

**SUBJECT: Current DOD policy for computing SRB payment for extensions under Contingency Deployment Conditions**

1. References:

A. AR 601-280, Army Retention Program, 31 Mar 99

B. Policy Message 05-12, dated 7 March 2005, Extension under Contingency Deployment Conditions

C. Department of Defense Directive 1341.21, paragraph E1.4.4.3.2

2. The Department of the Army has changed its current policy with regards to computing payment of a Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB). In accordance with DOD Directive 1341.21, paragraph E1.4.4.3.2, **the Army will forgive up to 24 months of an unserved period of an extension of enlistment for any soldier who extended under the provisions of 4-9j.**

3. Soldiers who have already reenlisted after extending under the provisions of 4-9j have been identified. DFAS was provided a list of approximately 1127 soldiers who may have been affected by the deployment type extension. Finance will recalculate these soldier's bonuses and forgive up to 24 months of extended previously obligated service.

4. After 30 April 2005 send a hotline to EIS for any soldier who was overlooked. Send to EIS, Subject: 4-9j and provide the soldier's Name, SSN, Extension Code, ETS before Extension, Months Extended, ETS After Extension, ETS Before Reenlistment, reenlistment date, and bonus type.

5. For all reenlistments executed after this message, Career Counselors will follow regulatory guidance in AR 601-280, paragraph 5-7(a) and (b) to compute previous and additional obligated service. Effective immediately use the example below to indicate on the DD Form 4/1 which part of service to consider previously obligated or additionally obligated service in regards to bonus computation.

**Example: Item 8b should read: SRB X.XX, MOS XXXXX, XX months previously obligated service, XX months additional obligated service.**

6. Bonus Computation.

a. An SRB is paid only for additionally obligated service and any time remaining on the extension that is executed is considered previously obligated service.

1. Extensions are still considered previously obligated service for bonus computations. Exceptions stated in Paragraph 5-7, AR 601-280.

2. For SRB computation the Army will forgive up to 24 months of an unserved period of an extension of enlistment for any soldier who extended under the provisions of 4-9j. Unlike the BEAR program, there is no provision on when the reenlistment must take place.

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