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**SUBJECT:** Civil Service Annuity Adjustment and Military Retirement or Survivor's Benefit Deduction

**REFERENCES:** [IC 6-3-2-3.7](#); [IC 6-3-2-4](#)

**EFFECTIVE:** The increased military pay deduction for military retirement and survivor's benefits is effective for income received on or after January 1, 2008.

**Civil Service Annuity Adjustment**

[IC 6-3-2-3.7](#) allows a deduction for a portion of a federal civil service annuity. In order to qualify for the civil service annuity adjustment, the taxpayer must be at least 62 years old at the close of the tax year and have received a civil service annuity includable in adjusted gross income while a resident of Indiana.

The allowable adjustment is equal to the federal civil service annuity received up to a maximum of \$2,000 minus the total amount of Social Security and tier 1 and tier 2 railroad retirement benefits received while a resident of Indiana.

Example. A full-year Indiana resident who received a civil service annuity of \$6,000 was 66 years old and received railroad retirement benefits of \$1,300. The taxpayer received no other income during the year.

The taxpayer would be entitled to a civil service annuity adjustment of \$700, computed by subtracting the \$1,300 railroad retirement benefits from the first \$2,000 of civil service annuity received.

Example. A part-year Indiana resident received a civil service annuity of \$5,000 and Social Security benefits totaling \$1,800. The taxpayer **was** 66 years old, and established residence in Indiana at that time.

During the eight months that the taxpayer was a resident of Indiana, he received a \$3,000 civil service annuity and \$1,200 in Social Security benefits. The taxpayer received no other income during the year.

The taxpayer would be entitled to a civil service annuity adjustment of \$800 computed by subtracting the \$1,200 Social Security benefits received while a resident of Indiana from the first \$2,000 of civil service annuity received while a resident of Indiana.

**Military Service Deduction for Military Retirement or Survivor's Benefits**

[IC 6-3-2-4](#) allows a deduction for military retirement pay or survivor's benefits received as a result of the individual's active or reserve service in the armed services.

In order to qualify for the military service deduction for military retirement or survivor's benefits, the taxpayer or surviving spouse must be at least 60 years of age on the last day of the tax year and have received military retirement or survivor's benefits while a resident of Indiana. The allowable adjustment is the amount of military or survivor's benefits received while a resident of Indiana and included in adjusted gross income. For taxable years ending before January 1, 2008, the maximum allowable deduction is \$2,000. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007, the maximum allowable deduction is \$5,000.

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