



District of Columbia Retirement Board (DCRB)
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Post-56 Military Service Credit Retention Election
District of Columbia Police Officers and Firefighters' Retirement Plan

Under D.C. Code § 5-704(h), if you will be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits at your Social Security Full Retirement Age (SSFRA), you must purchase your post-56 military service that was performed prior to your hire date with the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) or Fire and EMS Department (FEMS) before you retire under the District of Columbia Police Officers and Firefighters' Retirement Plan (the Plan) to retain credit for your prior post-56 military service in your retirement benefit when you reach your SSFRA. No service deposit is allowed after you retire. Failure to purchase your prior service before your retire will result in a reduction in your retirement benefit beginning on the first day of the month you reach your SSFRA.

Please read the "Information Notice" attached to this form and complete this form and return it to your Human Resources Office with any required documentation. If you have any questions about this service credit retention election, please contact the District of Columbia Retirement Board (DCRB).

Section I: Member Information

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: ____-____-____

Plan Member Type: [] Police Officer [] Firefighter

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number: ____-____-____ Email Address: _____

Section II: Election

I have read the Information Notice and elect one of the following:

[] I elect to purchase my prior post-56 military service. I have attached copies of my DD-214, "Report of Transfer or Discharge" and Form RI 20-97, "Estimated Earnings During Military Service."

[] I elect not to purchase my prior post-56 military service. I understand that if I am eligible or become eligible for Social Security retirement benefits at my SSFRA and I did not purchase my service prior to my retirement, my retirement benefit will be reduced to exclude such service at my SSFRA and I will be responsible for repaying any benefit overpayments I may have received.

Section III: Member Authorization

I have read and understand the "Information Notice" and my election. I further understand that if I have prior post-56 military service and that if I am or will be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits at Social Security Full Retirement Age, I must complete a service deposit prior to my retirement to retain my prior service in my retirement benefit calculation.

Member Signature

Date

Instructions to the Member

Return this form and required documents to your Human Resources Office

Active Police Officer Members

MPD Office of Human Resources
300 Indiana Ave., NW
Room 6061
Washington, DC 20001

Active Firefighters

DC Department of Human Resources
Division of Compensation, Classification
and Benefits
441 4th Street, NW
Room 340 North
Washington, DC 20001

Please read the *Information Notice* on page 3 before completing this form.

If you have prior post-56 military service that you may be required to purchase to retain that service in your retirement benefit calculation under the District of Columbia Police Officers and Firefighters' Retirement Plan if you are eligible or become eligible for Social Security retirement benefits, please indicate your retention option election. You are responsible for obtaining any required supporting documents.

Upon receipt of your required documents, please complete your form and return the form with all required documents to your Human Resources Office. Your HR Office will provide you with a copy of all your documents for your records and will transmit a copy of all your documents to DCRB. Your original form and documents will be maintained in your personnel file with your HR Office and forwarded to DCRB upon your retirement.

DCRB will review your form and documents and notify you in writing of the amount of your required deposit and your payment options.

If you have any questions about the form or the post-56 military service credit retention option, please contact DCRB at (202) 343-3272.

Instructions to Human Resources

Please provide this form to Active Members to assist DCRB in administering the Post-56 Military Service Credit Retention retirement plan provision (D.C. Code § 5-704(h)). Members who will be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits and who wish to retain their post-56 military service credit in their retirement benefit upon reaching Social Security Retirement Full Retirement Age must purchase their service prior to their retirement from MPD/FEMS.

Please ensure that returned forms include any required documents: (1) DD-214, "Report of Transfer or Discharge" and (2) Form RI 20-97, "Estimated Earnings During Military Service."

Upon receipt of a completed form and all required documents, please: (1) provide the Member with a copy of all documents; (2) retain the original documents in the Member's personnel file; and (3) transmit a copy of all documents to DCRB.

To be completed by Human Resources:

Date Received by HR: _____

Name of HR Official: _____

Date of Hire: _____

Transmittal Date to DCRB: _____

MEMBER INFORMATION NOTICE

If you performed post-56 military service prior to your hire date with MPD or FEMS that will be used in calculating your retirement benefit when you retire under the District of Columbia Police Officers and Firefighters' Retirement Plan (the Plan), you must purchase this service before you retire to retain credit for this service in your retirement benefit if you will be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. Failure to purchase your service will result in a reduction in your retirement benefit if you are eligible or become eligible for Social Security retirement benefits when you reach Social Security Full Retirement Age (SSFRA). Your reduction will begin on the first day of the month of your SSFRA regardless if you actually receive your Social Security retirement benefits and you will be responsible for repaying the Plan any overpayments you may have received.

SSFRA is the age at which you first become entitled to full or unreduced Social Security retirement benefits:

If You Were Born:	Your SSFRA is:
1943-54	66
1955	66 and 2 months
1956	66 and 4 months
1957	66 and 6 months
1958	66 and 8 months
1959	66 and 10 months
1960 and later	67

Post-56 military service means honorable active service in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard (National Guard or Reserve service is included only when ordered to active duty) performed after December 31, 1956, excluding service covered by military leave with pay from a civilian position.

Please be aware that if you are eligible to receive or are receiving a military pension based on your prior post-56 military service, you cannot receive retirement credit under the Plan for the same service unless your military pension is a service-connected disability pension.

The amount of your deposit will be 7% or 8% of the amount of the base pay you received when you were in the military (basic military pay under 37 USC § 204). For each period of military service performed on or before November 10, 1996, the rate is 7%. For periods performed after November 10, 1996, the rate is 7% if you were hired before November 10, 1996 (Tier 2) and 8% if you were hired on or after November 10, 1996 (Tier 3). Your deposit will also include interest at the current annual rate of return for the District of Columbia Police Officers and Firefighters' Retirement Fund.

Your deposit may be in one lump-sum payment or in monthly installments via salary deductions not to exceed 24 months and must be completed before you retire. If you purchased your prior service or began your service deposit and you leave employment prior to retirement with less than 5 years of MPD/FEMS service, your deposit(s) will be refunded. If you have 5 years or more of MPD/FEMS service, you may leave your deposits with the Plan and receive credit for your prior service in your deferred retirement annuity calculation. However, you will have to complete any outstanding deposit(s) prior to age 55.

You must submit your DD-214, "Report of Transfer or Discharge" and Form RI 20-97, "Estimated Earnings During Military Service." A copy of your DD-214 and other military records can be obtained from the National Archives. For more information, please visit: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>.

Upon receipt of your Election Form and all supporting documents, your Human Resources Office will forward the information to DCRB for review and a deposit calculation. DCRB will notify you of your required deposit amount and payment options. Review of your information may take approximately sixty (60) to ninety (90) days from the date of receipt.

Please see dcrb.dc.gov or call DCRB at (202) 343-3272 for more information

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