payment received within 30 days of the date of billing, but later than the last day of the annual earnings period, shall be deemed received within the preceding annual earnings period.

(c) Interest shall be added to each installment after the first installment and shall be paid in full each year. The interest shall be calculated at the most recently established fixed effective rate as defined in s. 40.02 (23) (a), Stats., on the unpaid principal balance outstanding on the prior January 1 for non-teachers or the prior July 1 for teachers. The participant may prepay any or all installments at the time the regular annual installment payment is made. Paying more than the required installment shall reduce the amount of the last installment due. Interest at the most recently established effective rate shall be prorated monthly on the balance remaining after payments made prior to the month of December for non-teachers or the month of June for teachers.

(d) Failure to pay the installments as due shall result in notification by the department of the past due installment. If within 30 days from the date of the notification the past due amount is not received or the department is not advised in writing by the employee of eligibility under sub. (4), and eligibility under sub. (4) is subsequently certified by the employer, all amounts previously paid plus any interest credited to the amounts shall be refunded as provided in s. 40.08 (6), Stats., and the application to reestablish the forfeited service shall be cancelled.

(e) If the department notifies the applicant that the payment or first installment accompanying the application is insufficient, the additional amount payable, except as provided in par. (em), shall be due no later than 30 days from the date of the department's notice.

(em) Any amount due as a result of the actual amount of repurchase being greater than the estimate provided shall be deducted from the applicant's annuity, if an annuity is being paid, when the final repurchase calculation is complete. Notification of such deduction shall be provided to the applicant and the option of withdrawal provided under sub. (4) (b) shall still be available.

(f) If a benefit application is received by the department, any unpaid balance, including prorated interest on that balance from the last regular Register, December, 1987, No. 384

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installment date, shall be due within 30 days after the benefit application is effective. Failure to pay the amount due within 30 days after the benefit application is effective shall result in the department refunding any