

Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay & Combat Related Special Compensation

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Objectives

- ✓ Define Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP)
- ✓ Define Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)
- ✓ Provide a processing overview
- ✓ Clarify the roles of VBA, DOD and DFAS



Definition of CRDP

- **CRDP** is a restoration of retired pay for retirees with service-connected disabilities. It is taxed in the same manner as your retired pay, and it is normally considered taxable income. No application is required. Eligible retirees receive CRDP automatically.
- Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) allows military retirees to receive both military retired pay and Veterans Affairs (VA) compensation.
- You do not need to apply for CRDP. If qualified, you will be enrolled automatically.



Criteria and Payment for CRDP

Individual Unemployability

You are eligible for full concurrent receipt of both your VA disability compensation and your retired pay, if you are a military retiree who meets all of the above eligibility requirements in addition to **both of the following**:

- ✓ you are rated by the VA as unemployable, generally referred to as Individual Unemployability (IU)
- ✓ you are in receipt of VA disability compensation as a result of IU

If you are due any money from DFAS, you will receive it within 30-60 days of receipt of your first CRDP monthly payment. If DFAS finds that you are also due a retroactive payment from the VA, they will forward an audit to the VA. VA is responsible for paying any money you may be due.

Your retroactive payment date *may* go as far back as January 1, 2004

Definition of CRSC

Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) is a program that was created for disability and non-disability military retirees with combat-related disabilities. It is a tax free entitlement that you will be paid each month along with any retired pay you may already be receiving.



Eligibility and Applying for CRSC

Eligibility

To qualify for CRSC you must:

- be entitled to and/or receiving military retired pay,
- be rated at least 10 percent by the VA, waive your VA pay from your retired pay,
- file a CRSC application with your Branch of Service

Disabilities that may be considered combat related include injuries incurred as a direct result of:

- Armed Conflict
- Hazardous Duty
- An Instrumentality of War
- Simulated War

Initial Application

- ✓ If you are applying for the first time, complete DD Form 2860. If you are reapplying for new disabilities, request a reconsideration application from your service branch.
- ✓ Include documents you feel will help your case (i.e. retirement orders, VA ratings, Purple Heart award citations, Form DD214)
- ✓ Mail or fax your application to your branch of service. You can't submit it electronically
- ✓ Your branch of service will notify you of their decision in writing.
- ✓ We will start your monthly payments 30 to 60 days after your branch sends your approval letter.

Contacting Your Service Branch

Army

Mailing Address

Department of the Army
U.S. Army Human Resources Command
ATTN: CRSC Division
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue
Fort Knox, KY 40122

Telephone, Email and Internet

Telephone: 866-281-3254 (Toll Free)
E-mail: crsc.info@us.army.mil
Internet: www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/crsc

Navy and Marine Corps

Mailing Address

Department of Navy Naval Council of Review
Boards
Combat-Related Special Compensation Branch
720 Kennon Street S.E., Suite 309
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023

Telephone, Email and Internet

Telephone: 877-366-2772 (Toll Free)
Email: DoN_CRSC@navy.mil
Internet: www.donhq.navy.mil/corb/CRSCB/combatrelated.htm

Applying for CRSC continued

Air Force

Mailing Address

United States Air Force Personnel Center
Disability Division (CRSC)
550 C Street West, Suite 6
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4708

Telephone, Email and Internet

Telephone: 800-525-0102

Email:

AFPC.DPPDC.AFCRSC@us.af.mil

Internet: <http://www.retirees.af.mil/>

Reconsideration Requests

- Army: you can find a reconsideration application and instructions at <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/crsc/reconsiderations.html>
- Navy/Marines: you can find a reconsideration application and instructions at www.public.navy.mil/asnmra/corb/crscb
- Air Force: Call 800-525-0102 concerning reconsideration

CRDP vs. CRSC

	CRSC	CRDP
Qualified Injury	combat-linked disabilities	service-connected disabilities
Classification	Special Compensation (not subject to rules and regulations governing military retired pay)	Military retired pay (subject to rules and regulations governing military retired pay)
Full Concurrent Receipt?	Yes - Retirees can receive either part or all of both their military retirement pay and VA disability compensation	No - Restoration of pay is phased in over 10 years (from 2004 to 2014)
Claim Process	Must apply through Branch of Service	Automatic
Eligibility	Are entitled to and/or receiving military retired pay	Are retired with 20 years Active or Reserve Duty
	Are rated at least 10% by the (VA)	Are receiving retired pay (that is offset by VA payments)
	Are least 60 years old or retired under Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA) if they are a reservist	Have a 50% + VA disability rating
	Have waived their VA pay from their retired pay	Reservists and national guardsmen must be eligible to retire based on service, normally 60 years old

CRDP vs. CRSC continued

	CRSC	CRDP
Retroactive Entitlement	<p>May go back to June 1, 2003, for any month in which all eligibility requirements are satisfied but may be limited to retirement date.</p> <p>Disability retirees with less than 20 years will be automatically limited to a retroactive date of January 1, 2008.</p>	<p>May go back to January 1, 2004, for any month in which all eligibility requirements are satisfied, but may be limited to retirement date.</p> <p>CRDP is not payable before January 1, 2004.</p>
Federal Taxation	Non-taxable	Taxable, according to your current retired pay Federal Income Tax Withholding (FITW) tax rate
Issue of Payment	CRSC payments are deposited to the same account where you receive your retired pay or the current checking address.	Your new pay amount will continue to be deposited into the same account and will not affect your compensation from the VA.
Subject to Division with a Former Spouse	No	Yes
Subject to Collection / Garnishment	Yes	Yes
SBP Premiums Deducted	No	Yes

Audit Error Worksheet

An **Audit Error Worksheet (AEW)** is a document containing data regarding a Veteran's military retirement pay and entitlement to CRDP or CRSC.

VA uses batch processing to automate the adjustment of many Veterans' awards based on the audit data it receives from DFAS. This process includes the generation and mailing of a decision notice to the Veteran.

VETSNET
Audit Error Worksheets (AEWs)

CRSC/CRDP AEW-VETSNET Award Appropriate Payment Due

VA FILE NUMBER:		STUB NAME:						RO NUMBER:			DATE:		
Entitlement Month	Gross Retired Pay	VA Waiver	Retired Net Pay	CRSC or CRDP	CRSC or CRDP %	CRSC or CRDP Award	CRSC or CRDP Paid	VA Award	VA Paid	VA Withheld	Total Dual Payment Due	Due From Retirement Pay	Due From VA
MAY-07	1,277.00	115.00	1,162.00	CRDP	80	809.00	0.00	1,319.00	157.00	1,162.00	809.00	0.00	809.00
JUN-07	1,277.00	115.00	1,162.00	CRDP	80	809.00	0.00	1,319.00	157.00	1,162.00	809.00	0.00	809.00
JUL-07	1,277.00	115.00	1,162.00	CRDP	80	809.00	0.00	1,319.00	157.00	1,162.00	809.00	0.00	809.00
AUG-07	1,277.00	115.00	1,162.00	CRDP	80	809.00	0.00	1,319.00	157.00	1,162.00	809.00	0.00	809.00
SEP-07	1,277.00	115.00	1,162.00	CRDP	80	809.00	0.00	1,319.00	157.00	1,162.00	809.00	0.00	809.00

Questions

