



Application for Deferred or Postponed Retirement

Federal Employees Retirement System

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This application is for you if you are a former Federal employee who was covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) and you wish to apply for your retirement annuity. You should complete this application if you choose to apply for an annuity which will begin more than 1 month after your separation from Federal service (*or transfer to a position not covered by FERS*) and:

1. you have completed at least 5 years of creditable civilian service and are eligible for a deferred retirement at age 62; or
2. you have completed at least 10 years of creditable service, including 5 years of civilian service, and are eligible for an annuity at the Minimum Retirement Age (MRA).

Send your completed (*approximately 60 days before you want your benefits to begin*) to:

Office of Personnel Management
Federal Employees Retirement System
P.O. Box 45
Boyers, PA 16017-0045

An informational pamphlet RI 92-19A, *Applying for Deferred or Postponed Retirement Under the Federal Employees Retirement System*, is available on our website at www.opm.gov/Forms/. You can also get a copy by calling the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) at 1-888-767-6738 or by contacting us at the address above. Hearing impaired users should utilize the Federal Relay Service by dialing 711 or your local communications provider to reach a Communications Assistant.

If your address changes before you receive your claim number, write to us giving your name, date of birth and social security number. If you have received your claim number, remember to refer to it.

Instructions for Completing Application for Deferred or Postponed Retirement

Type or print clearly. If you need more space in any section, use a plain piece of paper with your name, date of birth, and Social Security Number written at the top. If you do not know an answer write "unknown." If you are uncertain of any information you provide, answer to the best of your ability, followed by a question mark (?).

The following information should help you to answer the questions on the application which are not self-explanatory.

Section C - Military Service

Item 1: Indicate whether you have performed active duty that terminated under honorable conditions in the armed services or other uniformed services of the United States, including the following:

- Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard of the United States.
- Cadet at the United States Military Academy, United States Air Force Academy, United States Coast Guard Academy, or Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy.
- Regular Corps or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service after June 30, 1960.
- Commissioned Officer of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration after June 30, 1961 or a predecessor entity in function.

Excluding the National Guard, active service in the reserve components of the uniformed services, including active duty for training, is military service. Service as a National Guard member does not meet the definition of military service for purposes of civil service retirement, except when the member is ordered to active duty in the service of the United States or performs full-time National Guard duty (*as such term is defined in Section 101(d) of title 10*) if the National Guard duty interrupts creditable civilian service under Subchapter I of Chapter 84 of title 5, and is followed by reemployment in accordance with Chapter 43 of title 38 that occurs on or after August 1, 1990.

Item 2: Persons who performed active military service after December 31, 1956, must have paid a deposit to receive credit under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) for their military service. You must have paid your deposit while you were still a Federal employee, you cannot pay it now. If you have military service performed after 1956, which is covered by a deposit you paid as an employee, check "Yes" and continue with this section. Items 2a and 2b will help us locate records of your payment.

Item 4: Indicate whether you are receiving or have applied for military retired or retainer pay (including disability retired pay and reserve retainer pay). To waive military retired pay for FERS retirement purposes, send a written request, specifying the effective date of the waiver and your Social Security Number, directly to the Military Finance Center from which you receive retired pay. Attach a copy of your letter to this application. You should mail this letter at least 60 days before your annuity will begin. Your letter might say, "I, (full name, military serial number, and Social Security Number), hereby waive my military retired pay for FERS retirement purposes, effective close of business (specify the day before annuity begins)." If you wish, add "I authorize the Office of Personnel Management to withhold from my retirement annuity any amount of military pay granted beyond the effective date of this waiver due to any delay in receiving or processing this election." This authorization may hasten the processing of your waiver and your retirement application.

If you have already waived military retired pay in order to receive credit for your active military service for FERS retirement purposes, attach a copy of your request for waiver and of any reply you have received.

Obtain counseling from the military before waiving military retired pay for FERS retirement if you receive or may receive Combat Related Special Compensation (*CRSC*) or concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans compensation.

Reminder: Even if you have waived military retired pay or qualify for one of the exceptions to waiver, you must have paid a military deposit for your military service performed after 1956 to receive credit for the service in your FERS annuity, and the military deposit must have been paid to your employing agency before you separated from FERS covered Federal employment.