

ERM Glossary

The following are some important terms to know in order to carry out duties in the ERM application. This document has been retitled from *Glossary of Important ERM Terms*.

NOTE:	In other documents the various funds, systems, and plans may be abbreviated as follows:
	 1977 Fund, 77 Fund, PF77 – 1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension and Disability Fund
	• CE, C&E, CAEP, EG&C - Excise, Gaming, and Conservation Officers' Retirement Plan
	 JU, JRS, JUDG – Judges' Retirement System
	 PA, PARF – Prosecuting Attorneys' Retirement Fund
	 LE, LE DC, LE DB, LRS – Legislators' Retirement System (Defined Contribution or Defined Benefit)
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No matter how they are abbreviated, the abbreviations refer to these named funds, systems, and plans and often are referred to as "fund, "plan", or "system".

Term	Definition	
77/1977	1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters'	Pension and Disability Fund
Accommodation	An accommodation is a disqualifying on the Local Unit.	condition that can be accommodated by
Adjustment		contribution transaction. This can be a an affect any wage or contribution field.
Annuity Savings Account (ASA)	Annuity Savings Account now known	as Defined Contribution (DC) Account
Benefit Management System (BMS)	Benefit Management System	
Board	INPRS Board of Trustees	
Bulk Uploads	Bulk uploads allow a large amount of data to be submitted in one file upload. Data is entered into a single file, which is uploaded to the ERM application.	
C & E/CE/EG&C	Formerly the State Excise Police, Gaming Agent, Gaming Control Officer, and Conservation Enforcement Officers' Retirement Plan (also referred to as CE). See EG&C.	
Contact Types	When creating or adding a Submission Unit contact, you must identify a contact type for that person. Here is a list and description of those types, along with any Fund they are associated with:	
	Authorized Agent	This person, named by the Submission Unit's board, is the first line of contact for all Fund matters. The Authorized Agent may assign tasks and roles to others but is ultimately the responsible party and is authorized to accept pension liability. This contact type is required for all funds, except TRF, and may be modified only by INPRS Staff Users.

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	Authorized Agent – Clerk-Treasurer	This person, assigned by statute for a town or third-class city, is the Authorized Agent for all Fund matters and is authorized to accept pension liability.
	Authorized Agent – Controller	This person has the role of an Authorized Agent and the titles and duties of a Controller.
	Authorized Agent – Trustee	This person has the role of an Authorized Agent and the titles and duties of a Trustee.
	Chief	This person is responsible for overall administrative duties for '77 Fund Submission Units.
	Other Contact	This person should be contacted only if a concern does not fall into another category.
	Pension Secretary	This person is the liaison between members and their Submission Units. This person also helps members file for retirement or survivor benefits and understands statutes of the '77 Fund
	Personnel	This person is the contact for new enrollment-related questions.
	Rate Letter	This person receives the rate letters.
	Retirement	This person is the contact for retirement-related questions.
	Superintendent	This person is the head of a school corporation. Often, the Superintendent functions as the security agent for the corporation and assigns ERM security roles to other staff. Generally, the Superintendent is contacted only if all other listed contacts are not responding. This person is the Authorized Agent for a corporation, ultimately responsible for all Fund matters and authorized to accept pension liability. This contact type is required for TRF and may be modified only by INPRS Staff Users.
	Treasurer/Finance	This person is responsible for ensuring that funds are available for wages and contributions.
	Wage and Contribution	This person is responsible for submitting wages and contributions for a Submission Unit and should be contacted if there are any issues with those submissions.
Covered Position	An employment position designated by Indiana Code or the employer/Submission Unit as required to participate in an INPRS Fund. For a member to be enrolled in an INPRS Fund, he or she must work in a covered position.	
Defined Benefit (DB)	Defined Benefit	
Effective Date	This is the date that an addition/change takes effect in the ERM application. Several fields within ERM are controlled by effective dates. For example, an	

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	Employer User adds a new address for a Submission Unit account and types the effective date of April 1, 2011. INPRS will not use the new address for any correspondence until that effective date.	
EG&C	Excise, Gaming and Conservation Officers' Retirement Plan, formerly the State Excise Police, Gaming Agent, Gaming Control Officer, and Conservation Enforcement Officers' Retirement Plan (C & E)	
Employee Lost Annual Interest:	This is the rate charged on the late member's annuity savings account.	ember contributions and is paid to the
Employer	parent-child relationship. The employe is the child. Each parent (employer) ca	employer and a Submission Unit is like a er is the parent, and the Submission Unit an have multiple children (Submission it) can only have one parent (employer).
Employer Advocate (EA)	Formerly the Customer Service Repre	esentative (CSR)
Employer Advocate (EA) Team	Formerly the Employer Pension Plans	s Administration (EPPA)
Employer User		organization that participates in one of proper security role(s) to perform certain
Employer User Security Role	When adding Employer Users, administrators must assign a security role to each. This security role determines the amount of access a User has in the ERM application, which dictates the activities a User can complete. Some security roles give limited access, while others let Users complete nearly every activity. Here is a list and description of those roles:	
	Enrollment Administrator	This Employer User can enroll members into the Submission Unit and resolve all member enrollments sent to the Exception Queue. This person can also view member reports.
	Life Event Administrator	This Employer User can modify/delete all life events for a member.
	Member Administrator	This Employer User can manage member accounts, update member information and resolve member management transactions sent to the Exception Queue. This person can also view member reports.
	Member Viewer	This Employer User has view-only access to member data, including member reports.
	Payment Administrator	This Employer User can view the payment administration screen, enter and update bank account information, and authorize payment on wage and contribution entries.
	PERF Pension Relief Administrator	This Employer User can access pension relief functions from ERM and upload pension relief data to the INPRS Web.
	PERF Retirement Administrator	This Employer User may access INPRS Web which includes:
		Estimate Retirement Benefit now available on the RAC
		Upload Pension Relief data
		Retirement Application is only available on the RAC

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	Security Administrator	This Employer User can add other Employer Users and assign and modify security roles for new and existing Users in the Submission Unit. This person can also view the security report, and add/modify employer and Submission Unit addresses, contacts and phone information.
	Wage and Contribution Administrator	This Employer User can carry out these wage and contribution activities:
		 Bulk upload wage and contribution entries and adjustments.
		 Submit online wage and contribution entries and adjustments.
		 View wage and contribution reports.
		 Resolve wage and contribution transactions sent to the Exception Queue.
		View a full Social Security Number (SSN)
		 Add/verify payroll calendar information upon initial login.
		Submit PERF Employer Enrollment form
	Wage and Contribution Operator	This Employer User can enter wage and contribution transactions either online or via file upload.
	Wage and Contribution Viewer	This Employer User has view-only access to the payment administration screen and employer data, plus wage and contribution reports.
Enlargement	Existing PERF participating submissio coverage for additional position titles r	
EPPA	Employer Pension Plans Administratic (EA) Team	on, now titled the Employer Advocate
ER	Employer	
ERM	The acronym stands for Employer Reporting and Maintenance. This application is used to enroll members and maintain member information, plus submit member wage and contribution data.	
Exception Queue	If a transaction entered into the ERM application – either via online entry or bulk upload – contains errors or is waiting on more information, it will be placed in the Exception Queue. Additional action must be taken on such a transaction before it is accepted by ERM and becomes effective. Some examples of why a transaction is put in the Exception Queue are:	
	Member's birth date is after the member's hire date.	
SSN/Pension ID/Last Name combination on a trans upload does not match any SSN/Pension ID/Last N the ERM application.		
	Statewide Baseline Examination	results are needed ('77 Fund only).

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	Wages and contributions are submitted for a member not enrolled in the Submission Unit being reported.
	• Member has the option of being enrolled in the My Choice Retirement Savings Plan (formerly ASA Only Plan) but has not made an election yet.
Excludable Condition	An excludable condition is a condition in which the Fund physician has determined the firefighter/police officer cannot file for a disability claim for the first 4 years of employment and stays on for the duration of employment.
FICA	Federal Insurance Contributions Act ;United States payroll tax instituted by the Federal Government
Fund	 A retirement plan in which a Submission Unit participates. Funds, all under the INPRS umbrella, are: 1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension and Disability Fund (also known as '77 Fund) ('77)
	Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund (TRF), both Hybrid and My Choice
	 Judges' Retirement System (also known as Judges' Fund or 1977 and 1985 Judges' Retirement System) (JRS)
	Legislators' Retirement System (LRS)
	Prosecuting Attorneys' Retirement Fund (PARF)
	Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF), both Hybrid and My Choice (Local Government Employees and State Employees)
	• State Excise Police, Gaming Agent, Gaming Control Officer and Conservation Enforcement Officers' Retirement Plan (CE), now known as Excise, Gaming and Conservation Officers' Retirement Plan (EG&C).
Fund Lost Annual Interest	This is the rate charged on the late employer contributions and is paid to the Fund.
Group	This classification specifies the type of employer. If, for example, INPRS needs to send notification of a new service available to state employers (those reporting payroll to the Auditor of State), an INPRS Staff User could search for employers in the state group and direct the communication to them.
IAC	Indiana Administrative Code
IC	Indiana Code; Legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly.
INPRS	The acronym stands for the Indiana Public Retirement System.
Interest	When contributions are not reported at the time the member receives payment for wages, any interest a member lost because of this late reporting is due to him or her. Interest is also due to the Fund for this late reporting. The calculation of interest in ERM is based on the payroll date. This should be the date the member was actually paid the wages.
Interest Calculation Indicator	EA Team can turn off the interest calculation by Fund if needed.
JU/JRS/JUDG	Judges' Retirement System
Last Check Date	This is the last payroll date an employee is included on once he or she has completely separated from employment. It is a required field if Last Day in Pay is reported. An employee's Last Check Date should occur on or after the employee's Last Day in Pay. This date will be used to signal whether all wage and contribution information for a member requesting a retirement or DC distribution has been received or is in progress.
Last Day in Covered Position	The date a member's creditable pension service, and the associated contributions, stop. This date should be reported when an employee moves from a participating or covered position to a non-covered position but remains employed with the employer in some capacity.

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	NOTE: A retirement and/or DC distribution cannot be processed until the employee has completely separated from employment and a Last Day in Pay has been reported.	
Last Day in Pay	The last day an employee was employed in a covered or non-covered position. This is the date on which the employee/employer relationship is severed and the employee has no legal or contractual right to return to their position. In the event a member has been on a leave of absence (paid or unpaid) immediately preceding their termination, the date of the actual termination should be entered as the last day in pay and the date of the member's last pay check would be entered as the last check date; the last check date can be prior to the termination date. The member's termination life event, along with the last day in pay and last check date, should be entered in ERM immediately upon the member's termination. NOTE: A retirement and/or DC distribution cannot be processed until the employee has completely separated from employment and a Last Day in Pay has been reported.	
LE/LRS	Legislators' Retirement System	
Liability Types	When transferring all members of one indication must be made as to where after the transfer.	
	Merged With Liability	The members of one Submission Unit are incorporated into another Submission Unit. The Submission Unit incorporating the new members assumes responsibility for the employer share contributions as well as all liabilities and assets of the dissolving Submission Unit's INPRS account.
	Merged Without Liability	The members of one Submission Unit are incorporated into another Submission Unit. The Submission Unit incorporating the new members subsequently assumes responsibility for the employer share contributions, beginning on the effective date of the merger. The Submission Unit that is losing its members retains liability for service and contributions of those members for the time frame that member worked for that Submission Unit up to the date of the merge.
	Withdrawn	A Submission Unit elects to no longer participate in an INPRS plan. All members within the Submission Unit automatically become vested and qualify for retirement. Only their credited service is used to determine their retirement benefits.
	Withdrawn (Privatization)	A Submission Unit is no longer eligible to participate in an INPRS plan because it no longer meets the Fund's guidelines. All members within the Submission Unit automatically become vested and qualify for retirement. Only their credited service is used to determine their retirement benefits.

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Life Event	Definition In the ERM application, life events are a way to denote a member being placed on leave, returning from leave, moving from a covered position to a non-covered position or terminating employment, for example. Life events are: Adoption Leave (PERF and TRF only) Advanced Study/Sabbatical (TRF and '77 Fund only) Advanced Educational Travel (TRF only) Approved Educational Travel (TRF only) Covered to Non-covered Position Disability Leave (PERF, TRF,'77 Fund and CE/EG&C Fund only) Elected Official ('77 Fund only) Family Medical Leave (PERF, TRF,'77 Fund and CE/EG&C Fund only) Family Medical Leave (CFMLA) Family Medical Leave (Act (FMLA) Family Medical Leave (non-member) (TRF only) Medical Leave (TRF only) Medical Leave (TRF only) Medical Leave (TRF only) Medical Leave (non-member) PERF/TRF USERRA Military Leave Return From Leave Return From USERRA Military Leave Return From Suspension Sick Leave (TRF and '77 Fund only) Suspension (Paid) Suspension (Unpaid) Teacher Exchange (TRF only) Terminate Employment Work Experience (TRF only) Worker's Comp (PERF only) 	
	Valid Life Events – PERF	Valid Field Values for File Upload
	Covered to Non-covered Position	CNC
	LOA-Adoption Leave	LADP
	LOA-Disability Leave	LDIS
	LOA-FMLA (Member)	LFMA
	LOA-Medical Leave (non-member)	LMDB
	LOA-USERRA Military Leave	LUSA
	LOA-Worker's Comp	LWCB
	LOA-None of the Above	LPLA
	Return from Leave	RFL
	Return from Suspension	RFS
	Return from USERRA Military Leave	RFML
	Suspension (Paid)	SU
	Suspension (Unpaid)	SUU
	Terminate Employment	TE
	Valid Life Events – TRF	Valid Field Values for File Upload
	Covered to Non-covered Position	CNC

Valid Life Events – TRF	Valid Field Values for File Upload
LOA-Adoption Leave	LADP
LOA-Advanced Study/Sabbatical	LAST
LOA-Approved Educational Travel	LTRV
LOA-Disability Leave	LDIS
LOA-FMLA	LFMA
LOA-FMLA (non-member)	LFMB
LOA-Maternity Leave	LMAT
LOA-Medical Leave	LMDA
LOA-Medical Leave (non-member)	LMDB
LOA-USERRA Military Leave	LUSA
LOA-Sick Leave	LSCK
LOA-Teacher Exchange	LTCH
LOA-Work Experience	LEXP
LOA-Worker's Comp	LWCB
LOA-None of the Above	LPLA
Return from Leave	RFL
Return from Suspension	RFS
Return from USERRA Military Leave	RFML
Suspension (Paid)	SU
Suspension (Unpaid)	SUU
Terminate Employment	TE
Valid Life Events – JU Fund	Valid Field Values for File Upload
Covered to Non-covered Position	CNC
LOA-FMLA	LFMA
LOA-USERRA Military Leave	LUSA
LOA-None of the Above	LPLA
Return from Leave	RFL
Return from Suspension	RFS
Return from USERRA Military Leave	RFML
Suspension (Paid)	SU
Suspension (Unpaid)	SUU
Terminate Employment	TE
Valid Life Events – '77 Fund	Valid Field Values for File Upload
Covered to Non-covered Position	CNC
LOA-Advanced Study/Sabbatical	LAST
LOA-Disability Leave	LDIS
LOA-Elected Official	EEO
LOA-FMLA	LFMA
	LUSA
LOA-USERRA Military Leave	200/1

	Valid Life Events – '77 Fund	Valid Field Values for File Upload
	LOA-None of the above	LPLA
	Return from Leave	RFL
	Return from USERRA Military Leave	RFML
	Return from Suspension	RFS
	Suspension (Paid)	SU
	Suspension (Unpaid)	SUU
	Terminate Employment	TE
Term	Defini	ition
Member	An individual who participates in any INF	PRS Fund.
Missing Member	A member who has a Member Sub Unit by their employer during a payroll proces	
Monetary Tolerance	The EA Team can set the amount of rou the interest calculations.	nding difference that is acceptable on
New Unit	Qualifying employer or submission unit e	electing to join PERF
OQM	Operations Quality Management (OQM) Assurance (RQA)	, formerly titled Retirement Quality
PARF/PE	Prosecuting Attorneys' Retirement Fund	(also referred to as PA)
Pay Period End Date	The ending date of the period that the w earned.	age being reported was accrued or
Pay Period Start Date	The starting date of the period that the w earned.	vage being reported was accrued or
Payroll Calendar	The series of dates associated with a submission unit payroll. These are the dates that INPRS expect wage and contribution submission to occur based on the dates in the payroll calendar.	
Payroll Date	The date that payroll information is considered final and disbursed to the employee (the check or direct deposit date).	
PERF	Public Employees' Retirement Fund	
PID	Pension ID	
Plan	A retirement plan in which a Submission Unit participates. Funds, often referred to as Plans, all under the INPRS umbrella, are:	
	 1977 Police Officers' and Firefighter known as '77 Fund) ('77) 	rs' Pension and Disability Fund (also
	Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Choice	Fund (TRF), both Hybrid and My
	 Judges' Retirement System (also kr 1985 Judges' Retirement System) (
	Legislators' Retirement System (LR	S)
	Prosecuting Attorneys' Retirement F	Fund (PARF)
	Public Employees' Retirement Func (Local Government Employees and	l (PERF), both Hybrid and My Choice State Employees)
	• State Excise Police, Gaming Agent, Gaming Control Officer and Conservation Enforcement Officers' Retirement Plan (CE), now known as Excise, Gaming and Conservation Officers' Retirement Plan (EG&C).	
Pre-note	The pre-note process is a validation with the employer's bank to ensure the bank account information entered into ERM is correct.	
Reappointment	A Reappointment is a firefighter or police officer that is returning to any previous 1977 Fund employer. Prior to July 1, 2020, under a reappointment	

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	the member can only return to the department in which he/she left in the event they are over the age of 36. As of July 1, 2020 (HEA 1043), the maximum age for new police officers is 40 years of age and for firefighters is 36 years of age. Depending on the age and service if the member took a refund, the member is required to buy back the refunded service. Prior to July 1, 2020, if the member is less than 36 the member can be reappointed, but also return to ANY 1977 Fund Department. Reappointments require a new approved Statewide Baseline Examination from the new police or fire department. The maximum age restriction for entry into the Fund of age 36 does not apply.	
RQA	Retirement Quality Assurance now know (OQM)	wn as Operations Quality Management
Settlement Adjustment	An additional payment (or series of pay resolution of a legal suit, union grievance after the fiscal year is completed. INPRE corresponding documentation, then app ERM before payment can be made and	e or a contract settled retroactively S Staff must review the adjustment and prove the settlement adjustment in
SSN	Social Security Number	
Staff User	An INPRS employee who has been give perform certain functions within the ERI	
Staff User Security Roles	When adding Staff Users, administrators must assign a security role to each. This security role determines the amount of access a User has in the ERM application, which in turn dictates the activities a User can complete. Some security roles offer limited access to the application, while others let Users complete nearly every activity available. This is an INPRS Staff User-only term. The following is a list of the specific security roles applicable to Staff Users, along with a description of each:	
	ERM Administrator	This Staff User can create employer accounts and Submission Unit accounts as well as modify information in those accounts. He or she can also transfer Submission Units and members. Finally, this User can add new Employer Users, configure Fund information and manage system parameters.
	ERM Communications	This Staff User can send notifications in the ERM application.
	ERM Enrollment Administrator	This Staff User can enroll members in a Submission Unit and resolve member transactions sent to the Exception Queue. This User can also modify member information, including a member's name and hire date.
	ERM Life Event Administrator	This Staff User can modify/delete life events for a member. Life events must be deleted in reverse chronological order.
	ERM Manual Adjustment Administrator	This Staff User can submit a manual adjustment.
	ERM Manual Adjustment Auditor	This Staff User can approve or revoke manual adjustments
	ERM Member Administrator	This Staff User can resolve member management transactions sent to the Exception Queue. He or she can also manage member accounts and modify member information, including a member's name and hire

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		date. Finally, this User may perform PERF/TRF transfers and view a member's full SSN.
	ERM Pension Relief Administrator	This Staff User can access pension relief functions from ERM and upload pension relief data to INPRS Web.
	ERM Retirement Administrator	 This Staff User can access INPRS Web which includes: Regular Retirement Application Upload Pension Relief Estimate Retirement Benefit
	ERM Security Administrator	This Staff User can add new Staff and Employer Users and assign and modify security roles for new and existing Users within the application.
	ERM Service Credit Administrator	This Staff User can submit a service credit adjustment. NOTE: This User may not also be an ERM Service Credit Auditor
	ERM Service Credit Auditor	This Staff User can approve or revoke service credit adjustments.
	ERM SSN Change Approving User	This Staff User can approve a member's SSN change. NOTE: This User may not also
		be an ERM SSN Change Submitting User.
	ERM SSN Change Submitting User	This Staff User can submit a member's SSN change.
	ERM Submission Unit Administrator	This Staff User can modify Submission Unit account information, including payroll calendars, and add Employer Users.
	ERM Viewer	This Staff User can view this information:
		Employer information
		Member information
		Exception QueueWage and contribution reports
	ERM Wage and Contribution Administrator	This Staff User may perform these wage and contribution activities:
	Administrator	Edit payment dates.
		Manage system parameters.
		Release settlement adjustments for payment.
		Resolve wage and contribution transactions sent to the Exception Queue.
		 Submit online wage and contribution entries and adjustments.

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	 Upload wage and contribution entries and adjustments View a full SSN. View wage and contribution reports
Submission Unit	This is a participating unit associated with an employer. Each Submission Unit is a specific employer division participating in a single Fund CE, JU, LE, PA, PERF, TRF or '77. If an employer participates in multiple Funds, multiple Submission Units will be associated with the same employer.
	It is also possible for two Submission Units with the same name to be listed twice under an employer if the employer participates in multiple Funds. For example, Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) participates in TRF for teachers and in PERF for its other staff. That means IPS would be listed twice under the same employer – once for TRF and once for PERF.
0	Most activity in the ERM application takes place at the Submission Unit level.
Survey	Actuarial Survey form; This form is used to gather census data from non-state employers who are joining PERF or enlarging PERF coverage.
Task Manager	Web-based system used to communicate with Voya.
Transactions that Failed Validation with Errors	Indicates a transaction contains information that is incorrect, based on business validations and/or Fund rules. The transaction will be sent to the Exception Queue awaiting corrections to the incorrect information. Transactions with errors cannot be submitted for payment until they are corrected. For more information and to find common solutions, check the <u>Wage and Contribution Exception Queue Troubleshooting QRG – Employer</u> (Quick Reference Guide) or the Appendix in the <u>Employer Reporting and</u> <u>Maintenance (ERM) Wage and Contribution (W&C) User Manual – Employer</u> . For example: Error code A-10 for PERF/TRF says "mandatory contributions do not total 3% of reported wages." The solution is to correct the mandatory pre- or post-tax amount or correct the wages amount. See also Transactions that Failed Validation with Warnings .
Transactions that Failed Validation with Warnings	Indicates a transaction that seems unusual to ERM based on information previously submitted for this member. However, the information is not necessarily incorrect (compare with Transactions that Failed Validation with Errors); the warning is a flag for the employer to examine the transaction's accuracy. For example: Warning code L-55 states that wages for this period exceed previous period wages by more than 15%. However, this may be a correct entry for a pay period that includes over-time payment. Warnings will not prevent a transaction from being processed for payment; a Transaction that Failed Validation with Errors will. NOTE : Once you select Process for Payment, all Transactions That
	Failed Validation with Warnings will also be included in the payment.
Transfer	A transfer is when a firefighter or police officer is moving from one police or fire department in the 1977 Fund to another police or fire department in the 1977 Fund. Transfers require a new approved Statewide Baseline Examination from the new police or fire department. The maximum age restriction for entry into the Fund of age 36 does not apply.
TRF	Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund