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Applicable to Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Section 647, enhanced Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 12731(f)(1) with the addition of the Reduced Retired Pay Age (RRPA) program. This authorized retired pay to begin earlier than the original eligibility date, age 60, based on qualifying active duty performed by service members while assigned to the Ready Reserves (any component of the Reserve and National Guard). Key elements of the program are as follows:

- The program went into effect Jan 29, 2008. There is no provision or clause in the law that makes the program retroactive for any periods of service prior to this date.
- A maximum of 10 years can be applied; the retired pay age cannot be reduced below the age 50.
- The program was further enhanced effective Oct 1, 2014. There is no provision or clause in the law that allows the change to be applied retroactively prior to the start of FY 2015.
- Reductions happen in increments of 90 days; a member must have a cumulative total of 90 days for the retired pay age to be reduced by 3 months.
 - 1-89 days = no reduction
 - 90-179 days = 3 months reduction
 - 180-269 days = 6 months reduction
 - 270-359 = 9 months reduction
 - 360-365 = 1 year reduction
- One for one: one day of qualifying active-duty service (defined below) equals one day towards an incremental reduction.

- Beginning Jan 29, 2008, and thru the end of FY 2014, qualifying days were cumulative within a FY. That means that qualifying days that crossed FYs could not be added together for an incremental reduction. EX: a set of orders that began Sep 1, 2008, and ended Nov 30, 2008, would not reduce retired pay age by 3 months, because 30 days occurred in FY 2008, and 60 days occurred in FY 2009. The 30 days that occurred during FY 2008, could be added to other qualifying days within FY 2008, and the 60 days that occurred in FY 2009 could be added to other qualifying days within FY 2009.
- Beginning FY 2015, the NDAA was enhanced to authorize the cumulation of days to crossover and be applied to consecutive FYs. Essentially that means that any number of qualifying days in FY 2015 can be added to any number of qualifying days in FY 2016. Any number of qualifying days in FY 2016 can be added to FY 2015 or FY 2017, and so on. Days can only be applied once to another FY, so the year it is applied to will be determined by the most beneficial outcome.
- Eligibility for a confirmed RRPA Date is determined by the title authority of the service (ex. Title 10 or Title 32) law that is associated with the service performed.

Qualifying Active-Duty Service

- Involuntary mobilization (Call/ordered to active duty under Title 10, U.S.C., Sections 688, 12301(a), 12302, 12304, 12304a(b), 12305, 12406, or any other provision of law during a war or national emergency declared by the President or Congress)
- Voluntary active duty (Call/ordered to active duty under Title 10, U.S.C., Section 12301(d))
- Includes ADOS, MPA or RPA provided such active duty is performed under 12301(d)
- Full-time National Guard duty under a call to active service authorized by the President or Secretary of Defense under Title 32, U.S.C., Section 502(f) for purpose of responding to a national emergency declared by the President or supported by Federal funds and referenced by the Assistant Secretary of Defense as Full-Time National Guard qualifying duty.
- Medical treatment/medical evaluation for disability purposes or medical study (Title 10, U.S.C., Section 12301(h))

Non-qualifying Active-Duty Service

- Active Guard Reserve (AGR) (Title 10, U.S.C., Section 12310)
- Full Time Title 32 National Guard Service
- Annual Tour (Title 10, U.S.C., Section 12301(b))
- Captive status (Title 10, U.S.C., Section 12301(g))
- Airmen not assigned to or participating satisfactorily in units (Title 10, U.S.C., 12303)

- Disciplinary/courts martial (Title 10, U.S.C., Section 12315 or Section 802(d))
- Muster duty (Title 10, U.S.C., Section 12319)
- Retired Recall to Active Duty (Title 10, U.S.C., Section 688a)

NOTE: Airmen are encouraged to maintain copies of their active-duty orders in case of a discrepancy.

Verifying Potentially Qualifying Service

A request must be initiated and submitted by the service member and sent to HQ ARPC/DPTTR for review of the potentially qualifying service. Appropriate source documents, which include official AROWS orders and DD 214's that cite the specific title authority of service, must be attached at the time of submission.

Application Procedures:

1. Log into myFSS
2. Click on "myRetirements"
3. Click on "Career Calculators"
4. Click on "Submit RRP Application"
5. Follow instructions to submission

Note: AF Reserve and Air National Guard members will NOT need to attach qualifying orders unless there is a discrepancy in data OR the RRP Application reflects an Orders/PCARS line that is identified as "Potentially Qualifying".

Impact on Benefits

Airmen will receive all retired pay benefits (e.g., commissary, base exchange, base services, etc.) except:

- Medical benefits are deferred until age 60.
- Blue ID card (ID card will show Airmen are not entitled to medical benefits until age 60. At age 60, service members will need to go to the nearest military facility to obtain another blue ID card bestowing the medical benefit)
- Premiums for the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan will be deducted from retirement pay upon the age the member starts drawing pay

Related Resource

- Title 10 U.S. Code 12731, *Age and Service Requirements* ([https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=\(title:10%20section:12731%20edition:prelim\)%20OR%20\(granuleid:USC-prelim-title10-section12731\)&f=treesort&edition=prelim&num=0&jumpTo=true](https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=(title:10%20section:12731%20edition:prelim)%20OR%20(granuleid:USC-prelim-title10-section12731)&f=treesort&edition=prelim&num=0&jumpTo=true)).
- U.S. Code: Title 32 (<https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title32&edition=prelim>).

- FY 2008 National Defense Authorization Act, Section 647 (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/4986>).

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