

Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC)

TAX-FREE COMPENSATION FOR DISABLED RETIREES!



What is CRSC?

CRSC offers certain military retirees a monthly tax-free compensation that supplements their VA disability pay (VA Waiver) and retired pay if sufficient evidence exists that proves some or all of their conditions are combat-related.



Approval Rates

- Sixty-eight percent of applicants are approved
- Payments range from \$133 to over \$2900 per month



Are You Eligible to Apply?

To apply for CRSC, applicants must first meet ALL three of the following criteria AND have at least one rated VA disability determined to be combat related:

- ✓ Are in a retired status;
- ✓ Are entitled to retired pay that is offset by VA disability payments (VA Waiver); and
- ✓ Have at least a 10% VA disability rating.

NOTE: If you waive your military retirement for Civil Service credit, you are not eligible for CRSC.

What is “Combat-Related?”

Combat-related disabilities are those incurred with documented proof:

1. In the performance of duty under conditions simulating war (e.g., exercises, field training);
2. While engaged in hazardous service (e.g., flight, diving, parachute duty);
3. Through an instrumentality of war (e.g., combat vehicles, weapons, Agent Orange); or
4. As a direct result of armed conflict.

What CRSC Means to You

A single veteran with gross military retirement pay of \$2500 and a VA rating of 40% w/spouse for combat-related disabilities would receive:

Without CRSC:

VA Compensation (tax free) : \$654
Military Retired Pay (taxable) : \$1846

With CRSC:

VA Compensation (tax free) : \$654
Military Retired Pay (taxable) : \$1846
CRSC (tax free) : \$654



How to Apply

To obtain a claim form and for more information, contact your service branch below:

Air Force

HQ AFPC/DPFDC
550 C Street West
JBSA Randolph TX 78150-4708
1-800-525-0102

<http://www.afpc.af.mil/Combat-Related-Special-Compensation/>

Army

US Army Human Resources
Command
ATTN: AHRC-PDR-C (CRSC)
Dept 420
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue
Fort Knox KY 40122-5402

1-866-281-3254
(0800-1900hrs EST)
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/CRSC>

Coast Guard

Commander (adm-1-CRSC)
Personnel Command
4200 Wilson Boulevard, Ste 1100
Arlington, VA 22203-1804

1-866-307-1336
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgpc/adm/adm1.htm>

Navy and Marine Corps

Secretary of the Navy Council of
Review Boards
Attn: CRSC
720 Kennon Street SE, Ste 309
Washington Navy Yard, DC
20374-5023

1-877-366-2772
<http://www.secnav.navy.mil/mra/CORB/pages/crscb/default.aspx>



Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments (CRDP)

This program is managed by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), and is similar to CRSC. It is designed to restore military retirement pay offset by VA compensation for veterans who have a total disability rating of 50 percent or higher.

Veterans cannot receive payments from CRSC and CRDP at the same time; however, if you are eligible for both programs, DFAS will initially establish payments under the program that provides the highest monthly payment. After that, you will be allowed to select the program you desire during the annual open season election period.

CRSC vs. CRDP

PROGRAM FACTS	CRSC	CRDP
Tax Free	X	
Retroactive	X	
Immediate Full Monthly Payments	X	
Payable at 10% VA Disability Rating	X	
Full Pay for Individual Unemployability (IU)	X	X

For more information on CRDP and other retired pay matters, call the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) at 1-800-321-1080.