

RETIREMENT PLANNING CHECKLIST

0-6 Months After Retirement

You've made it, but you're not quite done yet. There are some critical tasks below:

- Turn in your CAC and obtain your retired ID card and new dependent ID cards as soon as possible. This is critical because your benefits have changed.
- Within 120 days, sign up for the TRICARE health plan you chose and initiate the allotment to pay the premiums. This is not done automatically.
- Within 120 days, convert your SGLI to VGLI (VA sends application), if desired.
- Complete DD Form 2860, Application for Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC), if applicable, but only after the VA has given you a disability rating.
- Join a veteran or military service organization or the closest installation retiree council to continue to serve.
- Start working for the Department of Defense (DoD)—no earlier than 180 days after your retirement date without a waiver if the position is GS-14 or above.