How PPC Calculates Taxes on In-Service Debts Overview

Introduction

The presentation provides information on how PPC calculates the payment of taxes on In-Service debts.

Important Information

- Federal and state taxes vary based upon each individual member's elections and legal state of residence.
- There can be additional variations in taxes depending on changes to pay, changes to tax laws, and the member's tax elections, etc. Because of these variations, PPC bases calculations for taxes on what has actually been deducted.
- PPC does not use tax brackets (or other rates, etc.) to determine "payoff" amounts.
- PPC does not serve as an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or a certified tax professional.
- Any final tax adjustments will be processed when the member files their annual income taxes; and the IRS will determine the final balance considering tax brackets and other variables, as mentioned above.
- The member is responsible for ensuring the appropriate taxes are paid.

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Net Verses Gross Information

Introduction

This section provides General Examples information for paying off the Net amount verses the Gross amount.

Paying off the net amount is only possible if the entire overpayment was received in the current year.

Net Procedures See below.

Step	Data	
1	In this example, the member was overpaid \$1,000.00 for Basic Pay. Direct	
	Access (DA) had previously deducted an average of 14.8% (varies by member)	
	per paycheck for federal taxes (FITW). DA had previously deducted an average	
	of 9.2% (varies by member) per paycheck for state taxes (SITW). When	
	necessary, PPC calculates the member's average FITW and SITW based u	upon
	the 3 most recent end-of-month pay calendars.	
2	If the member calls PPC Customer Care to repay the lump-sum debt, the "pay-	
	off" amount will be calculated by PPC, as follows:	
	Current year taxable debt (Ex: Basic Pay) \$	1,000
	Minus federal taxes withheld (Ex: 14.8% *varies by member) \$-	- 148
	Minus state taxes withheld (Ex: 9.2% *varies by member)	<u>- 92</u>
	Net "pay-off" amount \$	760
3	After the member repays the debt in full, PPC will ensure the In-Service Debt is	
	closed and PPC will ensure tax accumulators are adjusted accordingly.	

Gross See below. **Procedures**

Step	Data	
1	In this example, the member was overpaid \$1,000.00 for Basic Pay in a previous	
	year. DA may have previously deducted taxes; however, PPC cannot adjust prior	
	year taxes (due to IRS laws). At the end of the year, the W-2 is finalized and the	
	IRS is in control of that money: PPC cannot get it back. The member must file	•
	their income taxes to reconcile with the IRS (i.e. tax credit / refund).	
2	Prior year taxable debt (Ex: Basic Pay) \$1,000	
	Taxes for prior year debts CANNOT be deducted \$-0	
	Gross "pay-off" amount \$1,000	1
3	After the member repays the debt in full, the member can request a Tax	
	Certificate that PPC will provide. The member can file the Tax Certificate along	
	with their end-of-year annual taxes to receive a tax credit. Consulting a tax	
	professional is recommended.	

Copy of Notice of Overpayment Email

Notice of Overpayment -

CMD-SMB-CG-PPC < CMD-SMB-CG-PPC@uscg.mil>

Mon 11/28/2022 1:47 PM

Cc: D05-SMB-BASEPORTS-SPO < D05-SMB-BASEPORTS-SPO@uscg.mi|>

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*** Please do not reply to this e-mail. Replies will be sent to an unmonitored e-mail and will not be read or responded to. ***

Good Day

Recently processed pay-related transactions have resulted in a \$2,038.50 overpayment. The attachment provides a breakdown of this overpayment

Coast Guard policy per USCG Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series), permits collection of this debt in installments through deduction from your pay. Under the statutes, the maximum monthly amount collected cannot exceed 15% of disposable pay. If repaid by installment, 31 U.S.C. 3717 requires interest and administrative charges assessed on all debts unless waived. We have waived these charges in your case, per paragraph 11-B-5 of the USCG Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series).

Repayment from your pay will begin at 15% installments of your available pay per month beginning I February 2023. The monthly amount could fluctuate base on your disposable income. Please notify your Command if you want to propose a different repayment schedule based upon your financial situation. A revised collection schedule must allow for collection of the debt before your separation. Repayment schedules for less than 10% of disposable pay will only be approved in cases of legitimate financial hardship. For these situations, you must provide a financial statement, Form CG-5489B. For lump sum repayment options, please see Chapter 9.4 of the Personnel and Pay Procedures Manual, PPCINST M1000.2 (series):

http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Portals/10/CG-1/PPC/gpgm/CHAP09.qdf. When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction.

If you retire prior to having your debt fully repaid, please be aware that the debt will be secured from your retired account until it is completely repaid. Personnel who are in a retired status are also subject to the 15% maximum withholding of disposable pay.

You have the right to inspect and copy government records and review all decisions related to the debt. For copies of government records and/or an explanation of the nature of the debt, contact your servicing SPO. You have the right to ask for a waiver or remission of the debt in accordance with sections 11-F and 11-G of the USCG Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series) and chapter 9 of the Personnel and Pay Procedures Manual, PPCINST M1000.2

(series). If separated early, we will collect any debt remaining at separation in lump sum from your final pay and allowances.

This is notice under 11 U.S.C. 342 should you contemplate relief under the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005. Should you file litigation, including action under Title 11, U.S. Code, you must include your Employee ID Number (cited on the attached Summary of Overpayment) on such filing. You must also provide notification of such filing to the following address: Commanding Officer (LGL), USCG Pay & Personnel Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591.

Payment options are as follows:

To pay by Debit Card: Contact PPC Customer Care, 866-772-8724 or 785-339-2200 (Do not submit debit card information via e-mail). Credit Cards not accepted.

If you desire to repay part or all of an in-service debt, mail a check, made out to U.S. Coast Guard, to PPC (FAR) with a copy of the Pay Slip or this email.

To pay by Check: Make check out to US Coast Guard and enter your EMPLID in the notes section.

Mail check to: Commanding Officer US Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center ATTN: FAR 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683

Payment options can also be found in the Personnel and Pay Procedures Manual (PPPM) Chapter 9.A:

http://www.dcms.uscg,mil/Portals/10/CG-1/PPC/pppm/CHAP09.pdf

Tax implications can also be found at PPC Guides below:

https://www.dcms.uscg.mii/Portals/10/CG-1/PPC/MAS/How%20PPC%20calculates%20t axes%20on%20ISD.pdf?ver=2018-08-28-092626-697

https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Portals/10/CG-1/PPC/MAS/Tax%20Implications%20for%2 0ISD.pdf?ver=2018-08-28-092623-887

https://www.dcms.uscg.mii/Portals/10/CG-1/PPC/MAS/Repayment%20of%20In%20Service%20Debt.pdf?ver=2018-08-28-092622-447

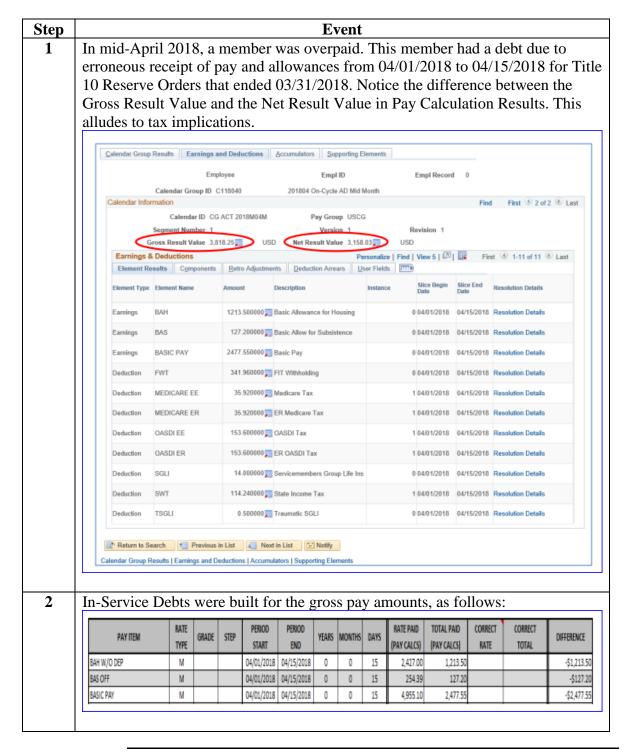
Breakdown of Overpayment

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This section provides a breakdown of an overpayment and the tax implications.

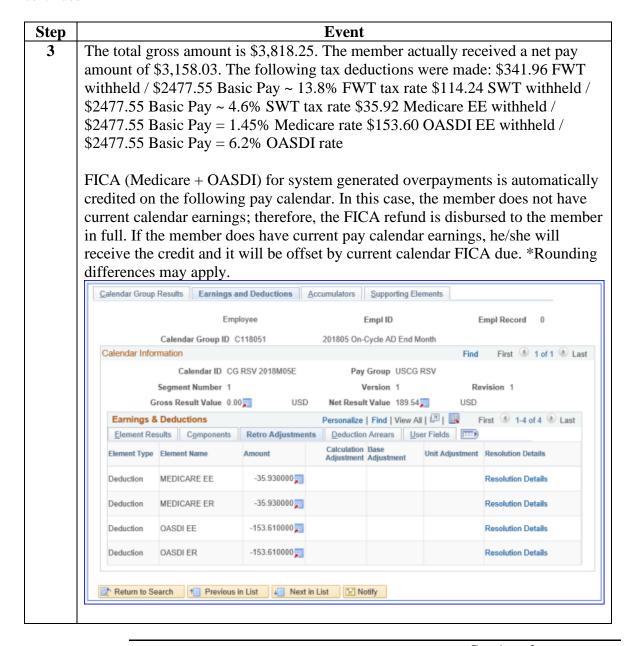
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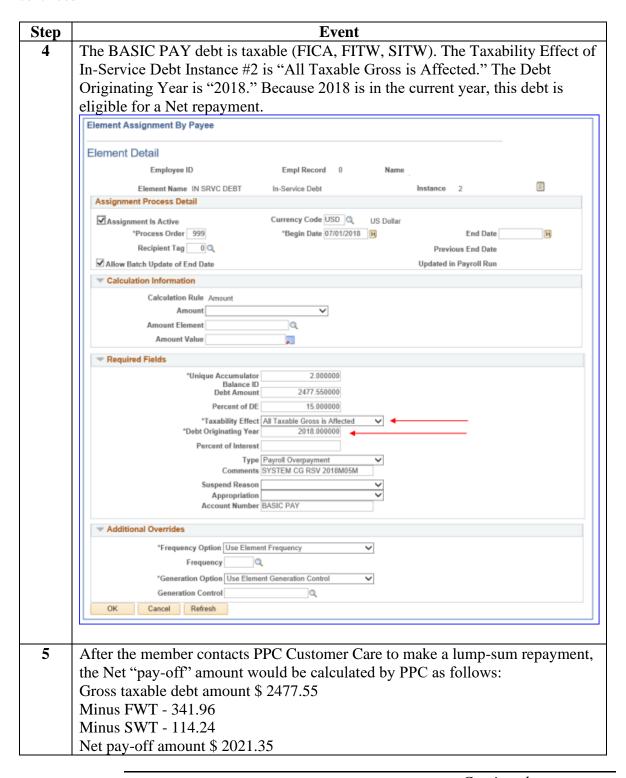
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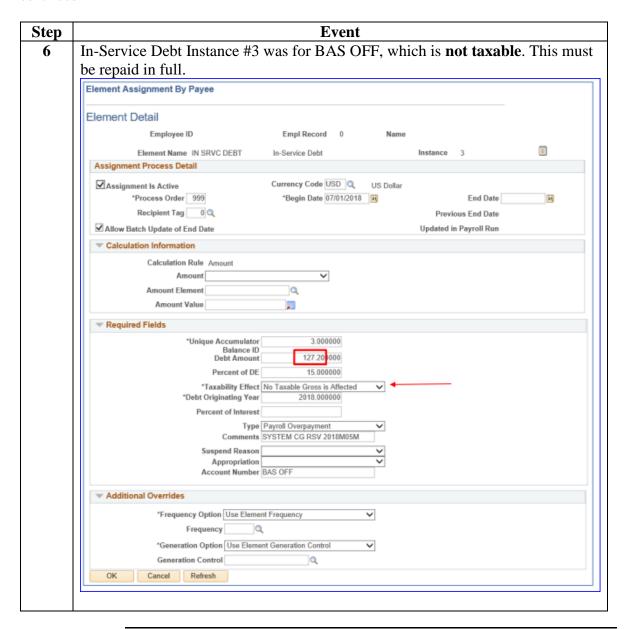
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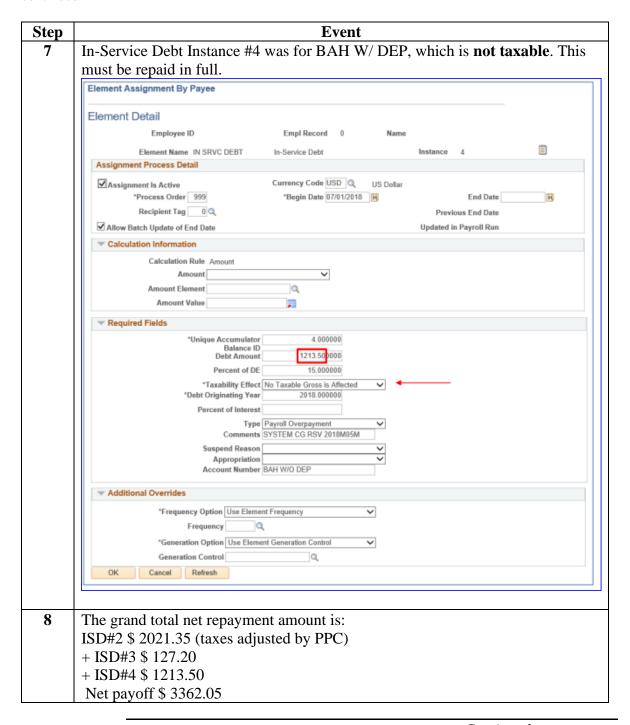
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Step	Event
9	Alternately, the member may choose to allow payroll deductions to repay the
	debt incrementally per pay period. The FICA credit will process in the same
	manner, i.e. on the pay calendar following the system generated debt. All payroll
	deductions applied to taxable debts in the current calendar year/debt originating
	year will automatically generate the corresponding incremental FWT and SWT
	credits and apply them to the member's pay. However, any portion of the taxable
	debt that is NOT paid off by the end of the debt originating year, will NOT
	receive FWT and SWT credits for repayments received in subsequent years. A
	tax certificate can be requested for subsequent year repayments once the debt is
	paid in full.

Tax Certificate Memo Example



Commanding Officer United States Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center

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25 Jan 2018

MEMORANDUM

From: A. B. Spinolli, CWO2 CG PPC (mas)

O. J. Simpson, LTJG CG AIRFAC Muskegon To:

TAX CERTIFICATE Subj:

Ref: (a) Publication 5, IRS Circular E (Employer's Tax Guide)

- This is to certify you have made payments to the U. S. Coast Guard, IRS tax ID # 52-9981234, totaling \$12,345.67 in calendar year 2018 for an overpayment of earnings issued in the 2017 calendar year. The \$12,345.67 has not been deducted from your current year taxable wages.
- 2. Per reference (a), this certificate is provided for filing with your annual income tax return. You may be entitled to a deduction (or credit in some cases) for the repaid wages on your income tax retu for the year of repayment. We suggest that you contact a tax consultant or the Internal Revenue Serv if you need assistance. Please retain this certificate for filing with your tax return.