

CHAPTER 8

CERTIFICATES OF ENTITLEMENT FOR RSFPP

SECTION A
ANNUAL CERTIFICATE OF
ELIGIBILITY**80801. Purpose**

The certificate validates continued eligibility for annuitants, whether widow or widower, or eligible children. Widow or widower must remain unmarried. Children must meet prescribed criteria of paragraph 80301b.

80802. Frequency of Certification

a. **Annually.** A certificate of eligibility must be sent to the DFAS-Denver Center each year by:

(1) Widow or widower of any age. The form must be signed by the widow or widower. If he or she is incompetent, the form must be signed by the legal fiduciary.

(2) Custodian or legal fiduciary for minor children.

b. **Biennially.** Medical certification must be submitted each 2 years for the incapacitated child over 18 years of age, unless medical prognosis indicates the disability is permanent.

c. **Other.** A student between ages of 18 and 23 must provide evidence of intent to continue study or training at a recognized educational institution. The certificate is required for the school semester or other period in which the school year is divided.

(1) Payments to students continue during an interval between school years that does not exceed 150 days if the students have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the DFAS-Denver Center that they have a bona fide intention of starting, resuming, or continuing a full-time course of study or training in a recognized educational institution immediately after that interval.

(2) An eligible student annuitant under RSFPP properly enrolled in a recognized educational institution employing the usual quarter or semester system who becomes ill or requires non-elective surgery during the school term retains the student status for the rest of that term.

80803. Failure to Return Certificate of Eligibility

The annuity payment is suspended if the annuitant, custodian, or legal fiduciary fails to furnish the certificate as required. Payments will be restarted only after receiving satisfactory proof of eligibility.

SECTION B
REPORT OF EXISTENCE (ROE)**80811. Purpose**

The ROE fulfills the requirement for proof of existence for:

a. Annuitants who receive payment through foreign postal channels. Annuity checks mailed to an APO, FPO, or a finance officer or disbursing officer at an overseas address, do not require submission of a report of existence.

NOTE: Do not mail checks to an annuitant living in currency blocked countries. See appendix 1 for blocked countries.

b. Mentally incompetent annuitants who receive payments through a legal fiduciary.

c. Annuitants whose payments are sent to a third party, other than a financial institution for negotiation under a power of attorney.

80812. When Required

Report of existence is required on a "1 month behind" basis for those annuitants that meet the criteria of paragraphs 80811b and c above, and semiannually for annuitants in paragraph 80811a above. Receipt of the certificate within the above-prescribed time frame after issuance of the annuity check verifies the annuitant's existence. Under no circumstances may the report of existence be signed by other than the annuitant, custodian, or legal fiduciary.

80813. Failure to Return Report of Existence

The annuity payment is suspended if the annuitant, custodian, or legal fiduciary fails to return the ROE as required. Payments will be restarted only after receiving satisfactory proof of existence.

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