

VOLUME 7B, APPENDIX P: “DATA FOR PAYMENT OF RETIRED PERSONNEL”**SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES**

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Substantive revisions are denoted by an asterisk (*) symbol preceding the section, paragraph, table, or figure that includes the revision.

Unless otherwise noted, chapters referenced are contained in this volume.

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PARAGRAPH	EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION	PURPOSE
All	Updated hyperlinks and formatting to comply with current administrative instructions.	Revision

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APPENDIX P**DATA FOR PAYMENT OF RETIRED PERSONNEL****1.0 GENERAL****1.1 Purpose**

This appendix provides for the administration and completion of the Department of Defense [\(DD\) Form 2656](#), Data for Payment of Retired Personnel, and [DD 2656-1](#), Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Election Statement for Former Spouse Coverage, if appropriate.

1.2 Authoritative Guidance

The pay policies and requirements established by the DoD in this chapter are derived primarily from and prepared in accordance with the United States Code (U.S.C.), Title 10. The specific statutes, regulations, and other applicable guidance that govern each individual section are listed in a reference section at the end of the chapter.

2.0 APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE**2.1 Establishing Retired/Retainer Pay Account**

Those Service members requesting retirement, and former members who are entitled to retired pay under 10 U.S.C. Chapter 1223, must complete the DD 2656 and DD 2656-1, if appropriate, in order to be provided retired pay. The DD 2656 is the most important financial related document to complete in preparing for military retirement. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service Cleveland (DFAS-CL) will establish the Service member's retired/retainer pay account based on the data provided on the form(s) and retirement/transfer orders.

2.2 Required Data

The Service member's personnel office and SBP counselor will assist them in the proper completion and submission of the DD 2656 and DD 2656-1, if appropriate. See section 3.0. The data provided is required to establish a retired/retainer pay account, including:

- 2.2.1. The retirement plan under which the Service member is covered;
- 2.2.2. Direct deposit/electronic funds transfer information;
- 2.2.3. Designation of beneficiaries for unpaid retired pay;
- 2.2.4. Federal and state tax withholding information;
- 2.2.5. Information on dependents;

2.2.6. An election of SBP coverage; and

2.2.7. Lump sum payment election, when applicable.

Note: The DD 2656 replaced Navy Comptroller Form 2272, Department of Army Form 4240, and Air Force Form(s) 1266, 1267, and 1268.

3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 DFAS Responsibilities

DFAS-CL is the primary source for information and technical guidance concerning the DD 2656 and DD 2656-1. DFAS-CL processes the documents for military retirement submitted by the Military Services.

3.2 Military Service Responsibilities

Each respective personnel activity will provide pre-retirement counseling to prospective retirees. As part of the counseling process, each personnel activity will ensure that the prospective retirees properly complete the DD 2656 and DD 2656-1, if appropriate. The personnel activity will forward the forms and appropriate documentation to DFAS-CL electronically, or mail to:

DFAS
U.S. Military Retired Pay
8899 E. 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-1200

3.3 Service Member Responsibilities

Members requesting retirement and former members who qualify under 10 U.S.C., Chapter 1223, will complete the DD 2656 and DD 2656-1, if appropriate. Completion of these forms is necessary to establish the retired/retainer pay account. See paragraph 2.2.

REFERENCES

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1.0 – GENERAL

10 U.S.C., Chapter 73, subchapter II

2.0 – APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

10 U.S.C., Chapter 1223

DoD Instruction 1332.42, [Survivor Benefit Plan](#)
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