

RETAA, RETAB

Return from subroutine, with pointer authentication. This instruction authenticates the address that is held in LR, using SP as the modifier and the specified key, branches to the authenticated address, with a hint that this instruction is a subroutine return.

Key A is used for RETAA. Key B is used for RETAB.

If the authentication passes, the PE continues execution at the target of the branch. For information on behavior if the authentication fails, see *Faulting on pointer authentication*.

The authenticated address is not written back to LR.

Integer
(FEAT_PAuth)

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	M	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Z								op				A								Rn				Rm							

RETAA (M == 0)

RETAA

RETAB (M == 1)

RETAB

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boolean use_key_a = (M == '0');  
  
if !IsFeatureImplemented(FEAT_PAuth) then  
    UNDEFINED;
```

Operation

```
GCSInstruction inst_type;  
bits(64) target = X[30, 64];  
  
bits(64) modifier = SP[];  
  
if use_key_a then  
    target = AuthIA(target, modifier, TRUE);  
else  
    target = AuthIB(target, modifier, TRUE);  
  
if (IsFeatureImplemented(FEAT_GCS) && GCSPCREnabled(PSTATE.EL)) then  
    if use_key_a then  
        inst_type = GCSInstType PRETAA;
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else
    inst_type = GCSInstType\_PRETAB;
    target = LoadCheckGCSRecord(target, inst_type);
    SetCurrentGCSPtr(GetCurrentGCSPtr() + 8);

// Value in BTypeNext will be used to set PSTATE.BTYPE
BTypeNext = '00';

BranchTo(target, BranchType\_RET, FALSE);

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