

Military Service Credit Toward Retirement

Military Deposit Information

If you were on active duty in the military and received an honorable discharge, your military service is potentially creditable under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) and Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). On January 1, 1957, military service became covered by Social Security. Because of this, you may choose to make a deposit for your military service performed after 1956. This deposit is called the Post-56 Military Deposit. Making the Post-56 Military Deposit allows you to get credit for your military service under both Social Security and CSRS/FERS. Military service performed before January 1, 1957, is creditable without making a deposit. The Post-56 deposit is voluntary, but requires employees to take action in order to begin the process.

How to Make a Deposit

In order to calculate a deposit for military service, the Human Resources Shared Service Center (HRSSC) must be provided with your military separation documents (normally a DD 214, Member 4 copy). After your military earnings are requested and received, a calculation is completed and you will be sent the deposit amount and an election form. You may elect to pay your deposit through payroll deductions, installment payments, or in a lump sum. To begin the Post-56 military deposit process, contact the HRSSC at 1-877-477-3273, option 5, or TDD/TTY 1-866-260-7507.