

The Survivor Benefit Plan 2023 Active Duty/Line of Duty Optional Annuity for Dependent Children Elimination & Annuity Reversion to Surviving Spouses

What Happens in 2023

Please see our special focus webpage for FAQs: <https://www.dfas.mil/sbp2023childoptrev>

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 repealed the authority for the Optional Annuity for Dependent Children for Active Duty/Line of Duty survivors beginning January 1, 2023.

This means for the surviving spouse of an Active Duty/Line of Duty member who requested to have the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity paid directly to an eligible dependent child or children, the annuity will revert to the surviving spouse beginning in 2023 (if she or he submits documentation and is eligible). The first SBP monthly annuity payment of the reversion will be on **February 1, 2023**.

Please note: The Optional Annuity for Dependent Children is only allowed when the service member died on active or inactive duty, in the line of duty, after October 7, 2001. *This does NOT affect SBP payments for spouses or children of service members who retired prior to passing away.*

2023 SBP Optional Child Annuity Elimination
& Reversion to Surviving Spouse



**Eligible
Surviving
Spouse**

**FIRST SBP MONTHLY
PAYMENT WILL BE
FEB 1, 2023**

**IF DOCUMENTED AS
ELIGIBLE**

If you are the SURVIVING SPOUSE of an Active Duty/Line of Duty member and you requested to have the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity paid directly to an eligible dependent child or children, here is what you need to do:

Fill out and return the completed eligibility packet DFAS mailed OR **download the packet** from this webpage <https://www.dfas.mil/sbp2023childoptrev>, fill it out and return the completed packet to DFAS as soon as possible. Specific instructions are included in the packet. If you are not sure if you are eligible, please fill out and return the eligibility packet so DFAS can research your eligibility. For surviving spouses who submit documentation and are eligible, the first SBP monthly annuity payment they will receive will be **February 1, 2023**.

2023 SBP Optional Child Annuity Elimination
& Reversion to Surviving Spouse



**Eligible Child
SBP Annuitant**
Currently Receiving
SBP Monthly Payment
Because of Optional
Child Annuity

**LAST SBP MONTHLY
PAYMENT WILL BE
JAN 3, 2023**

**UNLESS SURVIVING SPOUSE
DOCUMENTED AS
NOT ELIGIBLE**

For CHILD SBP ANNUITANTS who are currently receiving the SBP monthly annuity payment because the surviving spouse requested the "Optional Child Annuity," here is what you need to know:

Your SBP monthly annuity payments will be suspended after your **January 3, 2023** payment **unless** DFAS receives documentation that the surviving spouse is not eligible (deceased or not eligible due to remarriage before age 55). If DFAS receives documentation that the surviving spouse is not eligible, your SBP monthly annuity payments can continue as long as you are eligible. If DFAS receives documentation that the surviving spouse is eligible, the SBP monthly annuity payments will revert to the surviving spouse beginning February 1, 2023. DFAS will mail you information on the expected status of the 2023 SBP annuity during the fall of 2022.

Note: Dec 2022 SBP payments
will be made on Jan 3, 2023.
Jan 2023 payments will be made
on Feb 1, 2023.

SBP = Department of Defense (DoD) Survivor Benefit Plan
DFAS = Defense Finance and Accounting Service; the DoD agency
that processes Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) payments



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What Happens Between Now and 2023

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**Eligible Child
SBP Annuitant**
Currently Receiving
SBP Monthly Payment
Because of Optional
Child Annuity

**CONTINUE TO RECEIVE
SBP MONTHLY PAYMENTS
THROUGH JAN 3, 2023**

**AS LONG AS CHILD
ANNUITANT REMAINS
ELIGIBLE**

For CHILD SBP ANNUITANTS who are currently receiving the SBP monthly annuity payment because the surviving spouse requested the "Optional Child Annuity," here is what you need to know:

As long as you remain eligible, you will continue to receive your SBP monthly annuity payments **through January 3, 2023**. At that time, the SBP monthly annuity payments will revert to the surviving spouse, if they are documented as eligible.

If DFAS receives documentation that the surviving spouse is not eligible (either the surviving spouse is deceased or not eligible due to remarriage before age 55), your SBP monthly annuity payments can continue (as long as you are eligible). DFAS will mail you information on the expected status of the 2023 SBP annuity during the fall of 2022.

2023 SBP Optional Child Annuity Elimination
& Reversion to Surviving Spouse



**Eligible
Surviving
Spouse**

**FIRST SBP MONTHLY
PAYMENT WILL BE
FEB 1, 2023**

**IF DOCUMENTED AS
ELIGIBLE**

If you are the SURVIVING SPOUSE of an Active Duty/Line of Duty member and you requested to have the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity paid directly to an eligible dependent child or children, here is what you need to know:

If an eligible child (or children) is currently receiving the SBP monthly annuity payments, they will continue to receive the SBP monthly payments through Jan. 3, 2023 (as long as they remain eligible). If the SBP annuity is currently suspended because the child is no longer eligible, it will remain suspended until your first payment on February 1, 2023.

If you submit documentation to DFAS that shows you are eligible, you will receive your first SBP monthly annuity payment on **February 1, 2023**. Please submit your documentation as soon as possible.

If you submit documentation to DFAS that shows you are not eligible, the eligible child can continue to receive the SBP annuity payments after January 3, 2023.

Helpful DFAS Webpages for SBP Annuitants

**SBP-DIC Offset Phased
Elimination News**

www.dfas.mil/sbpdicnews

**SBP 2023 Optional Child
Annuity reversion**

www.dfas.mil/sbp2023childoptrev

DFAS Facebook

www.facebook.com/DFASOfficial

Manage your SBP annuity

www.dfas.mil/managesbp

School certifications

www.dfas.mil/schoolcerts

myPay

<https://mypay.dfas.mil>

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