

Military Reenlistment (RE) Codes

U.S. Military RE codes are entered on military discharge documents (DD Form 214, Record of Discharge) and characterize a member's future eligibility to enlist or reenlist after **discharge or separation** from the military service. The RE Codes for all branches of service are listed below.

Where to find the RE Code on a DD214

The RE Code can be found in **Box 27** and the reentry code will differ by branch of military service. A **Separation Code** is also considered and is a numerical or alphabetic code which defines the reason a discharge was granted. While the primary factor on whether or not one can reenlist lies with the RE Code, the services also use the Separation Codes to determine whether or not one is eligible. An individual's Separation Code can also be found on DD Form 214 in **Box 26**.

General Reenlistment Guidelines

The definition of each RE Code may vary from Service to Service, as currently it is the responsibility of each branch of the Armed Forces to establish reenlistment eligibility criteria.

- **RE Code 1:** May reenlist in without issue.
- **RE Code 2:** May reenlist but restrictions may apply or if the circumstances which resulted in the code no longer apply.
- **RE Code 3:** May normally reenlist but a waiver will probably be required.
- **RE Code 4:** Normally not eligible to reenlist, nor join another service. Usually will require an Exception to Policy waiver to reenlist.

The Department of Veterans Affairs uses different criteria than the Departments of the Air Force, Army, and Navy when establishing veteran status. VA benefits can sometimes be enjoyed if the veteran's service was under "other than dishonorable" conditions. An example of this would be the VA's home loan program.

U.S. Army RE Codes

- **RE-1:** Individuals who were fully qualified when last separated. Fully qualified for enlistment.
- **RE-1A:** Individuals with over 6 years of service for pay. Fully qualified for enlistment. Ineligible to reenlist for 93 days after date of separation.
- **RE-1B:** Individuals who have not been tested to verify primary MOS during current term of service. Fully qualified for enlistment.

- **RE-1C:** Individuals separated who do not possess scores of 90 or higher in any 3 or more aptitude areas of the ASVAB If tested prior to 1 Oct 1980, or scores of 85 or higher in any 3 or more aptitude areas of the ASVAB if tested on or after 1 Oct 80. Fully qualified for enlistment provided otherwise qualified.
- **RE-2:** Individuals separated for the convenience of the Government in accordance with Chapter 5, AR 635-200, (Chapter 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12) and reenlistment is not contemplated. Fully qualified for enlistment/reenlistment (AR 635-200).
- **RE-2A:** Individuals with over 6 years of service for pay who have incurred an additional service requirement and who decline to meet the additional service requirement through reenlistment or extension and were separated prior to 15 Aug 1977. Fully qualified for enlistment. Ineligible to reenlist in grade and for 93 days after date of separation.
- **RE-2B:** Individuals who were fully qualified when last separated. However, reenlistment not authorized at time of separation under enlisted year group management plan. Fully qualified for enlistment.
- **RE-2C:** Individuals who were fully qualified when last separated. However, reenlistment not authorized at time of separation under reenlistment control policy. Civilian: fully qualified for enlistment.
- **RE-3** Individuals who are not qualified for continued Army service, but the disqualification is waivable. Ineligible for enlistment unless a waiver is granted.
- **RE-3A:** Section 1. Individuals who do not possess scores of or higher in any 3 or more aptitude areas of the AQB or the ACB. However, this code is no longer used for this disqualification. Fully qualified for enlistment if mental requirements of table 2-1 can be met. Prior service mental requirements are nonwaivable. Waiver, if approved, is valid only for the purpose of providing continuous, unbroken service for RA in-service personnel. Section 2. Individuals with over 6 years of service for pay who have incurred an additional service requirement and who decline to meet the additional service through reenlistment or extension and were separated on or after 15 Aug 1977. Fully qualified for enlistment. Waiver, if approved, is valid only for the purpose of providing continuous, unbroken service for RA in-service personnel.
- **RE-3B:** Individuals who have time lost during their last period of service. Ineligible for enlistment unless waiver is granted. (paragraphs 2-7 and 2-8a). Applicable to EM who have time lost during their last period of service.
- **RE-3C:** Individuals who have completed over 4 months service who do not meet the pay grade requirements of Chapter 2, or who have been denied enlistment under Qualitative Screening Process pursuant to Chapter 4 AR 600-200. Ineligible for enlistment unless waiver is granted. Applicable to persons who have completed over 8 months service who do not meet the prior grade and service criterion of the Qualitative Management Program (AR 600-200 Chapter 4).
- **RE-4:** Individuals separated from last period of service with a nonwaivable disqualification (refer to AR 601-280). Ineligible for enlistment except as provided for in paragraphs 2-7c and 2-7d. (See waivable moral and administrative disqualification.) Disqualification is nonwaivable.
- **RE-4A:** Individuals who did not meet basic eligibility citizenship requirement of Chapter 2, AR 601-280, at time of last separation from active duty. Ineligible for

enlistment unless requirements of table 2-1 can be met. Citizenship requirements are nonwaiverable. Applicable to EM who fail to meet citizenship requirements.

- **RE-4R:** Individuals retiring after 20 or more years active Federal service (title 10, U.S. Code 3914 or 3917) Ineligible for enlistment.

The RE code (Reentry Eligibility code) is determined by the reason for separation, not the character of separation. According to Army Regulation 601-210 (Regular Army and Army Reserve Enlistment Program), the Reentry Eligibility (RE) code can only be changed if an incorrect code was entered. The RE code is not upgraded to allow enlistment. Soldiers separated with a RE-3 or RE-4 code must seek a waiver from a recruiter to enlist. Depending on the type of discharge and disqualification, a waiver may not be possible.

If, however, a former Soldier can provide evidence that the RE code is an error or unjust, the former Soldier may apply to the Army Board for Correction of Military Records for a correction of the RE code. If the former Soldier can provide evidence that their discharge character or reason for discharge issued in the last 15 years are erroneous or unjust, the former Soldier can apply to the Army Discharge Review Board for a discharge review and request that their RE code be changed according to the correct reason for discharge.

U.S. Navy/Marine Corps/Coast Guard RE Codes

- **RE-1:** Eligible for reenlistment.
- **RE-1A:** Eligible for reenlistment.
- **RE-2:** Ineligible for reenlistment. Recommended for reenlistment but ineligible because of status: Fleet Reservist Retired (except for transfer to Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL), Commissioned Officer. Warrant Officer, Midshipman, Cadet.
- **RE-3A:** Failure to meet area aptitude prerequisites. Fully qualified for enlistment, provided mental criteria of table 2-1 are met. Alien.
- **RE-3B:** Restricted assignment. Parenthood. Pregnancy.
- **RE-3C:** Reenlistment authorized by CMC only. Ineligible for enlistment, unless waiver is granted. Conscientious Objector.
- **RE-3D:** Failure to meet disciplinary standards. Ineligible for enlistment, unless waiver is granted. Demonstrated dependency or hardship not meeting criteria specified in Bupersman article C-10308.
- **RE-3E:** Failure to meet education prerequisites. Fully qualified for enlistment provided education criteria is met. Erroneous induction.
- **RE-3F:** Erroneous enlistment.
- **RE-3G:** Condition (not physical disability) interfering with performance of duty.

- **RE-3H:** Hardship
- **RE-3K:** Disenrolled from Naval Academy, not considered qualified for enlisted status.
- **RE-3M:** Marriage
- **RE-3N:** Importance to national health, safety or interest.
- **RE-3P:** Physical disability (includes discharge and transfer to TDRL). Obesity. Motion sickness. Disqualified for officer candidate training.
- **RE-3Q:** Disqualified for officer candidate training (not physically qualified for appointment as an officer in the naval service).
- **RE-3R:** Rank reappointment restriction. Ineligible for reenlist unless waived
- **RE-3R:** Professional growth criteria. Ineligible for reenlist unless waived
- **RE-3S:** Sole surviving son
- **RE-3T:** Overweight
- **RE-3U:** Minority
- **RE-3X:** Non-swimmer.
- **RE-3Y:** Received Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI).
- **RE-3Z:** Received Special Separation Benefit (SSB).
- **RE-4:** Not recommended for reenlistment
- **RE-5:** USNR-R released after serving 90 or more days of Active Duty for training (ADT). Returned to Reserve unit/activity without reenlistment eligibility being determined.
- **RE-6:** Ineligible or denied reenlistment due to High Year Tenure
- **RE-7:** Completing the initial 2-year active duty obligation under the 2x8 Navy Reserve Program.
- **RE-8:** Temporary medical conditions or unsatisfactory initial performance and conduct (available to recruits assigned to Recruit Training command for initial training only).

Requests for a change to a Navy reenlistment code must be submitted first to the Bureau of Naval Personnel (PERS-254). Following a response from BUPERS and depending on how long you have been discharged from the Naval service, submit a request to change the RE code by writing to the Board for Correction of Naval Records

U.S. Air Force RE Codes

- **RE-1A:** Ineligible to reenlist, but condition waived
- **RE-1J:** Eligible to reenlist but elected to separate
- **RE-1K:** Career airmen
- **RE-1M:** Eligible to reenlist
- **RE-1P:** Eligible to reenlist
- **RE-1Q:** Eligible to reenlist
- **RE-1R:** 1st term airmen selected for reenlistment
- **RE-1T:** Eligible to reenlist ANG and WSAFR airmen serving involuntary or involuntary EAD
- **RE-12:** recommended for reenlistment

- **RE-13:** recommended for reenlistment
- **RE-14:** recommended for reenlistment
- **RE-2A:** HQ AFPC denied reenlistment opportunity for quality reasons
- **RE-2B:** Discharged under General or other-than-honorable conditions
- **RE-2C:** Involuntary separation with Honorable Discharge
- **RE-2D:** Returned POW w/less 6 months active duty
- **RE-2E:** Serving a period of probation and rehab
- **RE-2F:** Undergoing, or separated while undergoing rehab in a DOD regional confinement fac'y
- **RE-2G:** Participating in Substance Abuse Reorientation and Treatment program for drugs, or has failed to complete reorientation
- **RE-2H:** Participating in Substance Abuse Reorientation and Treatment program for alcohol, or has failed to Complete orientation
- **RE-2I:** Non U.S. citizen serving on initial enlistment
- **RE-2J:** Under investigation by military or civilian authority which may result in discharge or court-martial
- **RE-2K:** Formally notified of involuntary separation
- **RE-2L:** Civil court charges pending for offense the MCM authorizes confinement; or court martial charges preferred; or court martial conviction under appellate review
- **RE-2M:** Serving sentence or suspended CM sentence; or separated while serving or suspended CM sentence
- **RE-2N:** Religious conscientious objector preclude unrestricted assignment
- **RE-2P:** AWOL; deserter dropped from rolls
- **RE-2Q:** Medically retired or discharged
- **RE-2R:** Airman within 23 months of 55th birthday; completed at least 18 years
- **RE-2S:** Airman within 23 months of 55th birthday; completed at least 18 years
- **RE-2T:** Possesses HYT date of at least 20 years; within 23 months of HYT date
- **RE-2U:** HYT date of at least 20 years
- **RE-2V:** Applied for retirement, or retirement approved
- **RE-2W:** Retired and recalled to active duty
- **RE-2X:** 1st term, 2nd term or career airman considered but not selected for reenlistment
- **RE-3A:** 1st airman separating before 36 months; or 1st term, no prior svc; females learning of pregnancy prior to enlistment
- **RE-3B:** 1st or 2nd term or career airman ineligible to reenlist, ineligibility condition no longer exists
- **RE-3C:** 1st term airman not yet considered under SRP
- **RE-3D:** 2nd term airman who refused to get PCS or TDY retainability
- **RE-3E:** 2nd term or career airman who refused to get retainability for training or retraining or declined to attend PME
- **RE-3I:** Airman selected for reenlistment, by HQ AFPC removed the airman's name from the CJR waiting list within 5 months of DOS
- **RE-3K:** Reserved for use by HQ AFPC or AFB for Correction of Military Records when no other reenlistment eligibility code applies
- **RE-3S:** Separated w/Special Sep Benefit

- **RE-3V:** Separated w/Vol Sep Incentive
- **RE-4A:** Hardship or dependency discharge
- **RE-4B:** Exceeding body fat standards discharge
- **RE-4C:** Concealment of juvenile records; or minority, or failure to meet physical standards; or failure to obtain 9.0 reading grade
- **RE-4D:** Snr airman or Sgt w at least 9 years TAFMS but fewer than 16 years
- **RE-4E:** A1C or below completed 31 or more months; 1st term airman; or A1C or below w
- **RE-4F:** 5 or more days lost time. Waiver required for reenlistment
- **RE-4G:** No AFSC skill level commensurate w/grade
- **RE-4H:** Serving suspended punishment to Art 15
- **RE-4I:** Serving on Control Roster
- **RE-4J:** Entered in Phase I AF Weight Program; or airman ineligible for period of Phase II
- **RE-4K:** Medically disqualified for continued service; or pending evaluation by MEB/PEB
- **RE-4L:** Separated commissioning prog
- **RE-4M:** Breach of enlistment/reenlistment agreement
- **RE-4N:** Convicted by civil authority

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