

Retention control points to change for enlisted Soldiers

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New retention control points will take effect June 1, 2011. RCPs are the maximum years of active service authorized for Regular Army and Active Guard Reserve enlisted Soldiers at each rank.

For example, sergeants are allowed to serve 15 years under the current RCPs, but they will be allowed to serve only 13 years under the new RCPs.

Soldiers may perform active service up to their RCP or age 62 for Regular Army and Army Reserve and age 60 for National Guard, whichever occurs first. Soldiers may not exceed their RCP by more than one month.

Current RCP November 1, 2008:

Rank	Total active service in years
Private through private first class	8
Corporal and specialist	10
Corporal and specialist (promotable)	15
Sergeant	15
Sergeant (promotable)	20
Staff sergeant	23
Staff sergeant (promotable)	26
Sergeant first class	26
Sergeant first class (promotable)	29
First Sergeant and master sergeant	29
First sergeant and master sergeant (promotable)	32
Command sergeant major and sergeant major	32

New RCP June 1, 2011:

Rank	Total active service in years
Private through private first class	5

Corporal and specialist	8
Corporal and specialist (promotable)	12
Sergeant	13
Sergeant (promotable)	15
Staff sergeant	20
Staff sergeant (promotable)	26
Sergeant first class	26
Sergeant first class (promotable)	29
First Sergeant and master sergeant	29
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For questions about retention control points contact a career counselor.