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## Update to Temporary Change to Timeline for Requesting Voluntary Retirement from Active Federal Service (AFS)

### MILPER 24-012

**This message rescinds MILPER 23-217 and will expire one year from date published (11 Jan 2024)**

This message applies to all Regular Army (RA) and U.S. Army Reserve Active Guard Reserve (USAR AGR) Soldiers. To improve Soldier management and optimize retirement planning, the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, approved an exception to policy (ETP) expanding the voluntary retirement request window from 12 months to 24 months before the requested retirement date in certain circumstances (IAW MILPER 24-012). The intent of this ETP is to reduce market turbulence and improve predictability for Soldiers and units. Soldiers requesting voluntary retirement under this ETP must submit an Administrative Correction Personnel Action Request (PAR) on or before the expiration date for consideration under this ETP. Applications received after the expiration date will only be processed IAW AR 635-200 and AR 600-8-24.

### Eligibility:

a. Soldiers who have attained between 20 and 30 years of Active Federal Service (AFS) are eligible, but not entitled, to retire upon request.

b. Soldiers with greater than 18 years of active federal service (AFS) who have not received official notification of PCS may request retirement no less than 9 months and no more than 24 months before their requested retirement date under this ETP.

c. Soldiers may submit retirement and qualify for the 24-month ETP if they are not participating in an assignment, market or distribution cycle. Soldiers with greater than 18 years of AFS who have received official notification of PCS who wish to retire in lieu of PCS must submit retirement PARS within 30 days of official PCS notification (see para 6) to be eligible for this ETP. Soldiers must immediately contact their career managers after submitting the retirement PAR. Soldiers who have received official notification of PCS and do not submit a PAR within 30 days are not eligible for this ETP and will have their retirement in lieu of PCS processed IAW references B or C.

d. A Soldier who has an approved voluntary retirement or whose request for retirement is at HRC for processing will not be placed in the market or given orders for a PCS unless the PCS restriction is waived. This restriction may be waived in accordance with applicable law and policy (for example, the Soldier is in a position or location that requires the Soldier to move) by the respective Directors of Talent Alignment and Development, Force Shaping, or Reserve Personnel Management, HRC.

e. For Soldiers assigned Outside the Continental United States (OCONUS) that are requesting a retirement date beyond their DEROS, the retirement request PAR must include the following statement: “I understand that if my retirement request is approved, my foreign service tour will be automatically extended by HRC to align my DEROS with my retirement date.”

f. All active-duty service obligations (ADSO) or service remaining requirements (SRR) must be complete by the requested retirement date.

Official Notification of Permanent Change of Station (PCS). For this ETP, official notification of PCS occurs when a Soldier is notified of participation in a market, or Distribution Cycle (AGR only). Market notification occurs approximately 30-45 days prior to the Soldier’s market opening date.

### Processing:

a. Requests for retirement must be submitted in IPPS-A using an Administrative Correction PAR. PARs are routed thru the chain of command and servicing Retirement Services Office/Transition Center (MPD) to HRC for decision. Once HRC has actioned the PAR, Soldiers will receive a system generated message from IPPS-A.

b. Soldiers must contact their Retirement Services Office at their supporting installation for more information.

Approved retirement in lieu of PCS is final. A request to withdraw or change the effective date of an approved retirement will only be approved for promotion, extreme hardship or convenience of the Army.

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### References

- HQDA, DAPE-ZA Memorandum (Amendment to Temporary Change to Timeline for Requesting Voluntary Retirement from Active Service), 18 April 2023.
- AR 635-200 (Active Duty Enlisted Administrative Separations).
- AR 600-8-24 (Officer Transfers and Discharges).
- MILPER 23-217 (Temporary Change to Timeline for Requesting Voluntary Retirement from Active Federal Service).