MNP   29 March 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Blended Retirement System (BRS) Continuation Pay (CP) - Calendar Year 2024 (CY24)

1. References.

   a. Title 37, United States Code, Section 356 and 373.

   b. Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoD FMR), Volume 5 and 7a, Chapter 2.

   c. Memorandum, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Subject: Blended Retirement System (BRS) Continuation Pay (CP) - Calendar Year (CY24), 11 March 2024.

   d. Army Regulation 637-1 (Army Compensation and Entitlements Policy).

   e. ARNG-HRZ Memorandum, Blended Retirement System (BRS) Continuation Pay (CP) - Calendar Year 2024 (CY24), 25 March 2024.

2. Purpose. This memorandum establishes eligibility, amounts, and additional service obligation requirements for BRS-CP in CY24 as authorized in Reference 1.a.

3. Applicability. This memorandum is effective immediately, expires on 31 December 2024, and applies to New York Army National Guard (NYARNG) Soldiers who enrolled in the Blended Retirement System (BRS). Soldiers in the Inactive National Guard (ING) or Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) are not eligible.

4. Eligibility.

   a. Eligibility is limited to NYARNG Soldiers in an active status that are enrolled in BRS and have not previously received BRS-CP.

   b. Eligibility is further limited to NYARNG Soldiers with eight and no more than twelve years of service, computed from the Soldier's Pay Entry Base Date (PEBD).

c. To be eligible, Soldiers must be members of the Selected Reserve (SELRES) or otherwise a member of the Ready Reserve in a status in which the member is eligible to receive basic pay or inactive duty pay.

d. Soldiers transferring from a sister service into one of the Army's BRS eligible groups must finalize the transfer before completing their twelfth year of service based upon their PEBD. NYARNG leaders will ensure another service or component did not pay these Soldiers BRS-CP before initiating a new payment.

5. BRS-CP computations for CY24.

a. For Title 10/Title 32 Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Soldiers performing active service in a career status program, BRS-CP is two and a half times the monthly basic pay. The Soldier's pay grade and years of service at the time BRS-CP is approved determine the total amount.

b. For ARNG Soldiers serving in the SELRES (non-AGR), BRS-CP is four times the active-duty monthly basic pay. The Soldier's pay grade and years of service at the time BRS-CP is approved determine the total amount.

6. Application Process.

a. The enclosed Request for Continuation Pay (Blended Retirement System) form (Enclosure 1) is the prescribed contract to document the Soldier's BRS-CP election and obligated service. NYARNG G1 personnel will upload the BRS-CP contract to the Soldier's Interaction Personnel Electronic Records Management System (IPERMS).

b. At a minimum, the BRS-CP election packet will include the following:

(1) Proof of Enrollment into BRS (Screenshot of MyPay Election or LES showing BRS).

(2) Request for Continuation Pay (Blended Retirement System) / CP Contract.

c. Soldiers may submit their BRS-CP request once they become eligible per requirements in Paragraph 4. Soldiers must sign their BRS-CP request on or before the start of their twelfth year of service based on PEBD.

d. Battalion Career Counselors (BCC) / Unit Administrative (UA) personnel will utilize Enclosure 2 to monitor personnel known to have opted-in to BRS and are eligible to receive Continuation Pay. Additionally, BCCs / UAs will work with the eligible Soldiers to complete their packets, including signing Block 7 of the BRS-CP Request form.

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    e. The packet will be submitted in ETL to the NYARNG Retirement Services Officer (RSO) to certify the NGB 23B. In addition, the RSO will sign in Block 9 on the BRS-CP Request form to certify the Soldier's eligibility.

    f. When the RSO certifies the BRS-CP request, the MNP Education and Incentive Section will obtain the signature of the approval authority.

7. Service Obligation. In exchange for the BRS-CP described in Paragraph 5, Soldiers must agree to serve and be eligible to complete four years of additional service in the component they are serving when CP is approved. Note: Execution of a DA Form 4836 is no longer a requirement. The service obligation commences on the date the Soldier signs the BRS-CP request document in block 8 and will be tracked by MNP.

8. Payment Eligibility.

    a. Application for payment must be made in a timely manner, as described in Paragraph 6c.

    b. The BRS-CP application must be approved prior to completion of the Soldier's twelfth year of service as computed from the PEBD.

    c. BRS-CP is not payable until BRS opt-in is verified.

9. Payment Options.

    a. Soldier may elect to receive BRS-CP in a single lump sum or a series of equal installments, not to exceed four annual payments over four consecutive years.

    b. To ensure the Defense Finance and Accounting Service distributes BRS-CP funds in accordance with the Soldier's financial plan, the requesting Soldier must update their allotment allocations in MyPay BEFORE submitting a BRS-CP request.

10. This action's point of contact is MAJ Phyonne Reynolds, Education and Incentives Services Officer, (518) 786-0460 or phyonne.reynoldsfolkes.mil@army.mil.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

2 Encls   MARK P. FRANK
1. BRS Continuation Pay Form   COL, AG, NYARNG
2. CY24 & CY25 BRS Roster   Director, Military Personnel

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