

**SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES TO
DOD 7000.14-R, VOLUME 7A, CHAPTER 21
“SPECIAL PAYS FOR NURSE CORPS OFFICERS”**

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PARA	EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION	PURPOSE
210101 210201.A. Bibliography	Extends the authority for the registered nurse accession bonus and incentive special pay for nurse anesthetists to December 31, 2008.	UPDATE

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CHAPTER 21

SPECIAL PAYS FOR NURSE CORPS OFFICERS2101 REGISTERED NURSE ACCESSION BONUS

★ 210101. Entitlement. A nurse who qualifies for appointment as a Nurse Corps officer in one of the Military Departments and who during the period beginning October 28, 2004 and ending on [December 31, 2008](#), executes a written agreement to accept a commission and serves on active duty as a Nurse Corps officer for a period of not less than 3 years may, upon acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned, be paid a lump sum accession bonus up to a maximum of \$30,000.

210102. Special Provisions

A. An individual who received financial assistance from the Department of Defense to pursue a baccalaureate degree is not eligible for an accession bonus.

B. An individual who holds an appointment as a Nurse Corps officer is not eligible for an accession bonus.

C. An individual with prior active duty service as a Nurse Corps officer must have been discharged from active duty at least 12 months prior to execution of the written agreement for this accession bonus.

D. The Secretary of the Military Department concerned shall determine the amount of the accession bonus up to the maximum of \$30,000.

210103. Recoupment

A. An officer who receives an accession bonus and subsequently fails to become licensed as a registered nurse within 18 months after receipt of the bonus, or fails to remain licensed as a professional registered nurse in any state in the United States during the period for which the bonus was paid, shall refund the entire amount of bonus.

B. A Nurse Corps officer who dies or is separated from active duty while serving the required period of active duty incurred for an accession bonus is entitled to the proportionate part of the period of active duty served under the agreement. Payment exceeding that proportionate entitlement shall be recouped, except in the following circumstances:

1. Death or disability that is not the result of misconduct or willful neglect and not incurred during a period of unauthorized absence.

2. Separation from military service by operation of laws or regulations of the Department of Defense or the respective Military Service, when approved by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned.

3. In other cases, when the Assistant Secretary of the Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA)) determines that recoupment is not in the best interest of the government.

C. A discharge in bankruptcy under [Title 11](#), United States Code (U.S.C.), shall not release a person from an obligation to reimburse the United States required under the terms of a written agreement entered into for this accession bonus, if the final decree of the discharge in bankruptcy was issued within a period of 5 years after the termination of the agreement. This paragraph applies to any case commenced under [Title 11](#) after October 1, 1989.

D. An obligation to reimburse the United States imposed for the reasons stated above is, for all purposes, a debt owed to the United States.

E. Reduce the amount to be recouped by an amount equal to any reduction taken under the provisions of subparagraphs [350702.F](#) or [350802.D](#) of this volume.

210104. Coverage of Period of Lapsed Authority. During the 90-day period from November 30, 1993 through February 27, 1994, officers who met eligibility requirements of this section any time during the period October 1, 1993 through November 29, 1993, may execute agreements. Such agreements may be accepted, and deemed to have been executed by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned, on the first date on which the officer qualified during the period of lapsed authority.

2102 INCENTIVE SPECIAL PAY (ISP) FOR CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS (CRNA)

210201. Entitlement

★ A. Active Duty Not Less Than 1 Year. For the period October 5, 1994, through [December 31, 2008](#), a Nurse Corps officer on active duty under a call or order to active duty for a period of not less than 1 year, who is qualified and performing as a CRNA, may be paid incentive special pay in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for each year of a properly executed written agreement to serve on active duty.

B. The ISP rate per year, for any contract for which the CRNA is not obligated for training as a CRNA at the beginning of the contract year, is \$50,000.

C. Active Duty Less Than 1 Year in Support of Persian Gulf Conflict. Any qualified CRNA Nurse Corps officer, who served on active duty in support of the Persian Gulf Conflict, may be entitled to special pay benefits for nurse anesthetists. See [Chapter 64](#) of this volume to determine eligibility and entitlement.

D. Effective December 5, 1991, the following categories of CRNA Nurse Corps officers on active duty less than 1 year, other than active duty for training, are eligible to receive special pay provided under this section in the same manner as a regular CRNA Nurse Corps officer.

1. Members of the Reserve Components called to active duty for more than 30 days but less than 1 year, other than active duty for training.

2. Active duty CRNA Nurse Corps officers involuntarily retained under [10 U.S.C. 12305](#).

3. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Nurse Corps officers who agree voluntarily to remain on active duty for less than 1 year when they are involuntarily retained under [10 U.S.C. 12305](#), or the Secretary of Defense determines that special circumstances justify the payment of special pay under this subparagraph.

4. Any retired CRNA Nurse Corps officer who is recalled to active duty for more than 30 days under [10 U.S.C. 688](#).

210202. Special Provisions

A. The officer first shall execute a written agreement under which he or she agrees to remain on active duty for a period of not less than 1 year. The effective date of the agreement shall be prescribed in applicable Military Department regulations and shall be included in the agreement. Subject to mutual acceptance, an officer could have executed a 2-year agreement in fiscal year 1990. Under such agreement, payments shall be made at the beginning of the agreement and on the first year anniversary date.

B. Selection procedures for CRNAs to be awarded incentive special pay shall be made under guidance formulated by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee).

C. The ISP is payable in lump sum annual installments upon execution of the written Military Service agreement. The Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) may, at any time, terminate an officer's entitlement to an ISP. If terminated, the unearned ISP shall be recouped on a pro rata basis subject to the provisions described below. The authority to terminate an ISP agreement shall not be delegated to an officer below the pay grade of O-7.

D. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Nurse Corps officers eligible under subparagraph 210201.C, are entitled to a monthly pro rata portion of the annual amount authorized for a regular CRNA Nurse Corps officer. Also prorate, on a daily basis, for any month in which service is less than the full month.

210203. Recoupment. The provisions of subparagraphs 210103.B, C, and D, apply to a CRNA Nurse Corps officer who executes an ISP agreement.

210204. Refund. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Nurse Corps officers paid under subparagraph 210202.E, who do not serve the full term of active duty that corresponds to a monthly amount, shall refund any amount received in excess of the amount that corresponds to the actual period of active duty.

210205. Coverage of Period of Lapsed Authority. During the 90-day period from November 30, 1993 through February 27, 1994, officers who met eligibility requirements of this section any time during the period October 1, 1993 through November 29, 1993, could have executed agreements. Those agreements could have been accepted, and deemed to have been executed by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned on the first date on which the officer qualified during the period of lapsed authority.

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