

TERA/IDES Checklist



USMC Wounded Warrior Regiment

- The member must receive and accept the unfit PEB findings.
- Upon accepting the PEB findings, the PEBLO must be made aware of the option to elect the TERA to supply the member with a DES waiver, and defer the case in the VTA using the TERA option.
- The DES waiver must be signed by the Referring Physician or PCM, IDES Attorney (any JAG can sign), and the PEBLO.
- Once signed, the PEBLO must return the DES waiver to the member. The DES waiver is not submitted to the PEB by the PEBLO. MMSR4 will submit the DES waiver once the TERA package is approved.
- The member will proceed to their command, and have their S-1 or Career Planner initiate an AA form requesting the TERA with the desired date. The member must have at least 15 years of AD service, but less than 20.
- Once the TERA package and DES waiver are prepared and signed, they must accompany each other to MMSR4 with a copy of the PEB findings.
- Once MMSR4 receives the TERA package and DES waiver, the TERA package will be forwarded through the proper channels for approval. Once approved, MMSR4 will forward a copy of the TERA approval letter to the DRAS Providence.
- Once the DRAS Providence receives the TERA approval letter, they will recognize the case is deferred due to the TERA option. They will proceed to award VA benefits post discharge.
- Once the member is awarded benefits, the IDES case will be waived and disenrolled from the IDES process. There is no longer a need to initiate a new VA claim.

Note (1): The TERA for the Marine Corps has been extended out until 31 December 2025. (MARADMIN 135/19)

Note (2): Marines in the DES process must transfer their post 9/11 GI Bill benefits prior to being approved for TERA.