

DoD Civilian Retiree ID Card Termination

The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness memorandum dated February 17, 2023, "Department of Defense Civilian Retiree Identification Card Termination," terminated issuance of new DoD Civilian Retiree Identification (ID) cards. Previously issued DoD Civilian Retiree ID cards will expire August 31, 2023. The termination of the DoD Civilian ID card does not impact any DoD civilian retiree benefits or privileges, to include limited morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR) facilities access authorized by installation commanders.

Advancements in installation security access control systems and procedures, as well as the implementation of the REAL ID Act, required the termination of the DoD Civilian Retiree ID Card. Procedures for access to DoD installations are established in Volume 3 of DoD Manual 5200.08, "Physical Security Program: Access to DoD Installations," and require all persons seeking such access to establish their identity, fitness, and purpose. Personnel must present an acceptable credential, such as a REAL ID Act-compliant ID or driver's license, and establish their fitness as described in Volume 3. Pursuant to Volume 3, personnel must also document an acceptable purpose for their presence on an installation.

DoD civilian retirees who have their retirement document (Standard Form-50, Notification of Personnel Action, or other official DoD agency civilian employee retirement document) may enroll their REAL ID Act-compliant driver's license for future use at the installation Visitor Control Center. The retirement document is proof of purpose to facilitate installation access at installations where the commander has authorized limited MWR privileges to DoD civilian retirees and is only required at the time of enrollment. DoD civilian retirees can request replacement retirement documentation from their local Human Resources office or the Civilian Personnel Records office at the National Archives and Records Administration National Personnel Records Center.

The combination of the REAL ID Act compliant ID or driver's license and the retirement document is the Department's approved alternative to the DoD Civilian Retiree ID Card. DoD does not plan to issue or reissue a new ID card to any DoD civilian retiree. DoD ID cards issued to retired Service members and their family members are unaffected by this action.

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References:

- (a) Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Department of Defense Civilian Retiree Identification Card Termination," February 17, 2023
- (b) Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Department of Defense (DoD) Civilian Retiree Identification (ID) Cards," August 26, 2007