§ 910. Definitions. The following words and phrases as used in this article shall have the following meanings unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context:

a. "Retirement system" shall mean the New York city teachers' retirement system, the New York city board of education retirement system or the New York city employees' retirement system.

b. "Eligible member" shall mean a member of a retirement system other than a member who (1) is an employee of the New York city transit authority, and (2) is either (i) subject to the provisions of section 13-161 of the administrative code of the city of New York or (ii) a New York city transit authority member as defined in paragraph one of subdivision a of section six hundred four-b of this chapter. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the benefits provided herein shall only apply to an eligible member who is a member of a retirement system as defined by subdivision a of this section.

c. "Active service" shall mean (1) service while being paid on the payroll; (2) a leave of absence with pay; (3) other approved leave without pay; (4) any period of time between school terms for a teacher or other employee employed on a school-year basis; and (5) periods of time between regularly scheduled periods of paid service in the city university of New York.

d. "Cessation date" shall mean the later of (1) October first, two thousand or (2) the date on which the eligible member attains ten years of membership or, if earlier, ten years of credited service.