



WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT

Fact Sheet | TDRL

Applies to:

Marines with a combined 30% or greater DoD rating after completion of the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES).

About the Temporary Disability Retired List

The Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL) is a list of service members found to be unfit for military duty by reason of disability who have not stabilized to permit an assessment of a permanent disability rating. While the law provides for a maximum tenure of five years on the TDRL, there is no entitlement to be retained for the entire period. The service member may be removed from the TDRL as early as 18 months, when a periodic examination discloses that the medical condition has stabilized for rating purposes.

Checklist | *Take these steps after being medically retired and placed on the TDRL as a result of the Physical Evaluation Board's determination for a smooth transition to your retirement pay and medical care.*

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Call Tri-Care at 877-Tricare (877.874.2273)

- Enroll no later than 15 days before your EAS, but no earlier than 30 days.
- Update DEERS prior to re-enrolling in TriCare Prime

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Complete your Survivor Benefits Plan (SBP) DD Form 2656 prior to separation.

- You are being retired and **MUST** make an SBP enrollment election. It must be forwarded to DFAS at least 30 days prior to your retirement date. For more information, check out the Survivor Benefit Plan Fact Sheet on the WWR website.
- *Note:* Failure to complete this form and forward to DFAS within 30 days from retirement will result in full premiums being deducted from your retirement pay and will delay Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) in the processing of your retirement pay.

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Transfer your Life Insurance Policy

- If you want life insurance and cannot afford the high premiums in the civilian sector, transfer your Servicemember Group Life Insurance (SGLI) to Veteran Group Life Insurance (VGLI). If done within 240 days of retirement date, you do not need additional medical documentation or an additional medical exam.
- Please check out our Fact Sheet on SGLI/VGLI on the WWR website or visit the VGLI website for additional information at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/vgli.asp>

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Contact your local VA Healthcare System

- Enroll in the Healthcare Benefits and ask if you are eligible for additional entitlements related to your VA disability rating.
- Call the VA Healthcare Line at 800.827.1000; to access the VA facility locator go to www2.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isflash=1_ and then enter your zip code.

WWR FACT SHEETS OF INTEREST:

- Retirement Checklist
- CRSC
- SBP
- Tricare/ Tricare Dental

Frequently Asked Questions

Q Once I am on TDRL, do I need to have follow-up evaluations?

A Yes, you are required to attend Periodic Physical Examination(s) (PPE) conducted at a Military Treatment Facility (MTF). A Marine on the TDRL must undergo a PPE at least once every 18 months to determine whether there has been a change in the physical disability for which the Marine was temporarily retired.

Q Who will help me when I report to the MTF for an examination?

A You will be assigned a TDRL Coordinator by Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (MMSR-4) who will provide counseling and assistance to you in scheduling your appointments and providing your orders to report to an MTF.

Q What if I do not receive my monthly retired paycheck or have other pay issues?

A The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) is responsible for your retired pay. Contact them at 1.800.321.1080.

Q What if I elect to receive disability compensation or other benefits from the VA; where can I obtain information or assistance concerning my VA compensation and benefits?

A You are still required by law to undergo PPEs as ordered by CMC (MMSR-4). This requirement exists even if you waive DoD retired pay in favor of VA compensation or are receiving treatment at a VA Hospital. Examinations administered by the VA to determine the amount of compensation you are eligible to receive from that agency cannot take the place of PPEs required by MMSR. For more information, call 1.800.827.1000 or go to www.ebenefits.va.gov.

Q Who can I contact if I have questions about my physical examinations or other matters pertaining to my status on the TDRL?

A In addition to the TDRL Coordinator at the hospital, you may contact:

Marine Corps' Disability Section (MMSR4) at: 703.784.9308/9309/9321

Sergeant Merlin German Wounded Warrior Call Center at: 1.877.487.6299

Q What are my responsibilities on the TDRL?

A You must keep HQMC updated with your current contact information in order to prevent your administrative removal from the TDRL and termination of benefits.

Q Can my percentage of disability change while I am on the TDRL?

A Your percentage of disability will remain the same as long as you are on the TDRL. Changes in the severity of your disability will not affect your retired pay while you are on the TDRL. When your condition has stabilized, a final determination will be made regarding your claim.

Q Will I be paid for my personal expenses incurred while traveling to the MTF for my PPE?

A Yes, you will be reimbursed in accordance with the Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR).

Q Am I entitled to a DoD Identification card while on the TDRL?

A Yes, your spouse and dependent children are also entitled to an ID card. You can apply for this card at the nearest military ID card office. You should bring a copy of your DD Form 214 with you when you apply for an ID card.
