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Are summer students eligible for membership in a pension plan as part-time employees?

Generally no. Summer students clearly terminate their employment relationship and do not fall under the definition of “continuous” employment in section 1(1) of the PBA. The statutory requirement for membership in a pension plan is based on continuous employment, or a fraction thereof for part-time employees. However, this statutory requirement does not prohibit a pension plan from providing immediate plan membership to all employees, including summer students.