



Frequently Asked Questions Concerning ID Cards

Q. WHAT TYPE OF AN ID CARDS IS A MEMBER RETIRED WITH PAY ENTITLED TO IF THEY WAIVE THEIR RETIRED PAY TO RECEIVE THEIR PAY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS (DVA)?

A. THEY ARE ENTITLED TO AND SHOULD BE ISSUED A DD FORM 2 RETIRED (BLUE) ID CARD. A RETIRED MEMBER WHO WAIVES THEIR MILITARY PAY TO RECEIVE PAY FROM THE DAV HAS NO AFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT TO THE DD FORM 2 RETIRED.

Q. WHY WOULD A RETIRED MEMBER WAIVE PAY FROM THE UNIFORMED SERVICES TO RECEIVE PAY FROM THE DVA?

A. PAY RECEIVED FROM THE DVA IS NON-TAXABLE.

Q. WHAT TYPE OF ID CARD IS ISSUED TO AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN RATED 100 % DISABLED BY THE DVA DUE TO A SERVICE-CONNECTED INJURY OR DISEASE ENTITLED TO?

A. AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED MEMBER RATED 100% DISABLED BY THE DVA IS ENTITLED TO THE DD FORM 2765, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE/UNIFORMED SERVICES IDENTIFICATION AND PRIVILEGE CARD REFLECTING ELIGIBILITY TO COMMISSARY, EXCHANGE AND MWR. THIS CATEGORY OF BENEFICIARY IS NOT ENTITLED TO MEDICAL CARE THROUGH THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.

Q. WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE ON THE LETTER PROVIDED TO HONORABLY DISCHARGE BY THE DVA?

A. THE LETTER SHOULD INDICATE THE MEMBER IS HONORABLY DISCHARGED AND RATED 100% DISABLED DUE TO A SERVICE-CONNECTED INJURY OR DISEASE. THE LETTER SHOULD ALSO REFLECT THAT THE MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES.

Q. WHERE DOES THE ISSUING ACTIVITY MAIL DD FORMS 1172 AFTER ISSUING PERMANENT ID CARDS TO FAMILY MEMBERS?

A. DD FORMS 1172 FOR FAMILY MEMBERS SHOULD BE MAILED TO THE DMDC SUPPORT OFFICE (DSO), ATTN: 1172 SCAN, 400 GIGLING ROAD, SEASIDE, CALIFORNIA 93955-6771.

Q. WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH ID CARD ELIGIBILITY FOR A LEGAL CUSTODY WARD?

A. A COURT ORDERS FROM AN ORDER OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION IN THE UNITED STATES (OR A TERRITORY OR POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES) REFLECTING CUSTODY FOR AT LEAST 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, AND THE CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE. THE SPONSOR MUST ALSO BE PROVIDING OVER 50% OF THE CHILD'S SUPPORT.

Q. IF A CHILD IS PLACED IN THE HOME OF A MEMBER BY A FOREIGN PLACEMENT AGENCY IN ANTICIPATION OF ADOPTION IS THE CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR DEERS ENROLLMENT AND ISSUE OF AN ID CARD?

A. YES, IF THE FOREIGN PLACEMENT AGENCY HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNED OR AN APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TO WHOM HE OR SHE HAS DELEGATED APPROVAL AUTHORITY. APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR THE AIR FORCE IS HQ AFPC/JA.

Q. ARE DEPENDENTS OF ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS (OVER 30 DAYS) SEPARATED ON OR AFTER 30 NOVEMBER 1993 DUE TO A DEPENDENT ABUSE ELIGIBLE FOR ID CARDS REFLECTING MEDICAL CARE?

A. YES, DEPENDENTS OF ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS (OVER 30 DAYS) SEPARATED FOR DEPENDENT ABUSE ARE NOW ENTITLED TO ALL ID CARD BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES, INCLUDING MEDICAL CARE (BOTH MS AND MC) IN THE SAME MANNER AS WHEN THE SPONSOR WAS ON ACTIVE DUTY.

Q. HOW LONG IS THIS CATEGORY OF DEPENDENT ENTITLED TO AN ID CARD?

A. THEY ARE ENTITLED TO AN ID CARD AS LONG AS THEY ARE IN RECEIPT OF TRANSITIONAL COMPENSATION. DD FORM 2698, APPLICATION FOR TRANSITIONAL COMPENSATION, PROVIDES A STOP PAYMENT DATE IN BLOCK 21.

Q. ARE ABUSED DEPENDENTS OF ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS ENTITLED TO RETIRED PAY BASED ON 20 OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE, SEPARATED DUE TO ABUSE ON OR AFTER 23 OCTOBER 1992 AND LOST THEIR RIGHT TO RETIRED PAY ENTITLED TO ID CARD BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES?

A. ELIGIBLE ABUSED DEPENDENTS ABOVE ARE ENTITLED TO A PORTION OF THE MEMBER'S RETIRED PAY--AS LONG AS THEY ARE APPROVED AND IN RECEIPT OF A PORTION OF THE MEMBER'S RETIRED PAY.

Q. WHAT GRADE IS REFLECTED ON THE FAMILY MEMBER'S ID CARD WHEN THE MEMBER HAS BEEN SEPARATED DUE TO DEPENDENT ABUSE?

A. THE FAMILY MEMBER'S ID CARD SHOULD REFLECT THE HIGHEST GRADE HELD WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY.

Q. DO FORMER SPOUSES OF MEMBERS RETIRED UNDER THE EARLY RETIREMENT PROGRAM OR INVOLUNTARILY PLACED ON THE PERMANENT DISABILITY RETIREMENT LIST (PDRL) WITH LESS THAN 20 YEARS CREDITABLE SERVICE IN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY TO RETIRED PAY QUALIFY FOR ID CARDS UNDER THE UNIFORMED SERVICES FORMER SPOUSES' PROTECTION ACT (USFSPA)?

A. NO. THE USFSPA REQUIRES THAT AT THE TIME OF DIVORCE, THE MEMBER MUST HAVE COMPLETED 20 YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE IN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY TO RETIRED PAY.

Q. WHAT IS THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF YEARS OF MARRIAGE TO QUALIFY FOR AN ID CARD UNDER THE USFSPA?

A. AT THE TIME OF DIVORCE THE FORMER SPOUSE MUST HAVE BEEN MARRIED TO THE MILITARY MEMBER FOR AT LEAST 20 YEARS.

Q. WHAT IS THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF YEARS THE MARRIAGE AND CREDITABLE SERVICE MUST OVERLAP?

A. AT THE TIME OF DIVORCE, THE MARRIAGE AND THE SPONSOR'S CREDITABLE SERVICE FOR RETIRED PAY MUST HAVE OVERLAPPED AT LEAST 15 YEARS.

Q. IS IT THE SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE ALL ADDRESSES ARE KEPT CURRENT IN DEERS?

A. YES, THE MEMBER SHOULD UPDATE THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IN DEERS AS WELL THEIR DEPENDENTS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A RESIDENTIAL MOVE. SEE AFI 36-3026(I), PARAGRAPH 8.1.1, RULE 4.

Q. IS IT MANDATORY TO PROVIDE THE FAMILY MEMBER'S SSN WHEN ENROLLING IN DEERS AND ISSUING AN ID CARD?

A. DOD REQUIRES MANDATORY DISCLOSURE OF SSNs OF ALL BENEFICIARIES OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES' HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. BENEFICIAIRES THAT DO NOT YET HAVE SSNs (I.E., NEWBORNS)

WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ASSIGNED A TEMPORARY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) UNTIL AN SSN IS RECEIVED.

Q. WHAT HAPPENS IF A SPONSOR REFUSES TO PROVIDE HIS OR HER FAMILY MEMBER'S SSN. DO THEY LOSE ELIGIBILITY TO MEDICAL CARE?

A. YES, FAILURE TO DISCLOSE AN SSN WHEN ENROLLING IN DEERS WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS IN MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES.

Q. DO FAMILY MEMBERS REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR ID CARD BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES IF THE MEMBER IS IN AN ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE STATUS (AWOL)?

A. YES, FAMILY MEMBERS MAINTAIN ID CARDS AS LONG AS THE SPONSOR IS NOT PLACED IN DESERTER STATUS.

Q. WHEN A MEMBER IS IN "DESERTER" STATUS, HOW DOES THIS AFFECT THEIR FAMILY MEMBER'S ID CARD BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES.

A. ID CARD BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES END ON THE DATE THE MEMBER IS PLACED IN DESERTER STATUS.

Q. SHOULD THE VERIFYING OFFICIAL CHANGE AN AD MEMBER'S STATUS IN DEERS WHEN THE MEMBER IS PLACED IN PRISONER OR APPELLATE LEAVE STATUS?

A. YES, DEERS SHOULD BE UPDATED TO REFLECT THE STATUS PR/APL.

Q. WHAT TYPE OF ID CARDS IS ISSUED TO AN ELIGIBLE FOREIGN MILITARY MEMBER?

A. A DD FORM 2765 IS ISSUED TO ELIGIBLE FOREIGN MILITARY MEMBERS. THE RAPIDS SOFTWARE AUTOMATICALLY ASSIGNS A FOREIGN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FIN) WHEN ENROLLING THIS CATEGORY OF BENEFICIARY IN DEERS.

Q. ARE DEPENDENTS OF FOREIGN MILITARY MEMBERS ENTITLED TO THE DD FORM 2765?

A. NO, THE DD FORM 2765 IS A SPONSOR CARD ONLY. FAMILY MEMBERS OF FOREIGN MILITARY MEMBERS ARE ISSUED THE DD FORM 1173.

Q. IS OVERSTAMPING, OVERTYPING, STICKERS OR OTHER ADHESIVE MATERIALS AUTHORIZED ON ID CARDS?

A. NO. DOD PROHIBITS OVERSTAMPING OF ID CARDS. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS ARE: TA OVERSEAS ONLY AND DUAL STATUS. SEE AFI 36-3026(I), JULY 99, PARAGRAPH 6.6.4.

Q. ARE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED BY DOD OR UNIFORMED SERVICES AUTHORIZED A DD FORM 2764 UNITED STATES DOD/UNIFORMED SERVICES CIVILIAN GENEVA CONVENTIONS IDENTIFICATION CARD WHILE EMPLOYED IN THE CONUS?

A. YES, IF THE CIVILIAN IS ASSIGNED AGAINST AN EMERGENCY ESSENTIAL BILLET. THE ID CARD REFLECTS NO BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES AND THE WORD "OVERSEAS" WILL BE PRINTED WITHIN THE AUTHORIZED PATRONAGE BLOCK ON THE ID CARD.

Q. WHEN WILL THIS CATEGORY OF BENEFICIARY BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES?

A. THEY ARE ELIGIBLE DURING A CONFLICT, COMBAT OR CONTINGENCY OPERATION AND WILL BE GRANTED ALL COMMISSARY, EXCHANGE, MWR, AND MEDICAL PRIVILEGES AT THE SITE OF THE DEPLOYMENT, REGARDLESS OF THE STATEMENTS ON THE ID CARD.