FACT SHEET



Hiring SamCERA Retirees as Extra Help or Contractors

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Ensure compliance with state and federal law. Follow these three easy steps:



You don't need to worry about a break in service if you're rehiring the retiree as a full-time County employee and the retiree will be "unretiring."

TIP

Determine the Break in Service.

Ask the retiree how long they've been retired.

SAFETY AND PROBATION EMPLOYEES **90 Days**

There must be at least a **180-day** break in service between date of retirement and the date of reemployment, regardless of age of employee.

GENERAL

EMPLOYEES

180 Days

Exception: If the Board of Supervisors has certified that the reemployment is necessary to fill a critically needed position, the break in service can be reduced to **90-days** if the employee retired younger than age 60. If the employee retired at age 60 or above, the employee can return immediately <u>after</u> the resolution is adopted.

There must be at least a **90-day** break in service if the employee was younger than 53 at the time of retirement.

Exception: If the services are needed to respond to an emergency declared by a government agency or to an emergency that may cause the stoppage of public business. All retirees can work regardless of age or break in service.



For more information, contact SamCERA at 650-599-1234, or samcera@samcera.org.

Complete the **Certification of Compliance** for Post-Retirement Employment and Send a Copy to SamCERA.

If the retiree satisfies the break in service requirement, then both the employer and the retiree must complete a certification form. There are separate forms for general and safety/probation retirees. The forms provide more details on the hiring rules and the terms of post-retirement service. Keep in mind that the hourly rate of pay for the retiree must be within the salary range of employees performing comparable duties. Additionally, the retiree cannot provide more than 960 hours of service during each fiscal year.