Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay & Combat Related Special Compensation
Objectives

✓ Define Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP)

✓ Define Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)

✓ Provide a processing overview

✓ Clarify the roles of VBA, DOD and DFAS
Definition of CRDP

- **CRDP** is a restoration of retired pay for retirees with service-connected disabilities. It is taxed in the same manner as your retired pay, and it is normally considered taxable income. No application is required. Eligible retirees receive CRDP automatically.

- Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) allows military retirees to receive both military retired pay and Veterans Affairs (VA) compensation.

- You do not need to apply for CRDP. If qualified, you will be enrolled automatically.
Individual Unemployability
You are eligible for full concurrent receipt of both your VA disability compensation and your retired pay, if you are a military retiree who meets all of the above eligibility requirements in addition to both of the following:

- you are rated by the VA as unemployable, generally referred to as Individual Unemployability (IU)
- you are in receipt of VA disability compensation as a result of IU

If you are due any money from DFAS, you will receive it within 30-60 days of receipt of your first CRDP monthly payment. If DFAS finds that you are also due a retroactive payment from the VA, they will forward an audit to the VA. VA is responsible for paying any money you may be due.

Your retroactive payment date may go as far back as January 1, 2004
Definition of CRSC

Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) is a program that was created for disability and non-disability military retirees with combat-related disabilities. It is a tax free entitlement that you will be paid each month along with any retired pay you may already be receiving.
Eligibility

To qualify for CRSC you must:
• be entitled to and/or receiving military retired pay,
• be rated at least 10 percent by the VA, waive your VA pay from your retired pay,
• file a CRSC application with your Branch of Service

Disabilities that may be considered combat related include injuries incurred as a direct result of:
• Armed Conflict
• Hazardous Duty
• An Instrumentality of War
• Simulated War

Initial Application

✓ If you are applying for the first time, complete DD Form 2860. If you are reapplying for new disabilities, request a reconsideration application from your service branch.

✓ Include documents you feel will help your case (i.e. retirement orders, VA ratings, Purple Heart award citations, Form DD214)

✓ Mail or fax your application to your branch of service. You can’t submit it electronically

✓ Your branch of service will notify you of their decision in writing.

✓ We will start your monthly payments 30 to 60 days after your branch sends your approval letter.
# Contacting Your Service Branch

## Army

**Mailing Address**  
Department of the Army  
U.S. Army Human Resources Command  
ATTN: CRSC Division  
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue  
Fort Knox, KY 40122

**Telephone, Email and Internet**  
Telephone: 866-281-3254 (Toll Free)  
E-mail: crsc.info@us.army.mil  
Internet: [www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/crsc](http://www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/crsc)

## Navy and Marine Corps

**Mailing Address**  
Department of Navy Naval Council of Review Boards  
Combat-Related Special Compensation Branch  
720 Kennon Street S.E., Suite 309  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023

**Telephone, Email and Internet**  
Telephone: 877-366-2772 (Toll Free)  
Email: DoN_CRSC@navy.mil  
Applying for CRSC continued

**Air Force**

**Mailing Address**
United States Air Force Personnel Center
Disability Division (CRSC)
550 C Street West, Suite 6
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4708

**Telephone, Email and Internet**
Telephone: 800-525-0102
Email: AFPC.DPPDC.AFCRSC@us.af.mil
Internet: [http://www.retirees.af.mil/](http://www.retirees.af.mil/)

**Reconsideration Requests**

- Army: you can find a reconsideration application and instructions at [https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/crsc/reconsiderations.html](https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/crsc/reconsiderations.html)

- Navy/Marines: you can find a reconsideration application and instructions at [www.public.navymil/asnmra/corb/crscb](http://www.public.navymil/asnmra/corb/crscb)

- Air Force: Call 800-525-0102 concerning reconsideration
# CRDP vs. CRSC

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<td><strong>Qualified Injury</strong></td>
<td>combat-linked disabilities</td>
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<td><strong>Classification</strong></td>
<td>Special Compensation (not subject to rules and regulations governing military retired pay)</td>
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<td><strong>Full Concurrent Receipt?</strong></td>
<td>Yes - Retirees can receive either part or all of both their military retirement pay and VA disability compensation</td>
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<td><strong>Claim Process</strong></td>
<td>Must apply through Branch of Service</td>
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<td><strong>Eligibility</strong></td>
<td>Are entitled to and/or receiving military retired pay</td>
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<td>Are rated at least 10% by the (VA)</td>
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<td>Are least 60 years old or retired under Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA) if they are a reservist</td>
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<td>Have waived their VA pay from their retired pay</td>
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<td>May go back to June 1, 2003, for any month in which all eligibility</td>
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<td>Disability retirees with less than 20 years will be automatically</td>
<td>CRDP is not payable before January 1, 2004.</td>
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<td>limited to a retroactive date of January 1, 2008.</td>
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<td><strong>Federal Taxation</strong></td>
<td>Non-taxable</td>
<td>Taxable, according to your current retired pay Federal Income Tax</td>
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<td>Withholding (FITW) tax rate</td>
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<td><strong>Issue of Payment</strong></td>
<td>CRSC payments are deposited to the same account where you receive</td>
<td>Your new pay amount will continue to be deposited into the same</td>
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<td>your retired pay or the current checking address.</td>
<td>account and will not affect your compensation from the VA.</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>with a Former Spouse</td>
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<td><strong>Subject to Collection</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>SBP Premiums</strong></td>
<td>No</td>
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An **Audit Error Worksheet (AEW)** is a document containing data regarding a Veteran’s military retirement pay and entitlement to CRDP or CRSC.

VA uses batch processing to automate the adjustment of many Veterans’ awards based on the audit data it receives from DFAS. This process includes the generation and mailing of a decision notice to the Veteran.
Questions