

Scenarios 1 & 2

Scenario 1: The "20-20-20" Rule

You are eligible for continuing TRICARE benefits as your own sponsor in DEERS as long as you do not remarry and meet the following criteria:

20 - You were married to the same service member for at least 20 years.

20 - Service member / sponsor has at least 20 years of creditable service towards determining retirement pay.

20 - 20 years of marriage overlap during the 20 years of creditable (Active or Reserve) service which counted towards your sponsor's retirement.

If the TFSC determines you qualify, a new ID card is issued under your own sponsorship in DEERS as 20/20/20 or 20/20/15 below.

Scenario 2: The "20-20-15" Rule

You are eligible for limited TRICARE benefits (normally, 1-year from date of divorce) as your own sponsor in DEERS as long as you do not remarry and meet the following criteria:

20 - You were married to the same service member for at least 20 years.

20 - Service member / sponsor has at least 20 years of creditable service towards determining retirement pay.

15 - 15 but less than 20 years of marriage overlap during the 20 years of creditable (Active or Reserve) service which counted towards your sponsor's retirement.

Finally, you can lose your TRICARE and ID card eligibility if the following occurs:

1. Re-marry, even if the remarriage ends in death or divorce (unless you gain eligibility under your new sponsor (service member).
2. Purchase and are currently covered by an employer-sponsored health plan other than TRICARE, or if
3. A spouse of ANG & Reserve member is not authorized TRICARE benefits until the service member reaches age 60.

More information about the
Air Force
Former Spouse
Determination Program
for

Active Duty and Retired, Air National Guard, Reserve, and Reserve-Retired

Contact
the
Total Force Service Center
(TFSC)

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DSN 665-0102

or

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Air National Guard, Reserve, and Reserve-Retired
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Fax (478) 327-2215, DSN 497 (Denver)

Sources: Title 10, Chapter 55, Section 1072, Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act (USFSPA), Public Law 97-252, amended by Public Laws 98-525 & 100-456, and inter-service Air Force Instruction 36-3026 IP, 17 June 2009, Chapter 3.

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Are you divorced or planning to divorce? This decision can result in consequences lasting a lifetime for a spouse & member. Divorce impacts your eligibility for benefits and privileges associated with the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Identification (ID) card eligibility is based on your marital status in DEERS.

The Air Force Former Spouse Determination Program provides one-source for DEERS and ID card eligibility information in the event of divorce.

Our former spouses receive individualized guidance, leading them through the complex process of determining their DEERS eligibility to qualify for continuation of ID card benefits and privileges.

There are specific eligibility requirements that must be met to qualify after a divorce. First, you must have been married to the sponsor (uniformed Service member) for at least 20 years. Secondly, your sponsor must have at least 20 years of creditable service towards determining retirement pay. Automatic disqualifiers occur when the marriage is less than 20 years or the sponsor has not served 20 years in the military. There is also a third requirement, explained further in Scenarios 1 & 2, the marriage time occurring during the sponsor's military service known as "marriage overlap."

Documentation

If you think you are eligible, submit the following documents to the Total Force Service Center (TFSC) located at the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC), Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA). A determination of DEERS and ID card eligibility is made when your sponsor is Active duty, Air National Guard, Reserve, or Retired:

1. Marriage certificate.
2. Divorce decree.
3. Two forms of identity, refer to Department of U.S. Homeland Security, I-9, Lists of Acceptable Documents, www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-9.pdf
4. Verification of creditable service. Examples of creditable service documents for Active Duty and Retired Members - DD Form 214 or Statement of Service; or example of creditable service document for ANG / Reserve Members, refer to Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC) Retirements Branch.

If you are unable to obtain the service member's creditable service documents as listed above, you may contact the Total Force Service Center (TFSC) at 1-800-525-0102 for further assistance.

If your (ex) spouse served with another branch of service, refer to the Resources column within this Tri-Fold. The appropriate Uniformed Services Personnel Office will need to be contacted for a determination of eligibility for former spouse benefits, DEERS record updates, and ID card issuance.

Resources

Personnel Offices

Air Force

Air Force Personnel Center JBSA Randolph
Total Force Service Center San Antonio
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Fax (210) 565-6219, DSN 665

Air National Guard & Air Force Reserve
Air Reserve Personnel Center Buckley AFB
1-800-525-0102
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arpc.contact.center@arpc.denver.af.mil
Fax (478) 327-2215, DSN 497

Army

Human Resource Center of Excellence Ft Knox
1-888-276-9472, Fax 1-800-325-4981
askhrc.army@us.army.mil

Army National Guard

Field Systems Operations Arlington
deers.rapids@ng.army.mil
1-866-810-9183, Fax (703) 607-8448

Navy

Navy Personnel Command Millington
www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/PayPersSupport
(901) 874-3362, Fax (901) 874-2766

Marine Corps

HQ U.S. Marine Corps Quantico MCB
Manpower & Reserve Affairs
1-800-336-4649

Coast Guard

**Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center Topeka
Retiree & Annuitant Service**
1-800-772-8724, (785) 339-3441, Fax 5927

Public Health Services

**Division of Commissioned Corp Personnel & Readiness
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