

# Stop Loss Application Deadline Extended

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Service members looking to receive due compensation for time they spent deployed beyond their original orders now have an extra two months to apply.

The deadline for eligible service members, veterans and their beneficiaries to apply for retroactive stop loss special pay has been extended to Dec. 3, 2010.

**To apply, or for more information on retroactive stop loss, including submission requirements and service-specific links, go to: <http://www.defense.gov/stoploss>.**

"It's important that all those eligible for this benefit take the opportunity to apply for what they've earned," said Lernes Hebert, acting director, Officer and Enlisted Personnel Management. "We encourage those eligible to apply as soon as possible, to avoid the last minute rush, which can increase processing time."

On-line submission provides a claim number, allows for automated status updates, and provides a means for the military service to contact the applicant.

If eligible members do not have internet access, they should print, complete and sign Department of Defense Form 2944, Claim for Retroactive Stop Loss Payment. Next, choose the appropriate method for submitting the claim form and available supporting documents based on your service specifications.

This information can be found on your service's [stop loss website](#).

The deadline extension is included in the continuing resolution signed by President Barack Obama yesterday, providing funding for federal government operations through Dec. 3.