



# CIVILIAN PERSONNEL FACT SHEET

## *Post 56 Military Deposits - CSRS*

### What Is Military Service?

Military service for CSRS purposes is honorable active service in the following uniformed services: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard and after June 30, 1960, in the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, and after June 30, 1961, service in the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its predecessor agency.

### Can I Receive Credit For Service In the Military Reserves?

Active duty in the various reserve components of the branches listed above is creditable for Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). That is, service in any reserve component is creditable when the individual is called to active duty period only. Such periods include annual active duty training periods. (Note: when an employee performs annual active duty training service during which he or she is on military leave with pay from a civilian position, the period is credited as civilian, not military service.)

### When Is A Period Of Military Service Creditable For Retirement Purposes?

A period of military service may be credited for retirement and death benefits purposes, subject to the following conditions:

- The military service was performed before the date of separation upon which title to an annuity is based;
- It was active duty;
- It was not included in the computation of military retired pay, or if it was included in retired pay, the retired pay was awarded based on disability incurred in combat with an enemy of the United States or caused by an instrumentality of war and incurred in the line of duty during a period of war; or granted under the provisions of chapter 67, title 10, of the U.S. Code.
- It was honorable service;

A deposit is made for post 1956 military service as required. For CSRS employees, the requirements for a deposit is dependent upon whether you were first employed before 10-1-82 or after 10-1-82. The specific rules are identified below.

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### First Employed Before 10-01-82

1. If you are eligible for Social Security Benefits at retirement or at age 62 and:
  - a. Deposit paid. Your Post-56 military service will be credited for title (eligibility for retirement) and computation of the annuity.
  - b. No Deposit is made. Your Post-56 military service will be credited for title. If you are not eligible for Social Security at retirement, but will become eligible at age 62, your Post-56 military service will be credited for computation of your annuity until age 62. At that time the credit for Post-56 military service is eliminated. Your annuity will be re-computed by subtracting the years of Post-56 service from the total number of years of combined civilian and military service. This typically reduces the CSRS annuity by 2% for each year of Post-56 military service. For example, an employee age 55 with 30 years of combined service (4 years of which is Post-56 military service) would be eligible for retirement. However, if he/she does not make a military deposit and becomes eligible for Social Security at age 62, his/her annuity would then be recomputed and reduced by 8% (4 years X 2% = 8%). If you are eligible for Social Security at the time of retirement (normally age 62 or older), the Post-56 service will not be used in the computation of your annuity.
2. If you will not be eligible for Social Security at 62 (or retirement, if later); no deposit is required and you will receive full credit for Post-56 military service with no future reduction.

### First Employed On or After 10-01-82:

Depends upon payment of the deposit alone, not on whether or not you will be eligible for Social Security Benefits. Non-payment of a deposit will bar credit for both title and computation purposes.

### How Much Does The Deposit Cost?

For periods of active duty service prior to 1999, the deposit equals 7% of base pay (not allowances earned during the Post-56 military service). For periods of service performed during 1999, the deposit equals 7.25% of base pay (not allowances earned during the Post-56 military service). The earliest interest begins to accrue is 10-1-86 or your 3rd anniversary of entry into a CSRS position. As with civilian deposits, variable rates of interest are assessed. No interest is charged if you pay the deposit, in full, before the first interest accrual date (IAD).

### What Are the Procedures To Make A Military Deposit?

Complete RI 20-97 (Estimated Earnings During Military Service) and mail it to the appropriate military finance center identified on the reverse of the form, with a copy of your DD Form(s) 214s. The completed form or letter showing the estimated earnings will be returned to you. You must send a copy of your DD 214 along with the RI 20-97. You can pick up a complete Military Deposit Package in Room 213 of the Civilian Personnel Flight, or by calling DSN 480-2008/2196.

Upon receipt of estimated earnings, mail the following item to the USAFE CPO.

- SF 2803 - CSRS (Application to Make Deposit or Redeposit)
- Military Deposit Worksheet
- Estimated Earnings Form or Letter
- DD Form(s) 214

THE ADDRESS FOR THE USAFE CPO IS:

USAFE CPO/DPC

ATTN: BENEFITS  
UNIT 5200  
APO AE 09136-5200

You may also contact the USAFE CPO, to check the status of your request, at:  
[USAFECPO.benefits@sembach.af.mil](mailto:USAFECPO.benefits@sembach.af.mil)

How do I obtain an estimate of the Military Deposit?

Once you receive your estimated earnings from the appropriate pay center, you may obtain an estimate of what you would owe from the following website:

[https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/palacecompass/BEST\\_GRB/military\\_deposit\\_interest\\_calcul.htm](https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/palacecompass/BEST_GRB/military_deposit_interest_calcul.htm)