

Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) Overview

Concurrent Receipt means to receive both military retirement benefits and VA disability compensation, and up until 2004 this was forbidden by law. To receive VA disability compensation, disabled military retirees had to waive all or part of their military pay. The following is a summary of Concurrent Receipt:

Concurrent Receipt Overview

Qualified disabled military retirees will now get paid both their full military retirement pay and their VA disability compensation. This recently passed law phases out (over 9 years) the VA disability offset, which means that military retirees with 20 or more years of service and a 50% (or higher) VA rated disability will no longer have their military retirement pay reduced by the amount of their VA disability compensation.

Unlike the Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC), full concurrent receipt will be phased-in over the coming years (except as noted above). This means that if you qualify you will see your retirement pay increase by approximately ten percent each year until the phase-in is complete in 2014.

CRDP Update 1/28/2008: Those members who have been rated less than 100 percent, but rated 100 percent disabled by the VA under the unemployability code (UI), will now receive CRDP. It has not been made clear when the first payments will be sent. Contact the VA for details on your personal payment situation. 1-800-827-1000.

Concurrent Receipt Eligibility

To qualify for concurrent receipt you must:

- Be a Military Retiree with 20 or more years of service, including:
 - Chapter 61 Medical Retirees with **20 years** or more.
 - National Guard and Reserve with **20 or more** good years. (Once they turn 60 and begin drawing a retirement check)
 - Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA) Retirees may also be eligible.
- Have a Service Related VA disability rating of 50% or higher.

The Value of the CRDP Benefit:

Your personal CRDP payment rate is determined by **your** current VA Disability Compensation waiver, minus the CRDP "Table Rate," then multiplied by the current CRDP "Phase Out" percentage. This makes it impossible to create a simple CRDP Payment Rate table that applies to everyone. When fully phased in, CRDP will fully restore your military retirement pay and VA Disability Compensation payments. For example a single retiree with a VA Rated service-connected disability could receive their full retirement pay in addition to over \$2,400 a month.

It is also important to note that the amount you receive cannot exceed the sum of your actual military retirement pay and VA Disability Compensation added together.

The CRDP Application Process:

Fortunately Concurrent Receipt is automatic. If you qualify you will automatically see an increase in your monthly retirement check.