

Assistance with Retirements & Separations

You have several options to get assistance on retirement, or separation counseling:

- Contact your local Human Resources Office, Employee Benefits Specialist
- Army Benefits Center—Civilian (National Guard Branch) Call: ABC-C Branch 4, 1-877-276-9287, Select Option #3
- ABC-C Retirements web address:
<https://www.abc.army.mil/retirements/retire.htm>



Key Points to Remember

- Title 5 employees are not eligible for the NG Special Provision Disability Retirement
- Title 5 employees are not eligible for the Military Technician Retirement
- CSRS and FERS retirements are processed through the Army Benefits Center—Civilian NG Branch

Contact: Your local Human Resources Office for assistance with policy governing eligibility for Benefits, Entitlements, OWCP, Retirements, and Training.

National Guard Bureau Technician Personnel Division

Title 32 Dual Status Technicians Converting to Title 5

“Know Your Retirement Options”



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Former Title 32 What are your Retirement Options?

Former Title 32 technicians: Since maintaining military membership is not condition of employment for Title 5 employees, you will no longer be eligible for the NG Special Provision Disability Retirement or the Military Reserve Technician Retirement.

DS Technicians: Prior to conversion if you are in the process of involuntarily losing military membership due to QRB/Selective Retention, MRD/MSD, or medical reasons, please bring this matter to the attention of the Human Resources Office. Should you decide to retire militarily, the HRO will advise you on your eligibility to receive benefits, such as health and life insurance, retirement coverage and other benefits as a Title 32 technician or Title 5 employee.

Continued. Title 32 technicians are eligible for the following CSRS or FERS retirements: Optional Retirement, Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA); Discontinued Service Retirement (DSR); Deferred Retirement; OPM Disability Retirement, and the NG Special Provision Disability Retirement.

Only FERS technicians are eligible for the Military Reserve Technician Retirement, and potentially eligible for the FERS Annuity Supplement.

Title 5 What are your Retirement Options?

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Important Reminder On Military Deposits

IAW, Benefits Administration Letter (BAL) 17-101, dated 27 Jan 2017, "Additional Guidance on Military Deposits": In most cases dual status technicians have had years in which to pay their military deposits. DFAS will **"Not"** expedite any military deposits unless it is a death case, and that is only in special circumstances. When it comes to Military Deposits, Army Benefits Center - Civilian (ABC-C) **will not delay** any actions when it comes to retirements, disabilities or NG Special Provision Disability Retirement. Once an application is sent to OPM, BAL 17-101 is clear, unless there was a bono-fide Human Resources Error, dual status technicians cannot pay any military deposits after their retirement or separation date. ABC-C will certify the time as "Unpaid" unless there are Paid In Full letters included with the application, or ABC-C can see in Defense Civilian Personnel Data System that a specific time period was paid.