

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN RETIREE IDENTIFICATION CARD FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense has announced that Department of Defense Civilian Retirees are now authorized issuance of the Chipless Common Access Card upon retirement. Civilian Retirees can obtain the card from one of the 1,500 Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System (RAPIDS) facilities worldwide. For the RAPIDS facility closest to you please visit <http://www2.dmdc.osd.mil/rs1>

Q: What is the purpose of the card?

A: Since many retired DOD civilians have no way of identifying their association with the Department of Defense, this card provides them with a trusted credential to establish their identity and affiliation. Some, but not all, military installations allow retired civilians access to MWR facilities. The installation commander retains the authority to restrict access to MWR facilities for reasons such as local demand, facility capacity and security concerns.

Q: Who is eligible to receive the card?

A: Civilians who have retired from any DOD Service Component or Agency. Civilian retirees from other Federal agencies are not eligible.

Q: I am retired from the Military and I am now retiring from Civil Service, am I entitled to this card also?

A: No.

Q: Are my dependents entitled to a retiree Chipless CAC?

A: No. Civilian retiree dependents must go to pass and ID to obtain an ID card.

Q: Does this card expire?

A: Yes. It is renewable every 4 years.

Q: What do I need to bring?

A: You must bring the SF-50. You will also be required to provide two acceptable forms of identification. Visit <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-9.pdf> for acceptable forms of ID.

Q: Who may I contact if my retirement record does not show in DEERS?

A: You may contact the Civilian Benefits Information Line by email at benefits@cpms.osd.mil or
by phone at (703) 696-6301.

Q: Does this card authorize me access to official DOD computer networks?

A: No. The card is only good for base entry and MWR use if authorized by the installation commander.