

CAREER STATUS BONUS (CSB) ELECTION

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 37 U. S. Code 322.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To record a member's eligibility and election to receive or not receive the Career Status Bonus with reduced retired pay and to adjust such retired pay according to the member's election.

ROUTINE USE(S): Information may be provided to the Internal Revenue Service to resolve matters relating to an individual's tax withholding; to the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board to establish eligibility for contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan for military personnel, and to the Department of Justice or state and local governments when a question of conflicting interest is raised concerning a member's declarations and election.

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however, failure to provide the requested information within 6 months after the date shown in item 6 below could result in an irrevocable determination affecting the amount of retired pay the individual may later qualify to receive and disqualification for electing the Career Status Bonus.

SECTION I – PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION (Normally completed by PPC)

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		2. Employee ID	3. RANK/PAY GRADE/ BRANCH OF SERVICE	
4. DIEMS (YYYYMMDD)	5. AD BASE DATE (YYYYMMDD)	6. DATE OF NOTIFICATION (YYYYMMDD)		

SECTION II – DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

7. You may be eligible to elect a Career Status Bonus (CSB). To be eligible, you must:

- (1) Be on active duty,
- (2) Complete 15 years of active duty service,
- (3) Have a DIEMS of August 1, 1986 or later, and
- (4) Qualify under Coast Guard/NOAA regulations for retention to 20 years of active duty service.

Service records indicate that you are currently:

Eligible to elect the Career Status Bonus **Not eligible** to elect the Career Status Bonus

REASON NOT ELIGIBLE:

8. DATE OF DETERMINATION (YYYYMMDD)	9. PPC AUTHENTICATING REPRESENTATIVE	
	a. PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. SIGNATURE

SECTION III, IV, OR V (To be completed by Member and Witness)

NOTE: Complete only one of these sections and then return this form to PPC (MAS).

If not eligible, complete Section III only.

If eligible and you want to elect to receive the bonus, complete Section IV only.

If eligible and you do not want to receive the bonus, complete Section V only.

SECTION III – NOT CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR CAREER STATUS BONUS

Complete this section only if you are **not currently eligible to elect the Career Status Bonus.**

10. I understand that I am not eligible for the Career Status Bonus at this time and that my ineligibility does not preclude my continued service to retirement if authorized by Coast Guard/NOAA regulations. I understand that I will not receive a bonus and I remain under the High-3 retirement system. I understand that PPC will notify me if I later become eligible to elect the bonus.

a. SIGNATURE	b. DATE SIGNED (YYYYMMDD)
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11. WITNESS		
a. PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. RANK/PAY GRADE	c. POSITION/DUTY TITLE
d. ORGANIZATION	e. ORGANIZATIONAL ADDRESS	
f. SIGNATURE	g. DATE SIGNED (YYYYMMDD)	

SECTION IV – ELIGIBLE AND ELECTING TO RECEIVE THE CAREER STATUS BONUS

Complete this section only if you are eligible and you desire to elect to receive the Career Status Bonus.

12. I elect to receive the Career Status Bonus payment upon my attainment of 15 years of active duty service and having been determined eligible for the bonus by PPC. I understand that once the election is effective it may not be revoked. My election is effective once received and accepted at the 15th year of service, or if later, the date received and determined acceptable by PPC, but no later than the date that is six months after being notified of my eligibility. I understand that if I receive the CSB in error, I must repay the full, before-tax bonus amount. I agree to remain on continuous active duty, subject to Coast Guard/NOAA regulations, until I attain a minimum of 20 years of such service. If I fail to complete such service, I understand that I will be required to repay a share of the bonus payment in proportion to the amount of service I failed to complete compared to the additional service I agreed to serve. If I am separated prior to 20 years, I consent to withholding from current pay, final pay, or any other money due to me to satisfy the indebtedness. I further consent to such withholding at a rate sufficient to satisfy this indebtedness no later than my separation, and understand that this could result in the withholding of 100% of any current pay, final pay, or other money due me. I further understand that if and when I do retire, it will be under the provisions of the 1986 Military Requirement Reform Act (1986 MRRRA, known as REDUX) and that my future retired pay, if based on length of service, will be reduced under such provisions in the form of a reduced multiplier before age 62 and annual Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) that are 1% less than I would otherwise receive both before and after age 62, but with a one-time catch-up COLA adjustments at age 62. I have received the Fact Sheet of Information for Eligible Career Status Bonus Members, explaining the details and effects of making this decision.

a. I elect to receive the bonus under the following payment options:

- Single lump sum of \$30,000 Two installments of \$15,000 each
 Three installments of \$10,000 each Four installments of \$7,500 each
 Five installments of \$6,000 each

b. **I intend to participate in the TSP** **I do not intend to participate in the TSP.**

c. SIGNATURE**d. DATE SIGNED** (YYYYMMDD)**13. WITNESS****a. PRINTED NAME** (Last, First, Middle Initial)**b. RANK/PAY GRADE****c. POSITION/DUTY TITLE****d. ORGANIZATION****e. ORGANIZATIONAL ADDRESS****f. SIGNATURE****g. DATE SIGNED** (YYYYMMDD)**SECTION V – ELIGIBLE AND ELECTING NOT TO RECEIVE THE CAREER STATUS BONUS**Complete this section only if you are eligible to receive the Career Status Bonus but **you desire NOT** to elect the bonus.

14. I elect not to receive the Career Status Bonus upon my attainment of 15 years of active duty service. I understand that once the election is effective it may not be revoked. My election is effective upon completion of 15 years active service, or 6 months after the date shown in item 6 if that date is later. I will not have any further opportunity to elect to receive this bonus. I understand that I will not receive a bonus payment and that I remain under the High-3 retirement system. I have received the Fact Sheet of Information for Eligible Career Status Bonus Members, explaining the details and effects of making this election not to receive this bonus.

a. SIGNATURE**b. DATE SIGNED** (YYYYMMDD)**15. WITNESS****a. PRINTED NAME** (Last, First, Middle Initial)**b. RANK/PAY GRADE****c. POSITION/DUTY TITLE****d. ORGANIZATION****e. ORGANIZATIONAL ADDRESS****f. SIGNATURE****g. DATE SIGNED** (YYYYMMDD)**SECTION VI – SERVICE RECORDING OF ELECTION**

(To be completed by PPC Officials after member makes an election to receive the bonus)

16. CSB ELECTION EFFECTIVE DATE (YYYYMMDD):**17. RECORDING OFFICIAL****a. PRINTED NAME** (Last, First, Middle Initial)**b. RANK/PAY GRADE****c. POSITION/DUTY TITLE****d. ORGANIZATION****e. ORGANIZATIONAL ADDRESS****f. SIGNATURE****g. DATE SIGNED** (YYYYMMDD)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CG PPC FORM 2426, CAREER STATUS BONUS (CSB) ELECTION

GLOSSARY:

CSB Election Effective Date: This is the date the member's election to receive a Career Status Bonus becomes irrevocable. This is the date on which the member attains 15 years of active duty service or the date that is 6 months after the date of CSB notification, if that is a later date.

Date of CSB Notification: This is the date PPC processed the notification to the member. PPC should record this date in Section I, Item 6 of the form as this date may determine the effective date of an election.

Date of Initial Entry to Military Service: This date is referred to as **DIEMS**. This is the date someone first became a member of a Uniformed Service and pertains to the earliest date of enlistment, induction, or appointment in a regular or reserve component of a Uniformed Service as a commissioned officer, warrant officer, or enlisted member. Breaks in service shall not affect the date someone first became a member. Cadets and midshipmen of the Academies, cadets of the reserve Officer Training Corps, and members of the Delayed Entry Program (DEP) are considered to have become members for the purposes of these provisions. All members should be informed of the implications of these provisions on their potential retired pay.

Active Duty Base Date: This is the AD Base Date in item 5. This is the actual or constructive date of your entry on active duty. For members with no prior military service, it is the date of commission/enlistment. If you elect to receive the CSB, you agree to remain on active duty until twenty years after this date.

GENERAL

PPC Officials: Complete Sections I, II, and VI as appropriate to member being notified.

Member: Complete only Section III, IV, or V, as appropriate to your situation.

1. Read these instructions carefully before completing the form.
2. This form will record your election to receive a Career Status Bonus. Your election will carry Service obligation requirements and affect your future retired pay.
3. If eligible to elect the career status bonus, you must be furnished a copy of the fact sheet: **Information for Members Eligible to Receive a Career Status Bonus** explaining the details and effects of making your election to receive or not to receive the bonus. You should read this fact sheet and consult other sources if desired.

SECTION I and II: To be completed by PPC.

SECTION III, IV, AND V: To be completed by the Member.

Complete only the one section appropriate for your situation. Sign and date the form in the appropriate blocks for the applicable section. Have your signature witnessed by your Commanding Officer or his/her designee.

SECTION III: Not Currently Eligible for Career Status Bonus.

Complete Section III only if you have been determined currently **not eligible to elect the bonus**. Have your signature witnessed by your Commanding Officer or his/her designee.

SECTION IV: Eligible and Electing to Receive the Career Status Bonus.

Complete Section IV only if you are eligible and desire to **receive the bonus** with associated reductions in future retired pay, and you agree to remain on active duty for a minimum of 20 years. Have your signature witnessed by your Commanding Officer or higher designee.

SECTION V: Eligible and Electing NOT to Receive the Career Status Bonus.

Complete Section V only if you are **eligible but desire NOT to receive the bonus** with associated reductions in retired pay. Have your signature witnessed by your Commanding Officer or higher designee.

SECTION VI: Service Recording of Election

This section is to be completed by PPC if the member elects to receive the CSB.

MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM TO:

Commanding Officer (MAS)
Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

**A copy of this form shall be retained by the member.
A copy of this form shall be sent to the SPO.**