



Key Takeaways

- DOD Civilian Retiree ID cards are being phased out.
- Current cards are valid through Aug. 31, 2023.
- Retirees will continue to have limited MWR privileges at the discretion of the installation commander.
- A REAL ID and a retirement document are the new requirements to access limited MWR facilities.
- As with all other individuals seeking installation access, civilian retirees are subject to a one-time background check (e.g., criminal records, terrorism) before being granted access.
- After initial enrollment, retirees only need their REAL ID to enter the installation.
- Enrollment is necessary at each individual installation.
- Enrollment is valid for three years or one year after the last visit to the installation. If a retiree's REAL ID expires, the retiree will need to reenroll with a new REAL ID.
- DOD ID cards issued to retired service members and their family members are not affected by this change.

Termination of the DOD Civilian Retiree Identification Card

Background

The Defense Department has stopped issuing new DOD Civilian Retiree identification (ID) cards and will no longer renew existing cards. Advancements in installation security access control systems and procedures, and the implementation of the REAL ID Act, have necessitated the termination of the DOD Civilian Retiree ID card. Previously issued cards will remain valid through Aug. 31, 2023.

Highlights

The termination of the DOD Civilian Retiree ID card does not impact any DOD civilian retiree benefits or privileges. DOD civilian retirees will continue to have limited morale, welfare and recreation facility privileges when authorized by an installation commander. The combination of a REAL ID Act-compliant ID or driver's license and a retirement document (either Standard Form-50, Notification of Personnel Action or other official DOD agency civilian employee retirement document) is the alternative for enrollment for installation access at the installation visitor control center. The retirement document is proof of purpose to facilitate installation access and is only needed at the time of enrollment. Once enrolled at an installation, DOD civilian retirees need only their REAL ID-compliant driver's license for return visits to the installation. DOD civilian retirees may request retirement documents from their local human resources office or the Civilian Personnel Records Office at the National Archives and Records Administration National Personnel Records Center.

Additional Information

Visit your state's driver's licensing agency website to find out what documentation is required to obtain a REAL ID.



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