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“PROOF OF EXISTENCE”**

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For the protection of the Government, certain safeguards are required for retired [military](#) paychecks mailed through the international postal system or payable to legal representatives of mentally incompetent members.

1502 COMPETENT RETIREE

150201. When retired [military](#) paychecks are delivered to the retired member through the international postal system to foreign countries, the retiree must furnish a report of existence (ROE) semiannually. The retiree does this by filling out a form provided by the Military Service, by letter over the retiree's signature, or by electronic input. The electronic input requires access by using the Social Security number and a personal identification number via MyPay (formerly Employee/Member Self Service).

150202. The ROE is not required when the retiree's [military](#) paycheck is mailed to a financial institution in the United States. The endorsement by the financial institution constitutes a certificate of the existence of the retiree.

150203. A competent retiree residing in the United States whose retired [military](#) paycheck is mailed to an address other than a financial institution is not required to submit an ROE.

150204. Retired [military](#) paychecks mailed to an APO, FPO, or a finance officer or disbursing officer at an overseas address do not require submission of an ROE. [Retired military paychecks](#) are not addressed to a United States Consulate, Embassy, or Military Attaché unless the retiree is employed by that particular agency.

1503 MENTALLY INCOMPETENT RETIREE

150301. Comptroller General decisions (66 Comp. Gen. 340; 65 Comp. Gen. 621; 62 Comp. Gen. 302; and 51 Comp. Gen. 438) prohibit forwarding checks directly to retirees who are found mentally incompetent to manage their own affairs. Checks may be drawn payable to a legal guardian, trustee, or other legal representative after receipt of proper documentation of the authority of the guardian, trustee, or other legal representative to receive such payments. See [Chapter 16](#) of this volume for appointment or designation of legal representatives.

150302. The legal representative must sign the semiannual report of his or her ward's continued existence. The retired [military](#) paycheck may be mailed to the legal representative or to a financial institution established by the legal representative for the retiree (ward).

150303. In the absence of the appointment of a guardian, trustee, or other legal representative for an incompetent retiree, payment may be made to the Administrator of the Veterans Affairs hospital to provide the retiree with health and comfort items. See [Chapter 16](#) of this volume.

1504 MAILING OF RETIRED MILITARY PAYCHECKS

Retired **military** paychecks are mailed at the end of each month, provided a signed ROE, when required, has been received that certifies the retiree's continued existence.

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