



Veterans Affairs

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UPGRADING REENLISTMENT CODES (RE-CODES)

RE-Codes, what are they?

RE-Codes define your eligibility for reenlistment. The codes are listed on a DD 214 (Discharge from Military Service) followed by a number, a number and a letter or a number and second number. Each code indicates, in the branch serviced in, how well you qualify for reenlistment in that branch.

RE-Codes can be inaccurate and potential employers often misunderstand their meaning. For example, some employers often think any code other than an RE-1 is bad. Depending on the branch an RE-2 can mean separation for family hardship, you did not intend to reenlist or that you are barred from reenlistment.

How can this affect me?

An incorrect RE-Code or a code that is misunderstood can cost employment and sometimes benefits. In many cases, an explanation from a County Veterans Services Office can prevent this type of problem. In other cases, you may have to request the service branch to correct or reconsider the code given.

Examples of RE-Codes.

RE-Code	Army	Navy & Marine Corps	Air Force	Coast Guard
RE-1	Individual Fully Qualified for Reenlistment.	Individual Fully Qualified for Reenlistment.	Individual Fully Qualified for Reenlistment.	Individual Fully Qualified for Reenlistment.
RE-2	Qualified for reenlistment, but no intent to reenlist. Retired military.	Qualified for reenlistment, but no intent to reenlist. Retired military. Ineligible for reenlistment.	Individual is barred from reenlistment.	Qualified for reenlistment, but no intent to reenlist. Retired military. *
RE-3	Not able to reenlist without a waiver. Disqualifying factor(s).	Not able to reenlist without a waiver. Disqualifying factor(s).	Cannot reenlist until after 93 days. Other types of separations.	Not able to reenlist without a waiver. Disqualifying factor(s).
RE-4	Barred from reenlistment.	Barred from reenlistment.	Not eligible for reenlistment without a waiver.	Barred from reenlistment.

Note: Suffixes, numbers or letters break these down further.
This website has listings of RE codes for each branch of the military:
(<http://usmilitary.about.com/od/theorderlyroom/l/blcodemenu.htm>)

Can I change my RE-Code?

They can be, but it might be very difficult. If you can prove an error your chances are much better.

- You can request a new DD 214 without the RE-Code on it. Be sure you ask for a NEW DD 214. This is done with a SF 180 form to the National Personnel Records Center.
- If you feel that the RE-Code should be changed because it is incorrect you can submit a DD 149 to the Board of Corrections of Records. If the code was correctly assigned based on reasons or criteria existing at the time of separation, it cannot be changed. Your argument is stronger if you can show it was illegal, improper according to regulations or a mistake. Arguments about fairness do not work.
- If you want to reenlist, you can apply for a waiver through your local recruiter for the same branch you were in.

If you wish to write a letter, you need to send it to the Headquarters Recruiting Command of the branch of service that gave you the discharge.

How Do I Get Help Or More Information?

Veterans Service Representatives are available to discuss claims or any veterans' issues with you. Call your closest office for the nearest location to you:

Veterans Affairs Office Locations:

- 222 W. Hospitality Lane, Third Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0470 (909) 382-3290
- 15900 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia, CA 92345 (760) 995-8010
- 8575 Haven Ave., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909-948-6470
- **Or call Toll Free from anywhere in San Bernardino County : 1-866-4SB-Vets (1-866-472-8387)**