

New Mailing Address specifically for Army CRSC
claim submissions.

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U.S. Army Human Resources Command
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- Recommend sending application certified return mail receipt.
- It typically takes an average of 180 business days to process a CRSC application.
- Request "Code Sheet" from Veterans Affairs.
- Criteria - Combat related disabilities/Illness' awarded 10-100% disability rating from Veterans Affairs.

CLAIM FOR COMBAT-RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION (CRSC)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S. Code Section 1413a; DoD Financial Management Regulation, Volume 7B Chapter 63; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): Used by a military retiree to submit a claim through the appropriate uniformed service for Combat-
effective dates of payment.

ROUTINE USE(S): Information is provided to individuals authorized to receive retired and annuitant payments on behalf of retirees
or annuitants.

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however, failure to provide any required information may result in member not being considered eligible
for CRSC.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Complete this form carefully and accurately.

To submit a valid claim you must complete the ENTIRE FORM and SIGN IT IN SECTION VI (bottom of Page 3). Unsigned claim
forms will not be processed.

Complete and submit this form (pages 1 - 3 ONLY) to apply for Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC). Print, type, or use a
computer and provide the best information available. If you do not know the answer, enter "Don't Know" or "DK". Do not leave any
item blank. You must identify the disabilities that you are claiming.

It is your responsibility to provide supporting documents from personal or government records, so make sure you supply all
documentation necessary to verify this claim.

If you need assistance completing this form, consult with the agency from which you retired (or another agency, as appropriate).
Army: <http://www.crsc.army.mil/>

Navy & Marine Corps: <http://www.hq.navy.mil/corb/crscb/combatrelated.htm>

Air Force: <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil>

DoD: <http://www.defenselink.mil/prhome/crsc.html>

DFAS: <http://www.dod.mil/dfas/retiredpay/combat-relatedspecialcompensationcrsc.html>

Coast Guard: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgpc/adm/adm1.htm>

Sign and date your claim. Enclose with your claim a clean legible copy of any supporting documents listed on page 3. Mail your claim
to the address listed below for the Uniformed Service from which you retired.

DO NOT SEND ANY ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, AS THEY WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

Send your claim to the address listed below for the Uniformed Service from which you retired.

ARMY:

Army Human Resources Command
ATTN: AHRC-PDP-V
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Dept. 480
Fort Knox, KY 40122

COAST GUARD:

Commander (PSC-PSD-de)
Personnel Service Center
U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7200
4200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1100
Arlington, VA 20598-7200

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS:

Secretary of the Navy
Council of Review Boards
ATTN: Combat Related Special Compensation Branch
720 Kennon Street SE, Suite 309
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023

NOAA CORPS:

Director, Commissioned Personnel Center
8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500
Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333

AIR FORCE:

United States Air Force
Disability Division (CRSC)
HQ AFPC/DPPDC
550 C Street West, Suite 6
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4708

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE:

United States Public Health Service
Compensation Branch
Program Support Center, ESS
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4-50
Rockville, MD 20857-0001

CLAIM FOR COMBAT-RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION (CRSC)

SECTION I - PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		7. MAILING ADDRESS a. STREET (Include apartment number or P.O. Box)	
2. SOCIAL SECURITY OR EMPLOYEE ID NUMBER		b. CITY	
4. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD)	5. TELEPHONE (Include area code)	c. STATE	
6. E-MAIL ADDRESS		d. ZIP CODE	

SECTION II - PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS

8. MARK (X) NEXT TO THE APPROPRIATE ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION.

QUALIFICATION BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2008

a. Were you entitled to retired pay for regular service, having completed at least 20 years of service prior to January 1, 2008?	YES	NO
OR		
b. Were you entitled to retired pay for reserve service, having completed at least 20 years of combined active and reserve service and having reached age 60 prior to January 1, 2008?	YES	NO
OR		
c. Were you entitled to retired pay for reserve service under the Reserve TERA program having completed at least 15 but less than 20 years of combined active and reserve service and having reached age 60 prior to January 1, 2008?	YES	NO

NOTE: You must provide proof of the retirement authority by attaching a copy of your Retirement Orders and/or a copy of your 15 year letter. Evidence must clearly state that you were a reservist and you retired under Section 12731a of title 10, United States Code.

QUALIFICATION ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2008

d. Are you currently entitled to military retired pay for any reason, other than early reserve retirement for physical disabilities not incurred in line of duty (i.e., other than section 12731b of title 10, United States Code?)	YES	NO
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NOTE: If you answered NO to all questions a through d above, you are not eligible for CRSC.

SECTION III - SERVICE HISTORY

You must provide copies of evidence needed to verify this information (i.e., DD214's, awards, evaluations, etc.).

9. FROM WHICH SERVICE DID YOU RETIRE? Provide a copy of your retirement orders or "retirement" DD214. To expedite this claim it is important that you mail your claim to the service you retired from.	ARMY	NAVY/USMC	AIR FORCE
	NOAA CORPS	COAST GUARD	PUBLIC HEALTH

10. DID YOU SERVE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WARS OR COMBAT OPERATIONS? (X all that apply) (Provide a copy of a DD214/award citation or any other evidence that verifies ANY combat service.)

WWI	WWII	KOREAN WAR	VIETNAM	GULF WAR	OIF/OEF	OTHER (e.g., a SF Ops mission - explain where and when and provide evidence.)	YES	NO
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11. WERE YOU EVER A PRISONER OF WAR (POW)?
If YES, indicate Where/When/How long (Provide any official evidence available):

CLAIM FOR COMBAT-RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION (CRSC)

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SOCIAL SECURITY OR EMPLOYEE ID NUMBER

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SECTION IV - REQUEST FOR COMBAT-RELATEDNESS DETERMINATION

12. VA FILE NUMBER (If known)

13. DISABILITY DESCRIPTION

a. TITLE OF DISABILITY (As written on the VA rating decision.)

b. BODY PART AFFECTED. (e.g., right knee)

c. VA DISABILITY CODE (If known)

d. DATE AWARDED BY VA
(YYYYMMDD)

e. INITIAL RATING % BY THE VA

f. CURRENT RATING % BY THE VA

g. COMBAT-RELATED CODE (Mark (X) the code that best describes what caused the disability.) (See Appendix A for code descriptions.)

PH PURPLE HEART	AC ARMED CONFLICT	HS HAZARDOUS SERVICE	SW SIMULATING WAR	IN INSTRUMENT OF WAR	AO AGENT ORANGE	RE RADIATION	GW or MG GULF WAR or MUSTARD GAS
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h. UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT WHEN INJURED

i. LOCATION/AREA OF ASSIGNMENT WHEN INJURED

j. IN YOUR OWN WORDS, DESCRIBE THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE DISABILITY AND HOW IT MEETS THE GUIDELINES OF COMBAT-RELATED.

k. DID YOU RECEIVE A PURPLE HEART (PH) FOR THIS INJURY? If YES, attach documentation to verify that you were awarded a PH and any evidence that proves what occurred or what body part was injured.

NOTE: Proof of being awarded a PH does not always allow us to award a disability as PH. We need to know what the PH was awarded for. For example, send the medevac report and DD214.

YES NO N/A

l. DID VA EVER DOCUMENT THAT THIS CONDITION CAUSED SECONDARY DISABILITIES? If YES, you must provide evidence from VA or your medical records which state that the conditions listed in item 13.m., below, are indeed caused by the primary condition listed above. We cannot award any condition as secondary without evidence to support the claim. Attach the VA rating decision for all secondary conditions.

NOTE: If YES, list all secondary conditions in item 13.m., below.

YES NO

m. VA DETERMINED THAT THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE SECONDARY CONDITIONS TO THE PRIMARY DISABILITY (Listed in item 13.a., above).

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SECTION V - REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

14. In order to process your claim the following records (if applicable) must be submitted with this claim. Do not send ANY original documents - COPIES only!
- All DD214's and DD215's (especially if for retirement or showing combat ribbons).
 - Retirement orders and supporting documents.
 - Reserve Retirement point computation including any 15-year or 20-year letter (if applicable).
 - Copies of ALL VA Rating Decisions, letters, and code sheets (current and prior). Do NOT remove any pages. All VA documents discussing changes in benefits including Special Monthly Compensation (SCM) and/or Individual Unemployability (IU).
 - Medical records or notes that verify how the injury/disability occurred. (Do NOT send EKGs, lab slips, CDs, diskettes or other electronic media.)
 - Physical Evaluation Board (MEB-PEB) results and/or summaries.
 - Any evidence which can be used to verify the events or circumstances.

SECTION VI - CERTIFICATION AND WAIVER OF CONCURRENT RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY PAYMENTS (CRDP)

15. Complete this section to enable the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) or the applicable pay center for non-DoD retirees to make any CRSC payments you qualify to receive.

- I understand that if I am eligible for both Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments (CRDP) under 10 U.S.C., section 1414 and Special Compensation for Certain Combat-Related Disabled Uniformed Service Retirees under 10 U.S.C., section 1413a (CRSC), I may not receive both, but must elect which to receive.
- I understand that if my election results in any retroactive payments, any previously paid amounts of CRDP, SCSD, or CRSC for that period of time will be deducted from any amount due for that period.
- Under penalties of perjury, the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and provided with the full knowledge of the penalties for making false statements (18 U.S.C. 287 and 1001 provide for a penalty of not more than \$10,000 fine, or 5 years in prison, or both; 31 U.S.C. 3279 provides civil penalties; and 31 U.S.C. 3802 provides administrative penalties).
- I hereby understand that payments will be deposited to my account of record for Uniformed Services retired pay if I am currently receiving such payments. Otherwise, they will be made to the account of record for my VA disability compensation. After payments begin, I must advise DFAS or the applicable non-DoD pay center of any changes to my account.

e. SIGNATURE

f. DATE SIGNED (YYYYMMDD)

APPENDIX A - COMBAT-RELATED CODES

PURPLE HEART (PH) - The disability resulted from an injury for which you were awarded the Purple Heart. Evidence should clearly show that the injury was associated with an incident involving armed conflict, such as shrapnel wounds due to a mortar attack. Documentation must include a copy of the Purple Heart citation and DD Form 214 reflecting the award and injury, or the Purple Heart citation, and excerpts from the Service Medical Record that correspond to the date and document the treatment of the Purple Heart Injury.

DIRECT RESULT OF ARMED CONFLICT (AC) - The disability was incurred in the line of duty as a direct result of armed conflict. The fact that a member incurred the disability during a period of war or an area of armed conflict or while participating in combat operations is not sufficient by itself to support a combat-related determination. There must be a definite, documented, causal relationship between the armed conflict and the resulting disability. Armed conflict includes a war, expedition, occupation of an area or territory, battle, skirmish, raid, invasion, rebellion, insurrection, guerrilla action, riot, or any other action in which Service members are engaged with a hostile or belligerent nation, faction, force, or terrorists. Armed conflict may also include such situations as incidents involving a member while interned as a prisoner of war or while detained against his or her will in custody of a hostile or belligerent force or while escaping or attempting to escape from such confinement, prisoner of war, or detained status.

IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY UNDER CONDITIONS SIMULATING WAR (SW) - The disability was incurred in the line of duty as a result of simulating armed conflict. The fact that a member incurred the disability during a period of simulating war or in an area of simulated armed conflict or while participating in simulated combat operations is not sufficient by itself to support a combat-related determination. There must be a definite, documented, causal relationship between the simulated armed conflict and the resulting disability. In general, this covers disabilities resulting from simulated combat activity during military training, such as war games, practice alerts, tactical exercises, airborne operations, grenade and live fire weapons practice, bayonet training, hand-to-hand combat training, rappelling, and negotiation of combat confidence and obstacle courses while in full combat gear. Physical training activities such as calisthenics and jogging or formation running and supervised sports activities are not included.

WHILE ENGAGED IN HAZARDOUS SERVICE (HS) - The disability was incurred during performance of duties that present a higher degree of danger to Service personnel due to the level of exposure to actual or simulated armed conflict. The fact that a member incurred the disability during a period of hazardous service is not sufficient by itself to support a combat-related determination. There must be a definite, documented, causal relationship between the hazardous service and the resulting disability. Such service includes, but is not limited to, aerial flight, parachute duty, demolition duty, experimental stress duty, diving duty, and rescue missions.

INSTRUMENTALITY OF WAR (IN) - The disability was incurred in the line of duty as a result of an instrumentality of war. An instrumentality of war is a vehicle, vessel, or device designed primarily for Military Service and intended for use in such Service at the time of the occurrence or injury. Incurrence during an actual period of war is not required; however, there must be a direct, documented, causal relationship between the instrumentality of war and the resulting disability. The disability must be incurred incident to a hazard or risk of service and be caused by the device itself. Instrumentalities not designed primarily for Military Service if use of, or occurrence involving, such instrumentality subjects the individual to a hazard peculiar to Military Service, are included. Such use or occurrence differs from the use or occurrence under similar circumstances in civilian pursuits. An example of this would be injuries sustained while engaging in pugil stick training using a broomstick, where the broomstick replaces the weapon and causes the injury. A determination that a disability is the result of an instrumentality of war may be made if the disability was incurred in any period of service as a result of such diverse causes as wounds caused by a military weapon, accidents involving a military combat vehicle, injury or sickness caused by fumes, gases, or explosion of military ordnance, vehicles, or material. For example, if a member is on a field exercise and is engaged in sporting activity and falls and strikes an armored vehicle, the injury will not be considered to result from the instrumentality of war (armored vehicle) because it was the sporting activity that was the cause of the injury, not the vehicle. On the other hand, if the individual was engaged in the same sporting activity and the armored vehicle struck the member, the injury would be considered the result of an instrumentality of war.

AGENT ORANGE (AO) - The disability was incurred as a result of Agent Orange exposure (herbicides). For these disabilities to be considered combat related, they must be specifically granted by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as presumptive to Agent Orange exposure (herbicides). For consideration, the initial VA Rating Decision for the claimed disability must show not just Service connection, but the specific causes of the condition; such as, member has Diabetes due to Agent Orange exposure (herbicides). In addition, for secondary conditions to be granted as combat related, they must be specifically granted by the VA as secondary to the Agent Orange condition; such as, member's Hypertension is secondary to Agent Orange Diabetes. If the conditions were diagnosed after Vietnam service and prior to retirement, evidence must show the date of diagnosis and proof of Vietnam service. Proof of Vietnam service can include but is not limited to service medical records, evaluations, decoration citations, travel vouchers or PCS orders.

RADIATION EXPOSURE (RE) - The disability was incurred as a result of combat-related radiation exposure. Combat-related radiation exposure includes documented, onsite participation in a test involving the atmospheric detonation of a nuclear device; the occupation of Hiroshima or Nagasaki, Japan, by the United States forces during the period beginning on August 6, 1945, and ending on July 1, 1946; interment as a prisoner of war in Japan during World War II; or service in Paducah, Kentucky, Portsmouth, Ohio; or the area identified as K25 at Oak Ridge, Tennessee for at least 250 days before February 1, 1992.

GULF WAR (GW), MUSTARD GAS OR LEWISITE (MG) - These codes relate to disabilities awarded by the VA on the basis of presumption relating to service in the Persian Gulf War or exposure to Mustard Gas or Lewisite, even though there is no direct connection and the disability did not occur immediately. For consideration, the initial VA Rating Decision for the claimed disability must show not just Service connection, but the specific cause of the condition, such as, member has developed Fibromyalgia from service in the Persian Gulf War. Documentation should also describe the place, period, and conditions of exposure. In addition, for secondary conditions to be granted as combat-related, they must be specifically granted by the VA as secondary to the condition developed from service in the Persian Gulf War or exposure to Mustard Gas or Lewisite; such as, member's Scars are secondary to the condition developed from service in the Persian Gulf War or exposure to Mustard Gas.

CRSC Reconsideration Request Form

Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

SSN: _____ Previous Claim Number: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone: (_____) _____
(_____) _____ Email Address: _____

Request for Reconsideration for (check all that apply):

I have been awarded these additional conditions by the VA, which may qualify me for CRSC:

I have been awarded Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) by the VA.

I have obtained new medical evidence which may verify the combat-related link to the following previously requested disability. (Please state VA code or affected area): _____

I am providing the requested information for reconsideration (For example: DD Fm 214, full VA rating decision, VA code sheet, MEB narrative, LOD or DA Form 199 Physical Evaluation Board Proceedings)

OTHER: (Reason is not listed above) _____

Signature: _____ DATE: _____

Please note: Submit only the new and substantive documentation that supports this request. All previously submitted documents will be included when reviewing your claim for reconsideration.

Please note: We do not address Individual Employability (IU), changes to dependents or pay inquiries. For questions regarding these issues, please contact DFAS at 1-888-332-7411.

For more information on CRSC, please visit our website at www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/crsc

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our Call Center. The toll free number is: 1-866-281-3254 Option 4 or call 1-888-ARMYHRC (276-9472)

Mail, Fax or Email your signed request to:

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1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE
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FAX: 1-502-613-9550

Email: Email: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-crsc-claims@mail.mil

Apply for CRSC

December 1, 2021

Simplify the CRSC claim process by following the steps below and using the resources in the downloads section of this site. Most important, make sure you collect important evidence to document your injuries before submitting your CRSC claim.

Reference: [DOD FMR vol 7B Chapter 63](#) / scroll down in "Volume 7B Chapters" box on right of page to "Chapter 63 - Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)"

Once at the DOD FMR web site you will need to find volume 7B Chapter 63

Follow these steps to submit your CRSC Claim:

Step 1- [Review CRSC eligibility questionnaire](#)

Step 2- Gather your documentary evidence:

- Copies of DD 214/215s. Be sure to retain a copy for your records
- All VA-rating decisions including the VA letter, the actual VA rating decisions and the VA code sheets
- Medical records that show the causation of the disability(not needed are numerous pages showing the treatment or severity)

Step 3- Make sure you have a retired pay account, and a VA waiver in place on your retired pay account from DFAS. Go to 'My Pay' pull up your electronic retired pay account, look near the bottom and you will see the word "Waiver" and a dollar amount next to it. **The two most common reasons for an ineligible letter to be mailed out is No retired pay account and/or VA waiver not in place on account.**

Step 4- Determine if your decisions state "HOW" the injury occurred (If not, go though your personnel and medical records to see if you can find any evidence to verify the claim)

Step 5- [Download a claim form \(July 2011\)](#), Choose the DD Forms, and choose the DD 2860.

Step 6- Submit your application via any of the methods below. Ensure that electronic submissions are NOT password protected as this may delay the processing of your claim.

Mail

Department of the Army
U.S. Army Human Resources Command
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Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408

Email: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-crsc-claims@army.mil

FAX: (502)613-9550

Documents to Support your CRSC Claim:

Including relevant supporting documentation with your CRSC claim assists CRSC in determining CRSC eligibility. Time and again, claims come in lacking supporting documentation linking the injury to a combat-related situation. [Click for combat-related definitions.](#)

When completing the DD Form 2860 (CRSC Claim Form), please include the following documents to verify your injuries as combat-related.

Essential Documents:

1. All available DD 214s/ DD 215s. You may obtain copies online from the [National Personnel Records Center \(NPRC\)](#). Be sure to retain a copy for your records.
2. All complete Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) Rating Decisions/ VA Physician Reports/ VA Medical Records specifically showing the causation of the disability (including the VA letter, the actual VA rating decisions and the VA code sheets)

IMPORTANT- If you have copies of your VA records please send copies to the U.S. Army CRSC Division.
Highly Recommended Documents:

1. Medical Records - Must be from the time the injury occurred and must clearly show a combat related event
2. Award Certificates and/or narratives
3. Military Medical Treatment Facility Records - Must be from the time of injury occurred and must clearly show a combat related event
4. Military Orders
5. DA 638 Award Recommendation
6. DA 4187

Suggested Documents:

1. Military Quadrennial Physical Examinations
2. Military Retirement Physicals
3. Physical Evaluation Board Proceedings
4. Clinical Records or Notes
5. Western Union Casualty Notification Telegrams
6. Officers Record Brief
7. Enlisted Records Brief

Note: DO NOT send original records, please send copies. If all you have is a copy, please be sure to retain a copy for your own records.

When submitting Physical Evaluation Board Proceedings (PEB), DA Form 199, etc. as supporting documentation, please recognize that Physical Disability Agency (PDA) determinations are in reference to laws other than CRSC. An example is combat related under 26 USC 104, which is similar to CRSC, but because they are different laws there may be variance between PDA determinations of combat related and that of CRSC's determination.

CRSC Frequently Asked Questions FAQs

December 16, 2021

Who is eligible for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)?

To qualify, must meet all 4 of the following criteria to apply for CRSC:

1. Must be in a retired pay status;
2. Currently receiving or entitled to currently receive military retired pay
3. Entitled to compensation for service connected disabilities under title 38 USC as rated by the Veterans' Administration (VA).
4. Military retired pay reduced by VA disability payments (VA Waiver)http://www.va.gov/vaforms/form_detail.asp?FormNo=21-8951-2

**** Please note CRSC is for military retirees only.** Widows/widowers of military spouses are not eligible to receive this compensation unless the retiree was eligible and applied for compensation prior to his/her death. Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) will then determine any residuals due to the estate and benefactor.

What type of documentation is needed to verify a Military Retirees Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) claim?

Required documentation includes:

A signed claim form (DD 2860) (link below), DD-214, DD-215 and other typical official documents include, but are not limited to VA narrative summary letters and VA code sheets, service medical record extracts, military personnel file extracts, military personnel data system printouts, prior military disability board decisions, line of duty determinations, safety mishap (accident) reports, next of kin notification (Western Union Telegrams), casualty reports, morning reports, duty status reports, order/travel voucher, official documents not in the military personnel record, etc.

Do not submit:

Medical records that do not pertain to a combat-related disability or do not state a cause. (i.e. "hurt right knee with no history of trauma" or "playing basketball and hurt right knee") Electronic media, EKGs, lab slips, dental records, Personal or Buddy statements

How to apply for CRSC?

Step 1- Review CRSC eligibility criteria on the CRSC website: [Combat Related Special Compensation CRSC Eligibility](#)

Step 2- Gather Official Military, Medical, and VA documentation:

Send to CRSC copies of DD 214/215s, as well as All VA-rating decisions including the VA letter, the VA rating decisions and the VA code sheets, Medical Records from MTF or VA physicians only, unless referred to a private physician by the VA, other typical official documents include, service medical record extracts, military personnel file extracts, military personnel data system printouts, prior military disability board decisions, line of duty determinations, safety mishap (accident) reports, next of kin notification (Western Union Telegrams), casualty reports, morning reports, duty status reports, order/travel voucher, official documents not in the military personnel record, etc. Be sure to retain a copy for Soldier's records.

Step 3- Ensure medical records or documentation should show "HOW" the injury occurred

Step 4 - Obtain a claim form DD Form

2860 <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/forms/eforms/dd2860.pdf> Select DD Forms and chose 2860.

Step 5 - Submit claim, along with all supporting documentation and medical records to:

U.S. MAIL:

Department of the Army
ATTN: AHRC-PDP-C (CRSC), Dept 480
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue
Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408

FAX: 502-613-9550

Email: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-crsc-claims@army.mil

How long does it take to process a Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) application?

CRSC applications are processed within 30 business days.

If the Service Member would like to verify that the application has been received they may call our Human Resources Command Call Center
1-888-276-9472 to verify receipt.

Are there any exceptions to the eligibility requirements for Combat Related Special Compensation?

No, there are no exceptions to the eligibility requirements for CRSC.

You must be in retired status, receiving military retired pay, you must be rated by the VA and have service connected disabilities, have an active VA waiver in place with DFAS.

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Can retired Soldiers be awarded Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) for Individual Unemployability (IU)?

Individual Unemployability (IU) is not a disability or a diagnosis therefore the service branches do not include it in the total combat-related disability percentage or address IU on decision letters. Eligibility for IU is determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Defense Finance and Accounting Service

(DFAS) will include compensation for IU as they receive notification from the VA of a retired Soldier meeting this status.

Please note, IU is only added to a retired Soldier's Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) benefits by DFAS when his or her CRSC total disability percentage is 60% or higher. Please contact DFAS for their procedure concerning this and any payment or dollar amounts.

Do Military Service Retirees need to submit all medical records when they apply for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)?

No. Please do not send us ALL of your medical records. The Retiree only needs to submit relevant documentation that explains specifically how (causation of) the injury or condition occurred within a combat-related or training-related scenario. Unnecessary documentation can impede the timely adjudication of the claim.

How are retirees notified of the Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) decision?

The retiree is notified by a decision letter received in the mail once the process is complete. The letter describes the conditions, percentages, effective dates, and reason why the condition was approved or disapproved. The CRSC branch does not e-mail the retiree to let him/her know that the branch received the claim. U.S. mail may take up to 30 days to receive once mailed out.

Who do Military Service Retirees contact to obtain their personnel or medical records to submit with their Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) claim?

National Personnel Records Center (NPRC)

1 Archives Drive

St. Louis, MO 63138

Telephone: 314-801-0800

Fax: 314-801-9195

E-mail:MPR.center@nara.gov

Website: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/>

Are Temporary Retirement List (TDRL) Military Service Retirees eligible for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)?

Yes. TDRL Military Service Retirees may be eligible for CRSC compensation if his/her injuries/illnesses were caused by a combat related event or activity.

How much money do Military Service Retirees receive for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) claims?

Actual payment amounts are determined by Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) and are unique for each Military Service Retiree. If a Military Service Retiree has any questions regarding the amount of payment, he or she should contact DFAS at 1-800-321-1080.

How can a Retiree be considered for new disability under Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)?

The service member should submit a Reconsideration Request form (CRSC Form 12e), which is also located on our CRSC website under Downloads. In addition to the Reconsideration Request form, please send any new VA Rating decision(s), VA Rating Code Sheets, and pertinent medical documents which will show your newly rated Service Connected condition and how it is combat-related as defined by my CRSC guidance.

Whom does a Retiree contact if Defense Finance and Accounting Service has not received an approval/decision letter from Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)?

The Retiree can call the HRSC call center. The phone number is 1-888-276-9472.

What is a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) waiver in relation to Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)?

A VA waiver is the election of compensation in lieu of retired pay or waiver of retired pay to secure compensation from the VA. The VA waiver form, VA FORM 21-651, is filed with the VA. The VA then sends the form to Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) where it is processed and made active in the Retiree's pay records.

How does a Retiree correct personal information in the Army Human Records System database?

The Retiree can call the HRC contact center at 1-888-276-9472.

Are there any agencies that can help Military Service Retirees with their Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) claims?

There are many agencies that may help a Military Service Retiree prepare their claim for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC). The Retiree may check their local phonebook for local listings. Veteran agencies the CRSC program office deals with include:

State VA Offices: <http://www.va.gov/statedva.htm> once here select your state and locality.

Local Retirement Services Office (on any post or installation)

The American Legion: <http://www.legion.org> (<http://www.legion.org/departmentofficers>) once here select Find a Service Officer and chose your location.

The Veterans of Foreign War Organization: <http://www.vfw.org/> click on either "Find a Service Officer" or "Find a State Contact".

(<http://www.vfw.org/index.cfm?fa=misc.contact;cfid=26808314;cftoken=10749324> contact numbers)

The Disabled American Veterans: <http://www.dav.org/> (<http://www.dav.org>ContactUs.aspx>) click on Veterans then Find your Local Office.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart: <http://www.purpleheart.org/> click on "Learn About Our Services" and follow to local contact.

(<http://www.purpleheart.org/ServiceProgram/Default.aspx>)

Ask HRC for a CRSC Ambassador; The Ambassador Program is a network of volunteers providing information free of charge to veterans for help with Initial CRSC claims.

Where can a Retiree/Veteran obtain a Veterans Administration (VA) waiver, in relation to Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)?

The VA waiver should have been given with the Retiree/Veteran's VA packet. However, a Retiree/Veteran who did not receive the VA waiver can request one thru the VA by calling 1-800-827-1000 or via the web at <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-651-ARE.pdf>

Who should a person contact if there is an unexplained change in the amount of their monthly Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)?

The person should contact Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Toll Free Phone: 1-800-321-1080

Can retirees who have combined their military service with civil service and have since retired from civil service apply for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)?

No, Civil Service Retirees are not eligible for CRSC because they have chosen Civil Service Retirement pay over Military Retirement Pay.

Do retired Soldiers need to submit a request for reconsideration of their claim for a Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) rating when the VA increases their Service Connected Disability rating?

Yes, please submit;

1) CRSC Form 12e, and

2) Department of Veteran's Affairs narrative summary showing the increase or decrease in their VA disability rating and Submit via:

1) U.S. MAIL:

**Human Resources Command
ATTN: AHRC-PDP-C (CRSC)
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue - DEPT 480
Fort Knox, KY 40122**

2) FAX

502-613-9550

3) Email

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Does Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) have death benefits for spouses of deceased Veterans?

No, CRSC does not have death benefits for spouses. The CRSC benefit ends when the Soldier is deceased. CRSC is for military retirees only and widows/widowers of military spouses or other family members are not eligible to receive this compensation. Any retroactive payments still due at death will be paid to the retirees estate.

How much money do Military Service Retirees receive for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) claims?

Since CRSC is compensation for the retired pay that is offset due to receiving Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability pay, a Military Service Retirees CRSC payment can never exceed their total military retired pay. Actual payment amounts are determined by Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) and are unique for each Military Service Retiree based on years of service, retirement pay, and more. If a Military Service Retiree has any questions regarding the amount of payment, he or she should contact DFAS at 1-800-321-1080.

Will a Soldier have to make an election to either receive military retirement pay or CRSC pay?

No, since CRSC is compensation for the retired pay that is offset due to receiving VA disability pay, your CRSC payment can never exceed your total military retired pay.

I am now receiving Individual Unemployability (IU) from the VA, do I need to submit a reconsideration to update my CRSC claim?

No , If you are receiving 60% or more for CRSC, we do not need to notify DFAS that your CRSC should be paid up to the 100% rate because of IU. DFAS automatically will calculate your CRSC award of 60% or more and your Individual Unemployability (IU) . Please note that if you are receiving IU and the VA increases your individual disabilities up to a 100% combined, the VA will remove your Individual Unemployability which could affect your overall CRSC entitlement if it is less than the VA's 100% rating.

I need to contact DFAS about my CRSC pay, do you have a contact number?

DFAS: 1-800-321-1080

How to Obtain Assistance for your CRSC Claim:

There are volunteers that can assist with the initial submission of your claim. They are called Ambassadors. If you would like an ambassador to contact you, please call 1-866-281-3254 and let us know your desire for an ambassador and we will coordinate to assist.

If you have an assigned AW2, they can also assist with the application process.

- Additionally; Several agencies and veterans service organizations (VSOs) have counselors on staff to assist with CRSC claim preparation. In particular, the following agencies are available:
- County VA Offices <http://www.nasdva.us/>
 - Veterans of Foreign War Organization www.vfw.org
 - American Legion www.legion.org
 - Non Commissioned Officers Association www.ncoausa.org
 - Disabled American Veterans www.dav.org
 - Military Order of the Purple Heart <http://www.mophhq.org/>
 - Retirement Services Office <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/>

***Note: Upon accessing these sites you may be prompted for pertinent information.**