

## **Additional Documentation Required to Update Your Information in DEERS**

Additional documentation is also required, depending on the individual's relationship to the soldier. To determine the additional documentation that you may require, select the link below which best represents your relationship or association with the soldier.

- [A lawful spouse, including common law, abused, widow, or widower](#)
- [Unremarried Former Spouse: \(20-20-20\) and \(20-20-15\). An individual who was married to a Uniformed Service member for at least 20 years, and the member had at least 20 years of service creditable toward retirement, and the marriage overlapped by \(1\) 20 or more years \(20-20-20\), \(2\) 15, but less than 20 \(20-20-15\)](#)
- [Unremarried Abused Former Spouse \(10-20-10\). An individual who was married to a Uniformed Service member for at least 10 years, and the member had at least 20 years of service creditable toward retirement, and the marriage overlapped by at least 10 years and member was separated due to dependent abuse on or after 23 October 1992](#)
- [Abused Transitional Former Spouse. Member was on AD over 30 days \(not retirement eligible\) and was separated from active duty or forfeited all pay and allowances under a court-martial sentence resulting from a dependent abuse offense, or administratively separated from active duty, if the basis for separation includes a dependent-abuse offense, on or after November 30, 1993](#)
- [Unmarried \(20-20-20\)](#)
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- [A child under 21 Female member's illegitimate child of record](#)
- [A child under 21 Male member's illegitimate child whose paternity has been judicially determined or otherwise established under state law](#)
- [A child under 21 Male member's illegitimate child whose paternity has not been judicially determined](#)
- [A child under 21 Male member's illegitimate child whose blood parents subsequently marry](#)
- [A child under 21 Spouse's illegitimate child \(the sponsor's illegitimate step-child\)](#)
- [Ward under 21, including foster children and children for whom a managing conservator has been designated. Entrusted to Sponsor Through Court Order](#)
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- [Student \(age 21 to 23\)](#)
- [Incapacitated Student \(age 21 or 22\)](#)
- [Father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, stepparent, parent-by-adoption](#)

- [Involuntarily separated member \(TAMP or TAP\); voluntarily separated member \(SSB or VSI\)](#)
- [CHAMPUS/TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries who are entitled to Medicare under age 65 because of disability](#)

**A lawful spouse, including common law, abused, widow, or widower**

A photo ID and a marriage certificate for lawful spouse; a photo ID and SJA statement certifying common-law marriage for common law spouses; a photo ID and a death certificate or DD Form 1300, **Report of Casualty** (see notes 4 and 7) for a widow or widower. A widow or widower of a Reserve member who was eligible to receive retired pay at age 60 (gray-area retiree) must present a photo ID and a marriage certificate, death certificate, and either the sponsor's notification of eligibility for retired pay at age 60 (20-year letter), or the sponsor's retired pay order. An abused spouse should present a photo ID and an approved DD Form 2698, **Application for Transitional Compensation** or a photo ID and a letter from DFAS-CL, Code L, approving receipt of a portion of retired pay, as appropriate. A spouse or widow of a Philippine Scout must present a photo ID and a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs indicating eligibility to commissary, exchange privileges and that the member separated and applied for benefits under Public Laws 77-140 and 79-51.

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**Unremarried Former Spouse: (20-20-20) and (20-20-15). An individual who was married to a Uniformed Service member for at least 20 years, and the member had at least 20 years of service creditable toward retirement, and the marriage overlapped by (1) 20 or more years (20-20-20), (2) 15, but less than 20 (20-20-15)**

A marriage certificate (or statement from the SJA certifying common-law marriage) and divorce decree; a Statement of Service or complete set of DD Forms 214 or dates of inclusive service from the servicing personnel office if active duty. In addition, DD Form 1172, block 89, must contain a statement that the former spouse has not remarried and does not have an employer-sponsored health care plan. (For renewal or reissue, the former spouse certifies in item 89 of DD Form 1172 that he or she has not remarried and is not enrolled in an employer-sponsored health plan.)

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**Unremarried Abused Former Spouse (10-20-10). An individual who was married to a Uniformed Service member for at least 10 years, and the member had at least 20 years of service creditable toward retirement, and the marriage overlapped by at least 10 years and member was separated due to dependent abuse on or after 23 October 1992**

A letter from DFAS-CL, Code L, approving receipt of a portion of retired pay.

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**Abused Transitional Former Spouse. Member was on AD over 30 days (not retirement eligible) and was separated from active duty or forfeited all pay and allowances under a court-martial sentence resulting from a dependent abuse offense, or administratively separated from active duty, if the basis for separation includes a dependent-abuse offense, on or after November 30, 1993**

A DD Form 2698, **Application for Transitional Compensation** from the parent service or a letter from the US Army Community and Family Support Center for Army abused dependents

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**Unmarried (20-20-20)**

One or more marriage certificates (or a statement from the SJA certifying one or more common-law marriages), prior divorce decrees, or death certificates. In addition, DD Form 1172, block 89, must contain a statement that the former spouse is not currently married. Abused former spouses who remarry and become unmarried may reinstate full benefits and privileges. They do not have to qualify as a 20-20-20.

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**A child under 21 (legitimate)**

Parents' marriage certificate and a birth certificate

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**A child under 21 (adopted)**

Child's birth certificate and final adoption decree

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**A child under 21 (step-child)**

Parents' marriage certificate and a birth certificate

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**A child under 21 Female member's illegitimate child of record**

Child's birth certificate (to include the mother's and child's full name)

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**A child under 21 Male member's illegitimate child whose paternity has been judicially determined or otherwise established under state law**

Child's birth certificate; and legal documents showing paternity was judicially determined, or appropriate documentation of the state with jurisdiction

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**A child under 21 Male member's illegitimate child whose paternity has not been judicially determined**

Child's birth certificate and favorable dependency determination (sponsor providing over 50 percent of child's support)

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**A child under 21 Male member's illegitimate child whose blood parents subsequently marry**

A marriage certificate and child's birth certificate

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**A child under 21 Spouse's illegitimate child (the sponsor's illegitimate step-child)**

A marriage certificate, child's birth certificate, and statement of dependency and residency in block 89 of DD Form 1172

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**Ward under 21, including foster children and children for whom a managing conservator has been designated. Entrusted to Sponsor Through Court Order**

A child's birth certificate, legal decree from a United States court of competent jurisdiction. In addition, sponsor certifies in block 89 of the DD Form 1172 that he or she has had legal custody for at least 12 consecutive months. The sponsor must also certify in item 89 on DD Form 1172 that dependency and residency are met.

**EXCEPTION:** An approved dependency determination is required for Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps wards each time an ID card is issued.

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**Pre-Adoptive children**

Child's birth certificate, document from Placement Agency (recognized by the Secretary of Defense) in the United States or a US territory licensed *for the purpose of adoption* by the state or territory in which the adoption procedures will be completed, which reflects child is in a pre-adoptive stage. In all other locations, a request for recognition must be approved by the appropriate Assistant Secretary of the Military Department concerned or an appropriate official to whom he or she has delegated approval authority.

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**Children, unmarried over 21 years of age who are incapacitated**

The parents' marriage certificate, the child's birth certificate, a medical sufficiency statement, or physician's statement from a uniformed services medical treatment facility, a favorable dependency determination, letter from the Social Security Administration indicating that the child is not eligible for Medicare, Part A, and a statement that the child is unmarried. Incapacitated children of honorably discharged members rated 100 percent disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs or Medal of Honor recipients are not required to present a dependency determination since medical care is not authorized through the Uniformed Services

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**Student (age 21 to 23)**

The parents' marriage certificate; the child's birth certificate; a letter from the school registrar certifying enrollment in a full-time course of study leading to an associate degree or higher, and anticipated graduation date. For graduate students, a letter of acceptance of enrollment signed by an authorized officer of the college or university is required. **NOTE:** Students attending two institutions less than full-time may not combine courses from both institutions to meet full-time student status (Title 10, Section 1072). In addition, DD Form 1172, block 89, must contain a statement that the sponsor is (or was at time of death) providing more than 50 percent of the student's support

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**Incapacitated Student (age 21 or 22)**

The parents' marriage certificate, the child's birth certificate, a letter from the school certifying full-time status at the time the incapacitation took place, a medical sufficiency statement; and a favorable dependency determination, letter from the Social Security Administration indicating that the child is not eligible for Medicare, Part A, and a statement that the child is unmarried. If the sponsor is deceased, a copy of the death certificate is also required. (For Marine Corps members, see paragraph 22. Incapacitated students of honorably discharged members rated 100 percent disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs and Medal of Honor recipients are not required to present a dependency determination since medical care through the Uniformed Services is not authorized

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**Father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, stepparent, parent-by-adoption**

The sponsor's or spouse's birth certificate reflecting parent's name (as applicable)(if not enrolled in DEERS). A favorable dependency determination (over 50 percent support), and a personal ID are required each time an ID card is issued. **NOTES:** 1. Parents, parents-in-law, step-parent, and parent-by adoption of sponsors of honorably discharged members rated 100 percent disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs and Medal of Honor recipients are not required to present a dependency determination as no medical care through the Uniformed Services is afforded.. Sponsor certifies dependency and residency are being met in block 89 of the DD Form 1172. Parents, parents-in-law, step-parent, and parents-by-adoption of civilian are not required to present a dependency determination. Sponsor certifies dependency and residency is being met in block 89 of the DD Form 1172

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**Involuntarily separated member (TAMP or TAP); voluntarily separated member (SSB or VSI)**

A DD Form 214 that specifies an approved SPD code

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**CHAMPUS/TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries who are entitled to Medicare under age 65 because of disability**

Medicare health insurance card showing entitlement to Medicare, Part A, and Medicare, Part B

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