

Subj: NOTIFICATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO RETIRED PAY AT AGE 60 AND
ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RESERVE COMPONENT
SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN (RCSBP)

3. In accordance with reference (b), members of the Ready Reserve called to active service after 28 January 2008 may have their entitlement to retired pay eligibility age reduced from age 60, but no lower than age 50. The eligibility age shall be reduced below age 60 by three months for each aggregate of 90 days served on active duty, subject to the restrictions in reference (b). It is important to note that eligibility for certain retired TRICARE options do not begin until age 60.

Effective 1 October 2010, eligible Reserve retirees who are awaiting pay at age 60 can purchase TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR) health coverage for themselves and their eligible family members. For questions regarding eligibility or enrollment, please contact your TRICARE regional office or visit the TRICARE website at www.tricare.mil/trr.

4. Study the RCSBP information in the enclosure closely, complete the Option-Election Certificate and return it to Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MMSR-5), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103. The election form must be received no later than 90 days from the date of receipt. By law, if you are married and would like to make an option other than Option C, with full coverage, your spouse must sign agreeing to the election; otherwise you will automatically be enrolled into Option C with full coverage. If you are not married and have children, you may still make an election or you may defer your election. Should you marry in the future, you have one year from your date of marriage to make an election. If the election form is not received before expiration of the 90 day period and you are married, you will automatically be enrolled into Option C with full coverage. Regardless of what election you decide to make, the form must be returned to MMSR5 at the above address. Make your decision carefully, since any election to participate in the plan is irrevocable after the 90 day period.

5. Since you have completed at least 20 years of qualifying service, per paragraph 3007.6 of the reference, you must now continue to earn a minimum of 50 retirement points per anniversary year in order to remain in an active status. A one time waiver of this requirement may be requested from the Secretary of the Navy if unusual circumstances preclude you from earning 50 points. Otherwise, if you are unable to earn the minimum points, you must request transfer to the Retired Reserve