

TERA/IDES Checklist



USMC Wounded Warrior Regiment

- The member must receive and accept the unfit PEB findings.
- Upon accepting the PEB findings, the PEBLO must be made aware of the option to elect the TERA to supply the member with a DES waiver.
- The DES waiver must be signed by the Referring Physician or PCM, IDES Attorney (any JAG can sign), and the PEBLO.
- Once signed, the PEBLO must return the DES waiver to the member. The DES waiver is not submitted to the PEB by the PEBLO. MMSR4 will submit the DES waiver once the TERA package is approved.
- The member will proceed to their command, and have their S-1 or Career Planner initiate an AA form requesting the TERA with the desired date. For enlisted, 31 August 2018 will be the FY18 deadline, and 1 September 2018 for officers.
- Once the TERA package and DES waiver are prepared and signed, they must accompany each other to MMSR4.
- Once MMSR4 receives the TERA package and DES waiver, the TERA package will be forwarded through the proper channels for approval. Once approved, MMSR4 will forward the DES waiver to the PEB for IDES disenrollment.
- Once the IDES case is disenrolled, and the TERA date is posted, the member must transfer their IDES claim to a Benefits Delivery at Discharge claim, or Quick start claim.
- The member must understand that there may a slight delay in receiving VA compensation through BDD/Quick Start versus the IDES process. A slight delay in VA benefits is well worth the wait understanding the gamble of losing their medical retirement benefits through the TDRL re-evaluation process exists.

Note: A Marine can apply for TERA before their 15 year anniversary, as long as they have 15 years of active service by the FY 18 deadline.

Note: Marines must transfer their post 9/11 GI Bill benefits prior to being approved for TERA.