Chapter 2  
Retirement Points Accounting Management Record  
Section I  
General  
2-1. The anniversary year  
The full year period used to credit a qualifying year of service for non-regular retirement is based on an anniversary year. The rules to establish the anniversary year are:  
a. For service before 1 July 1949. For a member who was in an active status in a reserve component (ready or active standby) before 1 July 1949, the anniversary year will begin on 1 July of each year and end on 30 June of the following year, provided there was no break in service.  
b. For service on or after 1 July 1949. On or after 1 July 1949, the anniversary year is the date when one of the following events occurs. The anniversary year ends on the day before the anniversary year of the date the member:  
1. First attains an active status in any reserve component and has continuous military service in an active status in any regular or reserve component, or active duty service without component.  
2. First attains military status in a Service Delayed Entry Program (DEP). This is service in an active status as a member of the Ready Reserve.  
3. Was enlisted or appointed on or after 1 October 1995. The anniversary year is the date of initial entry into any uniformed Service. A new anniversary year is not established if member transfers between reserve components, or from a regular component.  
4. Was initially appointed as a commissioned or warrant officer without any prior service.  
5. Who was in a Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program and:  
(a) Was appointed as a commissioned officer before 13 October 1964, the anniversary year is the date of entry into the ROTC program. This ROTC service is creditable for retirement.  
(b) Was appointed as a commissioned officer on or after 13 October 1964, the anniversary year is the date of appointment as a commissioned officer. This ROTC service is not creditable for retirement.  
6. Was enrolled in an ROTC program with simultaneous membership in an ARNG or USAR unit. The anniversary year is the date the Soldier enlisted in an active reserve status. This membership period in the ROTC/Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) is creditable specifically because the Soldier served in an active enlisted status in the Selected Reserve.  
7. Who was in a Service Academy and:  
(a) Had no prior service and was appointed as a commissioned officer from a Service Academy, the anniversary year is the date of appointment.  
(b) Had prior service and was a commissioned officer with service as a cadet or midshipman at a Service Academy, the anniversary year is the date the member entered into active service or active status upon appointment as a commissioned officer.  
(c) Is (or last served as) an enlisted member of a uniformed Service who served as a cadet or midshipman but who did not later receive or who does not hold a commission as an officer, service as a cadet or midshipman at a Service Academy shall be included and counted as active duty to establish the member's anniversary year. Service as a cadet or midshipman at a Service Academy is always creditable service for enlisted members.  
8. Was enlisted or reenlisted, was appointed in a reserve component after a break in service, or transferred to an active status from the Standby Reserve Inactive Status List, the Inactive National Guard, or the Retired Reserve. The anniversary year is the date of enlistment, reenlistment, appointment, transfer, or recall into an active status. See NGR 614-1 for details pertaining to the ING.  
9. Exceptions. If an individual was:  
(a) Inducted, and after that service was assigned to a reserve component before 1 January 1969, the anniversary year is the date assigned to a reserve component in an active status.  
(b) Inducted and remained on active duty and later assigned to a reserve component on or after 1 January 1969, the anniversary year is the date inducted.  
(c) Enlisted, reenlisted, or appointed on 29 February or 1 March of a leap year, the anniversary year is the date of enlistment, reenlistment, or appointment. The anniversary year ending date will be 28 February of each year, including leap years. The RPAM application will adjust the Soldier’s record to ensure retirement point credit is properly recorded.  
(d) A former participant of the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program/Financial
Assistance Program (AFHPSP)/FAP); and
(1) Has satisfied all service obligations of the AFHPSP/FAP; and
(2) Is a member of the Selected Reserve; and
(3) Possesses a specialty designated by the Secretary of the Army as critically needed in wartime (this
eligibility will remain valid until the officer has been credited with all program participation under chapter 105 of
Title 10, U.S. Code irrespective of subsequent changes in the annual critical wartime shortage list); and
(4) Has completed a full anniversary year with at least 50 retirement points (the complete year of
service in the Selected Reserve must have commenced on or after 23 September 1996. The records of officers who
were members of the Selected Reserve and met all other qualification requirements may be adjusted to include the
award for each full year of service that ended on or after 22 September 1997); (5) Will then be awarded 50 points in an anniversary year retroactively constructed of a year of
attendance in a course of study in the AFHPSP/FAP. The points credited for the participation shall be recorded in
the member’s records as having been earned in the most recent year of the participation in the course of study for
which this type of credit has not yet been awarded; and
(6) Will not be awarded more than four years of satisfactory service credit for retirement purposes
under section 12732(a)(2) of Title 10, U.S. Code and not more than 50 Inactive Duty Training retirement points in
each of those years under this provision; and
(7) Is not entitled to any retroactive award of, or increase in, pay or allowances under Title 37, United
States Code by reason of an award of service credit under this provision. These conditions are prescribed in
10 USC 2126(b); and
(8) The anniversary year will not be adjusted based on the addition of any of these added years.
c. Once correctly established, the anniversary year will not change as long as the Soldier remains in an active
status in any regular or reserve component. In the event a member has a break in military service of more than 24
hours, or is assigned to the ING, an inactive list, or retired status, the anniversary year ending date will be the last
day the member served in an active status. This action will result in a partial anniversary year. See DODI 1215.07
for additional information on determining an anniversary year.