

Concurrent Retirement Disability Payments (CRDP)

CRDP allows military retirees to receive both military retired pay and Veterans Affairs (VA) compensation. This was prohibited until the CRDP program began on January 1, 2004 and was initially instituted as a "phase in" of benefits that gradually restored a retiree's VA disability offset. The phase in was complete January 2014. Now, all eligible retirees will be enrolled automatically; there is no need to apply for CRDP. Retirees with 20 years of service and a service-connected disability rated at 50 percent or greater by the VA are eligible for CRDP.

CRDP applies to service members who have over 20 years of active service and have a service connected disability rated at 50 percent or greater by the VA.

Key Information for CRDP

- Does not require disabilities to be combat related, only needs to be service connected.
- Payments are taxed and subject to division of retired pay with a former spouse.
- Must have a VA disability rating of 50-100 percent.
- **Retired Active Duty:** With 20 years of qualifying service to include Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA).
- **Reservist:** 20 years of qualifying service and age 60.
- No application is needed; eligible retirees will be paid automatically.
- Service connected disabilities includes any disability or injury incurred or aggravated while serving in the military.
- Your CRDP and retirement pay can not exceed your gross retirement pay based on years of service.



If you have questions regarding your CRDP payment from Defense Finance and Accounting Services, call 800-321-1080. For questions concerning disability ratings or disability compensation, please contact the VA at 800-827-1000.

Related Fact Sheets

- Retiree Checklist
- Survivor Benefit Plan
- Combat Related Special Compensation
- SGLI/VGLI

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