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SERVICE CREDIT FOR NON-REGULAR RETIREMENT

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Purpose: In accordance with the authority in DoD Directive 5124.02 this issuance establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, prescribes procedures, and establishes requirements for crediting active and reserve service for non-regular retirement in accordance with Chapter 1223 of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.).

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SECTION 1: GENERAL ISSUANCE INFORMATION

1.1. APPLICABILITY. This issuance applies to OSD, the Military Departments (including the Coast Guard at all times, including when it is a Service in the Department of Homeland Security by agreement with that Department), the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD.

1.2. POLICY. It is DoD policy, in accordance with Chapter 1223 of Title 10, U.S.C., to use uniform procedures to manage the crediting and accounting of active and reserve service of Service members for non-regular retirement.

1.3. SUMMARY OF CHANGE 1. The changes to this issuance:

- a. Update responsibilities and prescribe procedures in accordance with Section 516 of Public Law 116-283 and Section 604 of Public Law 116-92.
- b. Update references for accuracy.

SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS (ASD(M&RA)). Under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, the ASD(M&RA) develops guidance and procedures for accounting and crediting active and reserve service for non-regular retirement in accordance with Chapter 1223 of Title 10, U.S.C.

2.2. DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY. Under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, the Director, Department of Defense Human Resources Activity:

- a. Identifies and reports the personnel data requirements for actuarial valuations of non-regular retirement to the ASD(M&RA) through the Director, Office of the Actuary.
- b. Compiles, processes, and reports personnel data needed for crediting service for non-regular retirement through the Director, Defense Manpower Data Center, in support of the OSD and the Secretaries concerned in accordance with Enclosure 8 of DoD Instruction (DoDI) 1215.06, Enclosures 2 and 3 of Volume 1 of DoD Manual 7730.54, and Administrative Instruction 15.

2.3. SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS AND COMMANDANT, UNITED STATES COAST GUARD. The Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Commandant, United States Coast Guard:

- a. Issue regulations and guidance governing the administration, crediting, and management of non-regular retirement consistent with this issuance.
- b. Record, maintain, and report the information necessary for the accurate, effective, and timely management of service credit for non-regular retirement in accordance with the requirements of Enclosures 2 and 3 of Volume 1 of DoD Manual 7730.54, Enclosure 2 of DoDI 5015.02, and this issuance.
- c. Make information available to estimate the retired pay for non-regular retirement by eligible individuals as specified in Section 12731 of Title 10, U.S.C., and in accordance with the requirements of Enclosures 2 and 3 to Volume 1 of DoD Manual 7730.54, Enclosure 2 of DoDI 5015.02, and this issuance.
- d. Notify each member of the Ready Reserve who has completed the years of service required for retired pay eligibility in accordance with Section 12731(d) of Title 10, U.S.C. Send the notification in writing within 1 year after the person completes that service.

e. Periodically notify each member of the Ready Reserve of the current eligibility age for retired pay in accordance with Section 12731(f)(3) of Title 10, U.S.C, including any reduced eligibility age based on criteria in Paragraph 3.5. The Secretary concerned or the Commandant of the Coast Guard will determine the appropriate means of notification, taking into account the notice provision cost and member convenience.

f. Grant retirement points pursuant to Section 516 of Public Law 116-283 and Paragraph 3.6. of this issuance for the covered emergency period. This authority may be further delegated in writing but not below the level of a one-star general or flag officer, or senior executive service–equivalent, in the Service member’s chain of command.

g. Submit an annual report to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness regarding the granting of retirement points pursuant to Section 516 of Public Law 116-283 and Paragraph 3.6 of this issuance for the covered emergency period. This report will be submitted by October 31 of each year. One final report will be submitted 7 months after the national emergency declared in Proclamation 9994 is lifted, summarizing by component:

(1) The number of individuals granted retirement points because of a training cancellation.

(2) The number of individuals granted retirement points because of another extenuating circumstance.

(3) The average amount of retirement points credited per individual.

(4) The total number of retirement points credited.

SECTION 3: PROCEDURES

3.1. CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING THE SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR A SATISFACTORY YEAR OF SERVICE FOR NON-REGULAR RETIREMENT.

a. Qualifying Years of Satisfactory Service. Pursuant to Chapter 1223 of Title 10, U.S.C., a qualifying year of creditable service toward a non-regular retirement is a full-year, as described in Paragraphs 3.1.b. and 3.1.c., during which a member of an Active Component (AC) or Reserve Component (RC) is credited with at least 50 retirement points. Accumulating 20 such years, except as otherwise provided by law, is one requirement necessary to qualify for non-regular retired pay.

b. Establishing an Anniversary Year.

(1) Base the full-year periods used to determine a creditable year of qualifying service toward a non-regular retirement on anniversary dates as set out in this issuance.

(2) Except as noted in Paragraph 3.1.d., calculate anniversary year periods from an anniversary date. The date the Service member entered into active service or active status in an RC establishes the anniversary year.

c. Adjusting Anniversary Years.

(1) The start date month and day for each successive anniversary year will not change unless the Service member has a break in service. A Service member who transitions directly (next day) from the AC to the RC is not considered to have had a break in service; accordingly, that Service member's anniversary date will not change.

(2) A Service member who returns to an active status in the RC after a break in service will have a revised anniversary year. The anniversary year start date will change to the return or reentry date.

d. Exceptions to Calculating Anniversary Years.

(1) In the case of an officer with service as a cadet or midshipman at a Service academy in accordance with Chapters 753, 853, or 953 of Title 10, U.S.C., or in a Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program in accordance with Sections 2104 and 2107 of Title 10, U.S.C., the date for the start of a Service member's initial anniversary year will be established by the date the Service member entered into active service or active status minus any service as a cadet or midshipman.

(2) If an enlisted member of a Military Service served as a cadet or midshipman at a Service academy in accordance with Chapters 753, 853, or 953 of Title 10, U.S.C., but did not receive or does not hold a commission as an officer, the service as a cadet or midshipman at a Service academy must be included as active duty.

e. Credit for Partial Years of Service.

(1) Credit a Service member who has a break in service that occurs during an anniversary year with a partial creditable year of qualifying service toward a non-regular retirement.

(2) A Service member with a break in service must meet the minimum retirement point requirements set out in this issuance to earn a partial qualifying year. Calculate credit for a partial year according to the schedule in Table 1.

Table 1. Minimum Requirement Point Credit Chart

Number of Days in an Active Status		
From	Through	Minimum Points Required
0	8	1
9	14	2
15	21	3
22	29	4
30	36	5
37	43	6
44	51	7
52	58	8
59	65	9
66	73	10
74	80	11
81	87	12
88	94	13
95	102	14
103	109	15
110	116	16
117	124	17
125	131	18
132	138	19
139	146	20
147	153	21
154	160	22
161	168	23
169	175	24

Table 1. Minimum Requirement Point Credit Chart, Continued

Number of Days in an Active Status		
From	Through	Minimum Points Required
176	182	25
183	189	26
190	197	27
198	204	28
205	211	29
212	219	30
220	226	31
227	233	32
234	240	33
241	248	34
249	255	35
256	262	36
263	270	37
271	277	38
278	284	39
285	292	40
293	299	41
300	306	42
307	313	43
314	321	44
322	328	45
329	335	46
336	343	47
344	350	48
351	357	49
358	365	50

(3) Combine and credit partial qualifying years towards total qualifying service.

(4) Credit membership retirement points for any partial year according to the schedule in Table 2.

Table 2. Pro-Rating Membership Points

Number of Days in an Active Status		
From	Through	Membership Points To Be Credited
1	12	0
13	36	1
37	60	2
61	85	3
86	109	4
110	133	5
134	158	6
159	182	7
183	206	8
207	231	9
232	255	10
256	279	11
280	304	12
305	328	13
329	352	14
353	365 (366 leap year)	15

(5) Retirement points credited for a partial year may not exceed the retirement point credit limits in Paragraph 3.4.f.(1). Credit a Service member with:

- (a) Retirement points for attending drills or equivalent instruction.
- (b) Prorated membership retirement points.
- (c) Retirement points credited because of satisfactory participation in the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) or the Financial Assistance Program (FAP) pursuant to Section 2126(b) of Title 10, U.S.C.
- (d) Other service creditable for non-regular retired pay purposes upon completion of a partial year.

3.2. RESERVE SERVICE REQUIREMENT TO QUALIFY FOR NON-REGULAR RETIREMENT.

a. Non-Regular Retirement Qualification. A Service member must complete 20 creditable years of qualifying service to qualify for non-regular retired pay at, or after, the age specified in Section 12731(f) of Title 10, U.S.C.

(1) Any Service member who completed the years of qualifying service before October 5, 1994, must have served the last 8 years of qualifying service in an RC.

(2) Any Service member who completed the years of qualifying service on or after October 5, 1994, but before April 25, 2005, must have served the last 6 years of qualifying service in an RC.

(3) Any Service member who completed the years of qualifying service on or after April 25, 2005 has no minimum RC service requirement.

(4) Continuous service is not required to meet the 6 or 8 years of qualifying service specified in Paragraphs 3.2.a.(1) and 3.2.a.(2).

(a) Exclude any period of service as an AC member intervening between periods of RC service counted toward the 8-year requirement of Paragraph 3.2.a.(1) or the 6-year requirement of Paragraph 3.2.a.(2) in determining whether the Service member has 20 years of eligible service for non-regular retired pay in accordance with Decisions of the Comptroller General, File B-111903.

(b) Treat service in an AC during a partial year as 1 full year of such service for purposes of applying Paragraph 3.2.a(4)(a).

b. Special Rule for Service Members with Physical Disabilities Not Incurred in the Line of Duty. As described in Section 12731(a) of Title 10, U.S.C., the Secretary concerned or the Commandant of the Coast Guard may determine that an RC Service member with at least 15 (but less than 20) years of qualifying military service in accordance with Section 12732 of Title 10, U.S.C., has met the service requirements in Section 12731(a)(2) of Title 10, U.S.C. The Service member must be separated from the Selected Reserve solely because he or she is unfit because of a physical disability. Base retired pay on the number of years of qualifying service and do not automatically round up to 20 years. This special rule will not apply if the disability:

(1) Was caused by the Service member's intentional misconduct, willful neglect, or willful failure to comply with Service established retention standards and qualifications.

(2) Was incurred during the period of an unauthorized absence.

c. Non-Regular Retirement Qualification of a Service Member Entitled to Regular Retired or Retainer Pay. In accordance with Section 12741 of Title 10, U.S.C., a Service member who serves in an active status as a member of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve after becoming eligible or entitled to regular retired or retainer pay may apply for non-regular retired pay in accordance with Chapter 1223 of Title 10, U.S.C. The Service member must attain the eligibility age determined pursuant to Section 12731(f) of Title 10, U.S.C.

(1) After April 27, 2001, and before October 28, 2009, the Service member described in Paragraph 3.2.c. is exempt from any RC service requirements.

(2) On or after October 28, 2009, the Service member described in Paragraph 3.2.c. must complete 2 years of satisfactory service in an active status in the Ready Reserve, excluding any period of active service, after initially becoming eligible for regular retired pay.

Table 3. Example for Paragraph 3.2.c.(2)

Service member retires from AC; eligible for regular retired pay	Service member joins RC	Service member completes 2 years of satisfactory active status (not active service) in the RC	Service member is eligible for non-regular retirement
Service member retires from AC; eligible for regular retired pay	Service member joins RC	Service member does not complete 2 years of active status in the RC; example: Service member is on active duty (mobilized, training (other than for annual training) etc.) while serving in the RC	Service member is not eligible for non-regular retirement

(3) The Service member described in Paragraph 3.2.c. is exempt from the limitation in Section 12731(a)(4) of Title 10, U.S.C., which excludes a person entitled to retired pay from an armed force or retainer pay as a member of the Fleet Reserve or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve from receiving non-regular retired pay.

(4) The Secretary concerned may reduce the minimum 2 year active status service requirement specified in Paragraph 3.2.c(2) in the case of a Service member who:

(a) Completed at least 1 year of service in a position of adjutant general pursuant to Section 314 of Title 32, U.S.C., or in a position of assistant adjutant general subordinate to such a position of adjutant general.

(b) Failed to complete the minimum years of service solely because the appointment was terminated or vacated as described in Section 324(b) of Title 32, U.S.C.

3.3. ELIGIBILITY FOR RETIREMENT POINT CREDIT FOR NON-REGULAR RETIREMENT. Service members in the following categories are eligible for retirement point credit:

a. AC or RC members in active service.

b. RC members in an active status as defined in Section 10141 of Title 10, U.S.C. This includes service in a Delayed Entry Program established in Section 513 of Title 10, U.S.C., credited toward non-regular retirement because it is service in an active status as a member of the Ready Reserve.

c. RC members in a retired status, except for active service retirees described in Paragraph 3.2.c. who have not served in an active status in accordance with Section 12741 of Title 10, U.S.C., may be credited with active or inactive duty service.

Table 4. Example for Paragraph 3.3.c

Service member is eligible for non-regular retirement in accordance with Table 3	Service member may receive additional retirement point credit toward non-regular retirement
Service member is not eligible for non-regular retirement in accordance with Table 3	Service member may not receive retirement point credit toward non-regular retirement

d. RC members in an inactive status in accordance with Section 10152 of Title 10, U.S.C. may not receive service credit for retirement pursuant to Section 12734(a) of Title 10, U.S.C. Individuals who have completed the service requirement for retired pay and have not attained the age specified in Section 12731(f) of Title 10, U.S.C. may transfer to an inactive status, but may not receive retirement point credit in that status.

e. Members of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard who performed State active duty service covered by Section 514 of Public Law 109-163, or Section 523 of Public Law 109-364. Credit these members with active service in accordance with Section 12732(a)(2)(A)(i) of Title 10, U.S.C.:

(1) State active duty performed on or after September 11, 2001, and before October 1, 2002, in any of the covered counties listed in Paragraph 3.3.e.(2) is creditable as Federal active service.

(2) Covered counties:

(a) The State of New York: Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond, Delaware, Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester.

(b) The State of New Jersey: Bergen, Hudson, Union, and Middlesex.

(c) The State of Virginia: Arlington.

3.4. RETIREMENT POINT CREDIT BY ACTIVITY.

a. Active Service. Credit active service at the rate of one retirement point per day of active service in the uniformed services as defined in Section 101 of Title 10, U.S.C.

b. Inactive Duty Service. Credit inactive duty service as follows:

(1) One retirement point for each attendance at an inactive duty training (IDT) period or period of equivalent instruction. The Secretary concerned or the Commandant of the Coast Guard must prescribe the IDT periods or periods of equivalent instruction for that year, and they

must conform to the requirements prescribed by law, including attendance by a member of the National Guard at required IDT periods in accordance with Section 502 of Title 32, U.S.C.

(2) One retirement point for each attendance at a period of equivalent training in accordance with Enclosure 3, Paragraph 2.a.(1) of DoDI 1215.06.

(3) A maximum of two retirement points for attendance at IDT periods, or equivalent training, in any 1 calendar day.

(4) A maximum of one retirement point per day for attendance at Military Service-sponsored military seminars, symposiums, and similar assemblies (hereinafter referred to as "meetings"), either separately or in connection with professional meetings, as a means of conducting Reserve training or instruction. The following conditions apply:

(a) The meeting lasts at least 4 hours. Credit a maximum of one retirement point per day of the meeting.

(b) The Secretary concerned or the Commandant of the Coast Guard previously approved the Service member's attendance in each instance.

(c) The Service member either registers with a designated authority representing the Military Service concerned or, in the absence of such a designated authority, certifies his or her own attendance.

(d) The Service member's participation is without payment other than the pay to which the Service member is entitled as an RC member.

(e) The Secretary concerned or the Commandant of the Coast Guard designates the meeting as of such military value that the instruction received would enhance the Service member's professional development and broaden either the Service member's qualifications for their expected duties upon mobilization or the qualification of those whose work the Service member may supervise.

(5) A maximum of two retirement points per day to a member of the Individual Ready Reserve or the Standby Reserve in an active status who participates in programs as outlined in Enclosure 6 of DoDI 1215.06. The following conditions apply:

(a) A duty period of at least 4 hours.

(b) The training meets DoD program requirements approved by the Secretary of Defense, or other designated official, at an officially designated location under active supervision.

(c) Credit no more than one retirement point for fewer than 8 hours.

(d) Each volunteer Service member will furnish a certification form to his or her respective (county, city, State, region) civil defense director, or other designated official, to sign attesting to the individual's satisfactory work performed and hours worked. The Service member

will submit this form each month or quarter in accordance with appropriate Military Department regulations.

(6) One retirement point for members of the Selected Reserve after successfully completing non-resident training and education in an active status for each 4 hours of pay received in accordance with Section 206(d)(2) of Title 37, U.S.C.

(a) The Secretary concerned must identify and direct the use of electronic-based distributed learning methodologies for the purpose of accomplishing unit readiness or mobilization training requirements. The Service member must complete the training and education in a non-duty status.

(b) A period of non-resident training and education using electronic-based distributed learning methodologies must last at least 4 hours. The Service member must certify that he or she completed it.

c. Funeral Honors Duty. One retirement point for each day in which a Service member performs funeral honors duty for at least 2 hours, in accordance with the provisions of Section 12503 of Title 10, U.S.C., or Section 115 of Title 32, U.S.C.

d. Membership Points. A maximum of 15 retirement points per year for RC members in an active status in accordance with Table 2.

e. HPSP/FAP. Credit members of the Selected Reserve who satisfy the HPSP/FAP requirements for active service pursuant to Section 2126 of Title 10, U.S.C., with 50 retirement points for each year of participation in a course of study. Pursuant to Section 2126(a) of Title 10, U.S.C., service performed while an HPSP/FAP member is not counted in determining eligibility for retirement unless a physical disability is incurred while on active duty as a program member.

(1) Credit the retirement points at the end of each year the Service member completed the requisite course of study while serving in the Selected Reserve.

(2) Record the retirement points as earned in the year the Service member participated in the course of study.

(3) The award of service credit is limited to 4 years of participation in a course of study under the HPSP/FAP.

f. Retirement Point Credit Limitation.

(1) Retirement points credited for activities other than active service or funeral honors duty may not exceed:

(a) Sixty retirement points for any 1 anniversary year closing before September 23, 1996.

(b) Seventy-five retirement points for anniversary years closing on or after September 23, 1996, but before October 30, 2000.

(c) Ninety retirement points for anniversary years closing on or after October 30, 2000, but before October 30, 2007.

(d) One hundred and thirty retirement points for anniversary years closing on or after October 30, 2007.

(2) Award a maximum of two retirement points in 1 calendar day for any activities or combination of activities.

(3) Award no more than one retirement point for any day in which the Service member is in active service.

(4) A person in active service may not receive retirement points for other activities performed concurrently; however, no deduction in the membership retirement points described in Paragraph 3.4.d. is required for active service, other than duty as a member of an AC, during an anniversary year.

(5) Award a maximum of 365 retirement points (366 retirement points in a leap year) in any anniversary year.

3.5. REDUCED ELIGIBILITY AGE FOR RECEIPT OF RETIRED PAY FOR NON-REGULAR SERVICE.

a. In accordance with Section 12731 of Title 10, U.S.C., as amended by Section 604 of Public Law 116-92, a Ready Reserve member who serves on active duty or full-time National Guard duty as defined in Section 101 of Title 10, U.S.C., under the limited circumstances specified in Paragraphs 3.5.b (1) through 3.5.b (3), after January 28, 2008, will have their eligibility age for receipt of retired pay reduced below 60 years of age by 3 months for each aggregate of 90 days for which the Service member serves on active duty or full-time National Guard duty in any fiscal year after January 28, 2008, or in any 2 consecutive fiscal years after September 30, 2014. In accordance with Section 12731 of Title 10, U.S.C., the eligibility age for receiving retired pay may not be reduced below 50 years of age.

b. For the purpose of Paragraph 3.5.a, include a day of qualifying active duty or full-time National Guard duty in only one aggregate of 90 days, and define the qualifying service as:

(1) Service on active duty, pursuant to a call or order to active duty under Section 12301(d) or 12304b of Title 10, U.S.C, or under a provision of Section 101(a)(13)(B) of Title 10, U.S.C.

(2) Full-time National Guard duty under a call to active service by a governor and authorized by the President or the Secretary of Defense in accordance with Section 502(f)(2) of Title 32, U.S.C., for the purpose of responding to either a national emergency declared by the President or a national emergency supported by Federal funds.

(3) Active duty service under an order pursuant to Section 12301(h) of Title 10, U.S.C., to receive medical care as a result of a wound, illness, or injury incurred while on active service as specified in Paragraphs 3.5.b.(1) or 3.5.b.(2). This active duty will be treated as a

continuation of the original call or order to active duty or full-time National Guard duty for the purpose of reducing the eligibility age for receipt of retired pay for non-regular service pursuant to Section 12731 of Title 10, U.S.C.

c. Active duty service pursuant to Sections 12301(d) or 12304b of Title 10, U.S.C. for the purpose of Active Guard and Reserve duty in accordance with Section 12310 of Title 10, U.S.C., is not included as service on active duty.

d. Active duty service authorized by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security before December 31, 2011, pursuant to Section 712 of Title 14, U.S.C., is not included as service on active duty.

e. The ASD(M&RA) will designate, by authorizing memorandum, the full-time National Guard duty that qualifies for reducing the eligibility age for receipt of retired pay for non-regular service in accordance with Paragraph 3.5.b.(2).

3.6. AWARD OF RETIREMENT POINTS FOR DRILL OR TRAINING FOREGONE DUE TO EMERGENCY TRAVEL OR DUTY RESTRICTIONS

a. Section 516 of Public Law 116-283 amended Sections 12732 and 12733 of Title 10, U.S.C. to allow one retirement point to be awarded for the purpose of computing years of service for non-regular retired pay for each day of active service or for each drill or period of equivalent instruction that was prescribed by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned to be performed during the covered emergency period defined in the Glossary, if the RC member concerned was prevented from performing such duty due to travel or duty restrictions imposed by the President, the Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast Guard.

b. Retirement points under this authority will not be broadly awarded to all RC members. They will be awarded with the following restrictions:

(1) The RC member must be in good standing, as defined by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned.

(2) The RC member may not be credited with more than 35 of these retirement points in a 1-year period.

(3) The day(s) of active service or period(s) of drill or equivalent instruction must have been scheduled to be performed on or after March 1, 2020, and on or before the date the national emergency declared in Proclamation 9994 ends.

(4) The day(s) of active service or period(s) of drill or equivalent instruction must have been cancelled due to travel or duty restrictions in place due to the national emergency declared in Proclamation 9994.

(5) Such retirement points are needed by the RC member to reach the minimum required number of points creditable toward retirement for that RC member's anniversary year.

(6) The cancelled day(s) of active service or period(s) of drill or equivalent instruction must not be rescheduled and performed.

(7) No inactive duty pay or basic pay may be paid for the period(s) for which these retirement points are granted.

GLOSSARY

G.1. ACRONYMS.

AC	Active Component
ASD(M&RA)	Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs
DoDI	DoD instruction
FAP	Financial Assistance Program
HPSP	Health Professions Scholarship Program
IDT	inactive duty training
RC	Reserve Component
U.S.C.	United States Code

G.2. DEFINITIONS. Unless otherwise noted, these terms and their definitions are for the purpose of this issuance.

active duty. Defined in Section 101(d)(1) of Title 10, U.S.C.

active service. Defined in Section 101(d)(3) of Title 10, U.S.C.

active status. Defined in Section 101(d)(4) of Title 10, U.S.C.

break in service. The event when a Service member transfers to an inactive status list, the inactive National Guard, the Retired Reserve, or is discharged to civilian life for longer than 24 hours.

covered emergency period. Pursuant to Section 516 of Public Law 116-283, the period beginning on March 1, 2020, and ending 60 days after the date the travel or duty restriction applicable to the RC member concerned is lifted, or the date the national emergency declared in Proclamation 9994 ends, whichever occurs first.

equivalent training. IDT performed in lieu of regularly scheduled IDT, which may be used to make up an IDT period missed due to illness or emergency situations or other excused absence as determined by the local commander. Equivalent training is the same as equivalent instruction, equivalent duty, or equivalent appropriate duties as referred to in Section 206 of Title 37, U.S.C. and this issuance.

full-time National Guard duty. Defined in DoDI 1215.06.

inactive duty. Defined in the DoD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms.

line of duty. Defined in DoDI 1241.01.

partial qualifying year. A partial qualifying year is any period less than 12 full months in which the retirement points credited to a Service member, when computed proportionally, are equal to or greater than 50 retirement points.

Retired Reserve. Defined in DoDI 1215.06.

Secretary concerned. The Secretary of the Army, with respect to matters concerning the Army; the Secretary of the Navy, with respect to matters concerning the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard when it is operating as a Service in the Department of the Navy; the Secretary of the Air Force, with respect to matters concerning the Air Force.

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