



North Carolina Retirement Services Office



Retirement Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What TRICARE information do I need?

- ~ Grey area retirees contact local VA representative, may qualify for TRICARE retired reserve.
- ~ Retired Soldiers 60 and over can enroll in TRICARE Prime or Select
- ~ Retired Soldiers 65 use Medicare Part A & B, with TRICARE For Life as secondary.
- ~ Additional TRICARE questions can be answered at (877) TRICARE (874-2273)

Q. When am I eligible for retired pay?

- ~ Eligible at age 60 to collect retirement pay with your 15 or 20 year notice of eligibility.
- ~ Effective 28 Jan 2008, reduced eligibility age for Guard and Reserve Soldiers who serve on active duty in support of contingency operations (per Title 10 USC 12731(f)(2)(B)).
- ~ Reduction is awarded in 90 day increments within the same Fiscal Year before Fiscal Year 2015, and in 90 day increments without regard to Fiscal Year afterwards

Q. When should I complete my Retirement Application Packet?

- ~ 6-12 months from being eligible to draw Retired Pay. You may contact your local unit administrator, review the Retirement Videos on the Retirement Services web page (located at <https://nc.ng.mil> under "Services"), or contact the Retirement Service Office to receive assistance with the packet.

Q. What Documents do I need to apply for Retirement?

- ~ When applying for retired pay your application should consist of:
 - DD Form 108 (Application for Retired Pay)
 - NGB Form 23A (ARNG RPAM Statement for Retired Pay)
 - DD Form 2656 (Data for Retired Pay Benefits)
 - Copy of Notice of Eligibility (20 or 15 year letter)
 - DD Form 1883/2656-5 (RC-SBP Election Certificate)
 - Separation/Retirement Order

Q. What is the state pension?

- ~ North Carolina provides a state pension for members who have served 15 years or more in the North Carolina National Guard with at least 20 years of total service.
- ~ Provides a \$105.00 monthly pension for 20 years of service, plus \$10.50 per year after, not to exceed \$210.00.
- ~ Documents required are:
 - OTAGNC Form 127-1-R (Request for State Pension)
 - NC Form 170 (Direct Deposit Form)
 - NC Form 290 (Income Tax Withholding Form)
 - Copy of Social Security Card
 - NGB Form 22

Q. What is Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan?

~ The RC-SBP is designed to protect dependents of retirement eligible reserve Soldiers who die before his or her 60th birthday by leaving a percentage of retired pay for their dependents, not to exceed 55%. More info can be found on the Retirement Services web page (<https://nc.ng.mil> under "Services"),

Q. How much retired pay will I receive?

~ You can **Estimate** your retired pay with SBP deductions by going to: <https://www.hrc.army.mil/Calculators/SurvivorBenefitPayCalc.aspx>

Q. When and where can I get my retiree ID card?

~ Once your Retirement Application is processed, DFAS will send a letter stating you are retired and to take the letter to your local ID card facility along with two forms of ID.
~ For available ID Card locations you may contact (984) 664-6250, or visit <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/>

Q. How do I get a copy of my DD214 or NGB 22?

~ North Carolina National Guard Soldiers contact 984-664-6131
~ All others contact National Archives at 866-272-6272.

Q. What happens if I am non-retained from a retention board?

~ Contact the Retirement Service Office: you may still be eligible for retirement benefits.
~ Attend retirement briefing to review retirement options, either by attending Final Formation in February or September, or by scheduling an appointment with the Retirement Services Office.



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For additional information on Retirement please visit the NCNG Retirement Services Office website

<http://nc.ng.mil/services/retirement/retirement/>