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## An opportunity to add to your pension's value

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### Purchasing service: what it means

When you purchase eligible service, you pay the Plan to have more time added to your pension. This will increase and may maximize your future pension payment because your pension benefit is calculated using a formula based on your salary and time worked while you are a member of the Plan.

### Opportunities to purchase service

As a new member, you may be able to purchase service for the time you worked with your employer before your employer joined the Plan. This past service is called non-contributory service. After you become a member, you may be able to purchase service for time you are on a leave of absence, such as parental leave. In some cases, your employer may share the cost of the purchase. See the Plan's website for more information.

### Take action as there are deadlines

If you think you may be eligible to purchase service, contact your employer after you become a member. There are deadlines to purchase most types of service, so don't delay. Visit the Plan's website at [mpp.pensionsbc.ca](http://mpp.pensionsbc.ca) and click on the Community Social Services Employees button for more information.

