

Basic Reenlistment Prerequisites

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The basic prerequisites pertain to all Reserve Marines applying for reenlistment. The Marine must satisfy the following prerequisites prior to effecting reenlistment:

- (1) Recommended by the CO.
- (2) Demonstrate the high standards of leadership, professional competence, appearance, and personal behavior required to maintain the prestige and quality standards of the Marine Corps.

Marines who are guilty of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or Driving While Intoxicated (DWI), on or off base, and Marines who have an incident of substantiated level III or higher spouse/child abuse or neglect, have not met the personal behavior standard.

- (3) Meet medical/dental standards. Provided the Marine is otherwise qualified for reenlistment, an extension may be requested for sufficient time to obtain treatment to meet prescribed dental standards. HIV positive status will not be used to deny reenlistment in the Ready Reserve.

- (4) Have a current passing score on the Physical Fitness Test (PFT), Combat Fitness Test (CFT), meet military appearance, and height/weight standards.

- (5) Have no incidents involving confirmed illegal use, possession, sale, or distribution of a controlled substance.

- (6) Not be a conscientious objector.

- (7) Not be a sole surviving son/daughter. However, a Marine may waive this status.

- (8) Have no known dependency or hardship that is not temporary in nature and that causes the Marine to be non-deployable or not available for worldwide assignment at any time.

- (9) Must not be under a CMC imposed reenlistment restriction. The following reenlistment (RE) codes are not considered restrictive for reenlistment in the MCR: RE-1A, 3N, 30, and 3V. All other reenlistment codes will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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(10) Have no convictions by court-martial during the current contract and extension to that contract. However, CMC (RA-RCT) retains the right to "require a CG level waiver upon any reenlistment request for a service member with a history of a court martial conviction, on a case by case basis.

(11) Have no known convictions by civil authorities (foreign or domestic) or action taken which the maximum penalty, if the member would have been charged under the UCMJ, would have been confinement for six months or more, or a fine of \$500 or more. If the offense is not listed in the Manual for Courts Martial (Table of Maximum Punishment) or is not closely related to an offense listed there, apply the maximum punishment authorized by the U.S. Code or the District of Columbia Code, whichever is lesser. This restriction is only subject to the current contract and extension to that contract.

(12) Have no more than two NJPs on current contract. However, a CG level waiver may be required upon any reenlistment request for a member with a service history of more than two NJPs.

(13) Have a minimum proficiency and conduct mark average of 4.0/4.0 during the current contract and extension to that contract.

(14) Have no fitness report date gap of 31 days or more within the last five years or on the current contract, whichever period is greater.

(15) Have a current certified CRCR on file in the MCTFS. The CRCR certification date cannot exceed one year from the date of RELM submission.

(16) Not have been assigned to any alcohol treatment program, *during* the past 12 months. In these cases, Marines may request an extension for up to 12 months to allow them to complete their aftercare treatment programs and to allow the command to observe their performance and conduct. The observation period begins on the date Marine completes alcohol treatment. Career Planners must confirm the completion date of the In/Out patient or resident treatment. This restriction does not apply to Marines who volunteer for treatment and have no performance or conduct problems. Failures of the alcohol treatment program are ineligible for reenlistment.

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(17) Marines who are single parents and have custody of their children or dual military couples with dependents are required to comply with the requirements for maintaining current family care plans in the event of mobilization/deployment/TAD.

(18) Must not fall under the Lautenberg Amendment (Firearms Prohibitions and Domestic Violence Convictions). Every domestic violence case must be endorsed by the MSC Staff Judge Advocate. Refer to the current directives in regards to domestic violence.

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First Term. In addition to the basic reenlistment prerequisites, Marines serving on their initial enlistments, including extensions of the initial enlistments, must meet the following additional prerequisites prior to reenlistment:

(1) Must have one year or including extensions of contract for an early 'reenlistment less remaining on the current contract, This may be waived if the Marine qualifies

(2) Must be a high school graduate or alternate credential holder.

Career Marines. Marines who have previously reenlisted must meet all the basic reenlistment prerequisites. Any disqualifying factor for which the Marine was previously granted a reenlistment waiver by RA-RCT will not, in itself, disqualify the Marine from reenlistment. However, such disqualifying factors will be considered in evaluating the whole Marine.

(1) Must have one year or less remaining on their current contract, including extensions of current contract. This may be waived if qualified for an early reenlistment.

(2) Marines must request retirement 14 to 4 months prior to the desired retirement date or service limits.

(a) All Marines except AR will request transfer to the Reserve Retired List from CMC (MMSR-5). SMCR, IRR and IMA reserve component Marines must have sufficient contractual time to request transfer to the Reserve Retired List once contractual time is granted by RA-RCT.

(b) Retirement eligible AR Marines may request transfer to the

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Fleet Marine Corps Reserve (FMCR) from the CMC (MMSR-2). Contractual time is not needed for AR Marines.

(c) Marines who have previously submitted a request for retirement must request cancellation of their retirement orders via MMSR prior to being given reenlistment authorization. The Marine must also agree to reenlist for a minimum period of two years from the date that retirement orders are canceled (service limits apply).

On-Contract Waiver of Reenlistment Prerequisites

(1) Marines requesting reenlistment who do not meet basic reenlistment prerequisites contained in this Order may request consideration for a reenlistment waiver, unless the waiver is requested for a non-waiverable prerequisite. All waiver requests will be forwarded via the chain of command from the individual to CMC (RA-RCT).

(2) Waivers of reenlistment prerequisites are authorized only per guidelines established by this Order. The whole Marine" concept will be employed to provide an objective evaluation of each waiver request. In each case, the needs of the Marine Corps will take precedence. The waiver process is not intended to be an administrative process to reenlist unqualified Marines. Consider the Marine's entire record when deciding a Marine's overall potential for further service. When evaluating a Marine's value to the Marine Corps, use the following criteria:

- (a) Overall performance, past and present.
- (b) Individual initiative towards correcting the basis for ineligibility.
- (c) Future potential as a career Marine.

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The following may be waived:

- (a) Court-martial conviction.
- (b) Conviction by civilian authorities.
- (c) More than two non-judicial punishments.
- (d) Less than a high school graduate or alternative credential holder.
- (e) Guilty of DUI/DWI.
- (f) Substantiated Level III or higher spouse/child abuse or neglect.

Reenlistment prerequisites that will NOT be waived are:

- (a) Confirmed illegal use, possession, sale, or distribution of a controlled substance.
- (b) Conscientious objector classification.
- (c) Proficiency and conduct mark average of less than 4.0/4.0 during current enlistment, including extensions.
- (d) Marine has submitted a request for retirement.
- (e) Marine with a domestic violence incident which falls under the purview of the Lautenberg Amendment. All potential Lautenberg cases must be reviewed by the Major Subordinate Command (MSC) Staff Judge Advocate (SJA).

Waiver Request Format

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Restrictions Affecting Further Service

Service Limitations

Service limitations in the Marine Corps Reserve (MCR) (excluding Active Reserve {AR} Marines) are based on two criteria: qualifying service and total federal service.

(1) A qualifying year (satisfactory year (sat year) of federal service is defined as a year of federal service qualifying for retirement when a Reserve Marine is credited with a minimum of 50 Reserve retirement points during an anniversary year.

(2) Total federal service is defined as the sum of all periods of time during which the Reserve Marine is a member of the Armed Forces (in most cases this is based on Pay Entry based date {PAY ENTRY BASED DATE {PEBD}}).

b. All service spent as Prior Service Other Service (PSOS) time will be considered when determining service limits in the MCR.

c. The grade held determines the number of years of service authorized.

(1) The following depicts MCR service limitations by grade at the time of reenlistment, to include the period of reenlistment/extension contemplated:

GRADE	LIMIT OF SERVICE
Cpl	8 years qualifying service
Sgt	13 years qualifying service
SSgt	20 years qualifying service
GySgt	22 years qualifying service
1stSgt/MSgt	27 years qualifying service
SgtMaj/MGysgt	30 years total federal service

NOTE: 30 Years total federal service, applies to all ranks as a maximum service limitation. The CMC may grant additional contractual service when a Marine applying for reenlistment or extension does not exceed the number of total qualifying years of federal service for grade.

(2) Waivers of the service limitations detailed in paragraph 1c above, may be granted in exceptional cases and only

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where there is a critical Marine Corps need by grade and MOS. Waivers must be requested from the RA/RCT.

The service limits for AR Marines are contained in the AR order.

Maximum Age Limitations

a. Reenlistment/extension will not normally be approved for a period which will result in service past the last day of the month in which the applicant will attain age 60, except where the SNCO has more than 18 qualifying years and will not become eligible for transfer to the Reserve Retired List prior to attaining age 60.

b. Additional service for Marines who meet the requirements of paragraph 1 above may be authorized to the first day of the month following the Marine's 62nd birthday.

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