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EMPLOYER BULLETIN

TRS MEMBERSHIP FOR FOREIGN TEACHERS

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In Employer Bulletin FY22-20, the System notified employers that all references to visa types and their impact on membership have been removed from the *Employer Guide*. A teacher from a foreign country who is licensed in Illinois and performs work that requires licensure under the School Code qualifies for TRS membership.

Beginning July 1, 2022, all foreign teachers who have a valid Illinois teaching license and are in a position requiring licensure are reportable to TRS.

Some teachers may want to take a refund if they cease teaching with a TRS-covered employer and return to their home country. To begin the refund process, the member may contact TRS at 877-927-5877 or members@trsill.org. Refunds are payable four months after the member's final day of teaching.

Questions

If you have any questions, please email Employer Services at employers@trsill.org.

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