

**SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES TO CHAPTER 58
DOD 7000.14-R, VOLUME 7B
MILITARY PAY POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR RETIRED PAY**

New and revised instructions are indicated by a ★ placed immediately before the new or revised section, paragraph, subparagraph, decision logic table, etc.

Page	Paragraph	Explanation of Change/Revision	Effective Date
	Entire chapter	Chapter 57 is redesignated as Chapter 58.	Aug 31, 1998
58-1, 58-2	580101.A, 580101.C	Clarifies the RCSBP Supplemental annuity computation.	July 19, 1999
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★ CHAPTER 58

**RESERVE COMPONENT SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN (RCSBP) –
ANNUITY AMOUNT AND OFFSETS**5801 ANNUITY AMOUNT580101. General

★ A. The amount of RCSBP annuity payable to a surviving spouse or former spouse (spouse category) beneficiary is computed in the same manner as SBP except the base amount is reduced by the Reserve add-on premium (excluding the supplemental premium) before applying the 35 or 55 percent multiplier. The RCSBP add-on premium for supplemental coverage is not subtracted from the base amount in computing the supplemental annuity. The monthly annuity for a dependent child is computed on the base amount less the Reserve add-on premium multiplied by 55 percent. The monthly annuity for a natural person with an insurable interest or a former spouse (insurable interest category) is computed on the base amount less the entire RCSBP premium, SBP premium plus the Reserve add-on premium, multiplied by 55 percent.

1. Immediate Annuity Option. If the member dies before age 60 with immediate annuity option, the initial annuity amount payable is computed on the basis of what the member's retired pay would have been on the date of member's death using the basic pay rates on that date.

2. Deferred Annuity Option. If the member dies before age 60 with the deferred annuity option, the initial annuity amount payable is computed on the basis of the retired pay the member would have received had that member lived to age 60 and become entitled to receive retired pay.

B. Public Law 99-145, section 711 (reference (fc)), establishes a two-tier benefit system for annuitants and eliminates the social security offset system. Effective March 1, 1986, the spouse or former spouse (spouse category) beneficiary who is under age 62 receives a monthly annuity that is computed on the base amount, cost-of-living adjusted, less the Reserve add-on premium, times 55 percent. If the spouse or former spouse is age 62 or more when becoming entitled to the annuity, or the first day of the month after the spouse or former spouse reaches age 62, the monthly annuity is computed on the base amount, cost-of-living adjusted, less the Reserve add-on premium, times 35 percent. However, the eligible spouse or former spouse annuitant on October 1, 1985, or the eligible spouse or former spouse beneficiary of a member on October 1, 1985, who is qualified for that pay except that member has not applied for or been granted that pay, may receive annuity at the 55 percent rate less social security offset, if it is more favorable. There is no subsequent comparison.

★ C. Effective April 1, 1992, a member may provide the spouse or former spouse (spouse category) annuitant with supplemental RCSBP coverage. The supplemental RCSBP annuity becomes payable when the annuity is reduced at age 62. Supplemental RCSBP annuity increases by cost-of-living adjustments similar to RCSBP.

580102. Eligible Annuitants and Amounts. Monthly RCSBP and RC-SSBP annuities, if not a multiple of \$1, shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of \$1. Annuities to which survivors were entitled on September 30, 1983, were rounded with the next cost-of-living adjustment. Then, and with each later cost-of-living adjustment, the annuity is rounded to the next lower multiple of \$1. After rounding, RCSBP and RC-SSBP annuities are combined for payment.

A. Spouse or Former Spouse (Spouse Category). See Table 46-1. Generally, however, the RCSBP annuity is somewhat less than 55 or 35 percent, depending on the Reserve add-on premium which is deducted in determining the annuity amount. The RCSBP annuity for a spouse or former spouse is reduced by a Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) award payable on behalf of the same deceased retired member. The RC-SSBP annuity like the RCSBP annuity is somewhat less than the 5 to 20 percent elected by member. The RC-SSBP annuity is not reduced by DIC.

B. Children Only. If there is more than one eligible child, the annuity is paid in equal shares. The annuity for children is not subject to DIC offset.

C. Spouse and Child or Former Spouse and Child. The annuity is paid to the spouse or former spouse, as long as eligibility exists. If the surviving spouse or former spouse loses eligibility due to death or remarriage before age 55 (age 60, if remarriage is before November 14, 1986), the annuity is paid to the child annuitants. An election for former spouse and child includes the children that resulted from the member-former spouse marriage only. If the member elects coverage for the spouse and children and the spouse is not eligible under Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), section 1447(3)(a) (reference (c)), the spouse qualifies as the eligible annuitant on the birthdate of a posthumous child of the marriage.

D. Former Spouse (Insurable Interest Category) or Natural Person With an Insurable Interest. The annuity is payable only to the former spouse or natural person with an insurable interest as designated by or on behalf of the member. The benefits may not be transferred to another person. The annuity is not reduced by DIC.

580103. Payment of Annuity. See paragraph 460103 of this volume. The provisions in subparagraph 460103.C for making annuity payments to representative payees also apply to the RC-SBP program.

5802 OFFSETS TO THE ANNUITY

Offsets. See paragraphs 460201 through 460207 of this volume.

NOTE: The information in Chapters 47 through 50, [and 53](#) of this volume, excluding the minimum income annuitant material, applies to the RCSBP annuitant.

5803 TAXABILITY OF ANNUITY

The provisions of [chapter 53](#) of this volume regarding the taxability of annuities also apply to annuities under RCSBP.

REFUND OF MONTHLY RCSBP PREMIUM (See NOTE)		
All figures should be in month that premium calculation is desired. A change would occur in any month where the base amount, DIC, or cost changes. Additionally, the cost formula for the SBP portion on spouse or former spouse coverage changed effective March 1, 1990.		
1.	Month of premium calculation	=
2.	Actual RCSBP base amount	=
3.	Reserve actuarial factor	=
4.	Reserve add-on premium (2) x (3)	=
5.	Spouse annuity .55 (or .35) x ((2) - (4))	=
6.	DIC amount	=
7.	Revised spouse annuity (5) - (6)	=
8.	Revised base amount (7) divided by .55 or (.35)	=
9.	Calculate N.	=
For members with cost computed on the 6.5 percent flat-rate reduction Formula, skip to (19).		
Step 1.	Month of retirement	=
Step 2.	Point in time premium calculation is Desired	=
Step 3.	List all applicable cost of living increases which the member received between (or included in) the month listed in steps 1 and 2 as a factor of 1.xxx where xxx is the cost of living increase. For example, the 4.4 percent cost of living increase of March 1981 would be listed as a factor of 1.044.	
<u>FACTORS</u>		
	<u>FULL</u>	<u>SPECIAL</u>
Beginning of SBP	1.0	
March 1981	1.044	
March 1982	1.087	
April 1983	1.039	1.033
December 1984	1.035	

Table 58-1. Refund of Monthly RCSBP Premium (See Note)

December 1986	1.013		
December 1987	1.042		
December 1988	1.04		
December 1989	1.047		
December 1990	1.054		
December 1991	1.037		
December 1992	1.03		
December 1993	1.026		
December 1994	1.028		
Step 4.	Multiply all factors in step 3 together. If no factors appear in step 3, use 1.0 here.	=	
Step 5.	N = step 4 x the initial threshold amount.	=	
10.	Revised base amount minus N = (8) - (9)	=	
11.	.025 x the lesser of (8) or (9)	=	
12.	.10 x (10)	=	
13.	Revised RCSBP premium = (11) + (12) If actual premium for the month is known, skip to (17)	=	
14.	Base less Reserve add-on minus N = (2) less (4) less (9)		
15.	.10 x (14)	=	
16.	.025 x (9)	=	
17.	Actual premium = (15) + (16)	=	
18.	Monthly refund = Revised premium less actual premium (17) - (13)	=	
19.	If member had premium computed using the 6.5 percent flat-rate reduction formula, the monthly refund = 6.5 x (2) - (4) less .065 x (8)	=	

NOTE: For computation of refund for periods before March 1981, refer to Military Service procedures.

Table 58-1. Refund of Monthly RCSBP Premium (See Note) (Continued)

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5801-Annuity Amount

	580101	OASD/FM&P (MM&PP) Memorandum, March 21, 1986, May 21, 1986 Public Law 95-397, September 30, 1978 10 U.S.C. 1451(f)
★	580101.A	OSD Memo, September 2, 1997
	580101.B	Public Law 100-456, section 652, September 29, 1988
	580102	10 U.S.C. 1451(g)
	580102.A	10 U.S.C. 1451 10 U.S.C.1450(c)
	580102.C	60 Comp Gen 240
	580103	10 U.S.C. 1455(b)