



## Military Life Cycle (MLC) | Reserve Component Dual Payments

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The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) provides training, information, and services to help service members and their families transition to civilian life after the military. The goal of the program is to help service members bridge their military experiences and skills with their post-military goals by planning for transition throughout their Military Life Cycle (MLC).

At key touch points throughout MLC, TAP delivers modules to inform service members about benefits and services available to support them during their careers and after separation or retirement. The Reserve Component Dual Payments module presents key information for service members related to the circumstances in which dual payment and compensation apply for Reserve Component, what makes them eligible for dual payment and drill pay, and how these circumstances may change for those service members who are returning to active duty.

This online reference accompanies the Reserve Component Dual Payments module and provides you with the addresses to important websites and resources related to VA benefits and services.

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## Drill Pay

Access the 2019 drill pay rates. Scroll through the page, locate your pay grade and years of service, and then you can figure out what your drill pay rate is for 2019.

<https://www.dfas.mil/militarymembers.html>

## Military Pay

Look up the 2019 military pay scale rates. Locate your pay grade and years of service to figure out your military base rate for 2019.

<https://www.dfas.mil/militarymembers.html>

VA's website offers a list of the Veterans compensation benefits rates, which help you figure out your monthly VA disability compensation. These rates are effective as of December 1, 2018.

[www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/resources\\_comp01.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/resources_comp01.asp)

## Selecting Pay

Refer to VA's M21-1, Part III, Subpart v, Chapter 4, Section C. Adjusting Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Benefits Based on a Veteran's Receipt of Active Service Pay, and look under Topic 1: General Information on Waiver of VA Benefits During Reserve or Guard Drill for the table that lists the process to identify Veterans who concurrently received drill pay and VA benefits.

[www.benefits.va.gov/warms/docs/admin21/m21\\_1/mr/part3/subptv/ch04/ch04\\_secc.doc](http://www.benefits.va.gov/warms/docs/admin21/m21_1/mr/part3/subptv/ch04/ch04_secc.doc)

Download the VA Form 21-8951, Notice of Waiver of VA Compensation or Pension to Receive Military Pay and Allowances.

[www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-8951-2-ARE.pdf](http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-8951-2-ARE.pdf)

## Where Can I Get Help?

Look to these resources for help with any questions related to dual payment, drill pay, and VA disability compensation:

- Visit or contact your nearest VA Regional Office. Use the locator tool to find the nearest office.  
[www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp](http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp)
- Contact VA Call Center at **1-800-827-1000**
- Visit or contact your Military Pay Office

For specific questions related to the VA form 21-8951, reach to the VA Regional Office or Military Pay Office.

## Other Resources

Also consider these additional VA resources to help with general questions related to National Guard and Reserve Component or VA benefits and services.

- VA's National Guard and Reserve page, [www.benefits.va.gov/guardreserve](http://www.benefits.va.gov/guardreserve)
- Summary of VA Benefits for National Guard and Reserve Members and Veterans, [www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/benefits-summary/summaryofvanationalguardandreserve.pdf](http://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/benefits-summary/summaryofvanationalguardandreserve.pdf)
- eBenefits, [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov), your one-stop shop to learn about and apply for your benefits. On this site you can also search for a Veterans Service Organization (VSO) representative and ask them for help.
- VA's tool, Inquiry Routing & Information System (IRIS), <https://iris.custhelp.com> for general information and questions