Divorce, Annulment or Death of a Dependent

Overview

Introduction

There are three areas in Direct Access (DA) that need to be updated **in sequence** when a member reports a change in status due to a divorce, annulment, or death of a spouse or dependent.

Important Information

SGLI and/or FSGLI needs to be updated as soon as possible by the member. Please inform the member to update this information through the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Online Enrollment System (SOES) before proceeding in DA.

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Dependent Information

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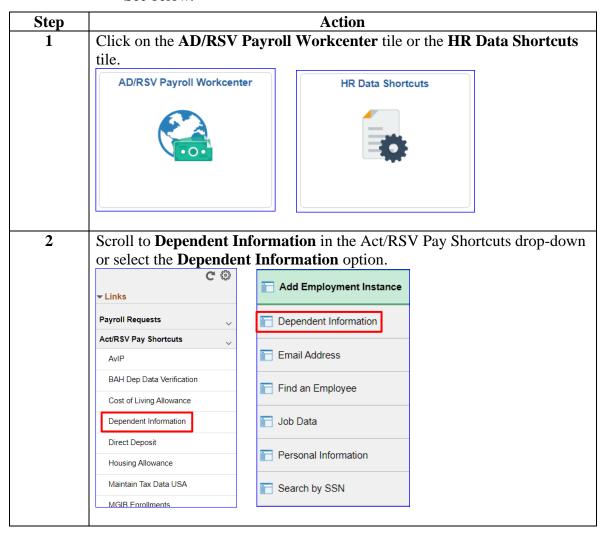
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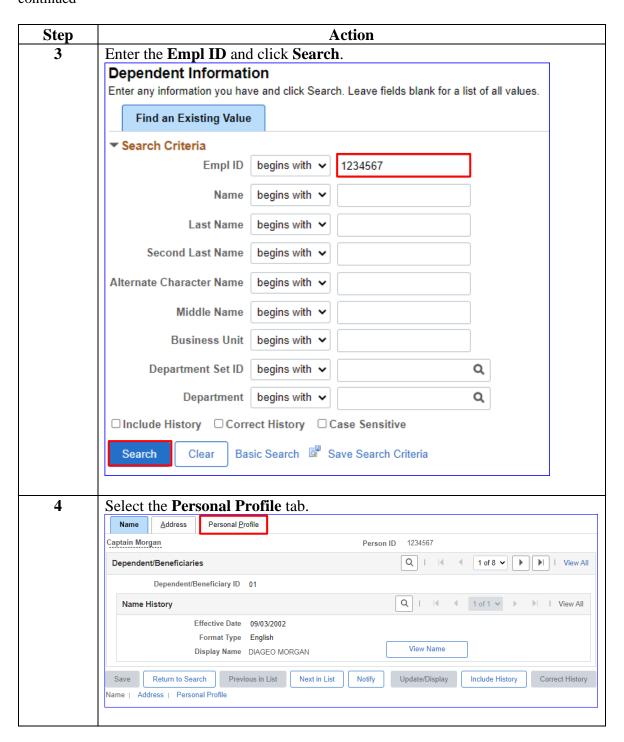
- Dependents are not deleted from the member's record when their status changes.
- When a divorce is reported, a new row is entered, and the relationship is changed to Ex-Spouse.
- When a death is reported, the relationship is changed to Former Spouse.
- In cases where stepchildren are involved, a new row is added with the date of the divorce, the relationship stays the same, BUT the BAH eligibility must be reviewed to make sure the box is not checked.

Procedures

See below.

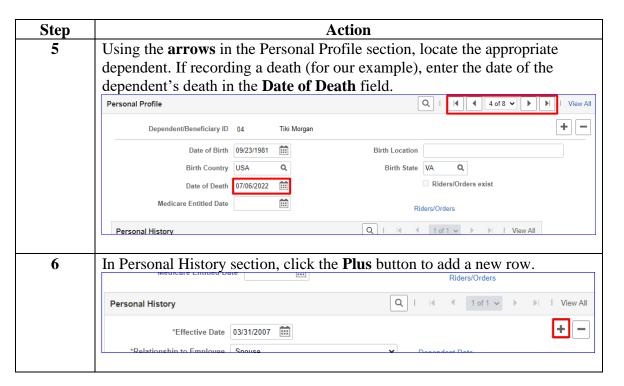


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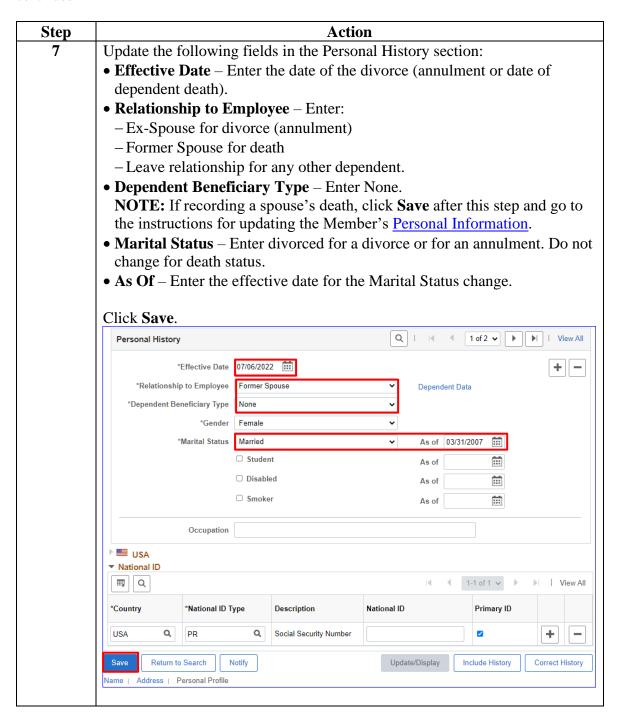
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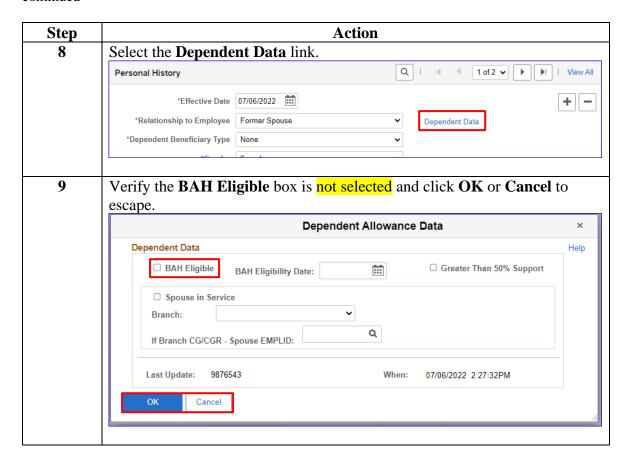
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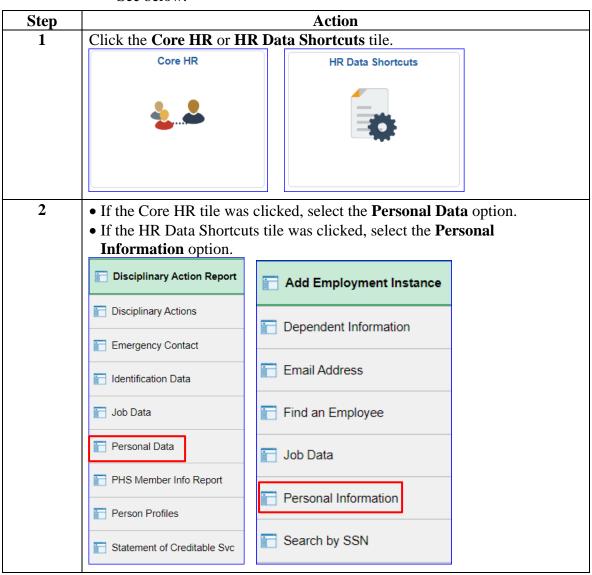


Personal Data/Information

Introduction This section provides the procedures for updating a member's marital

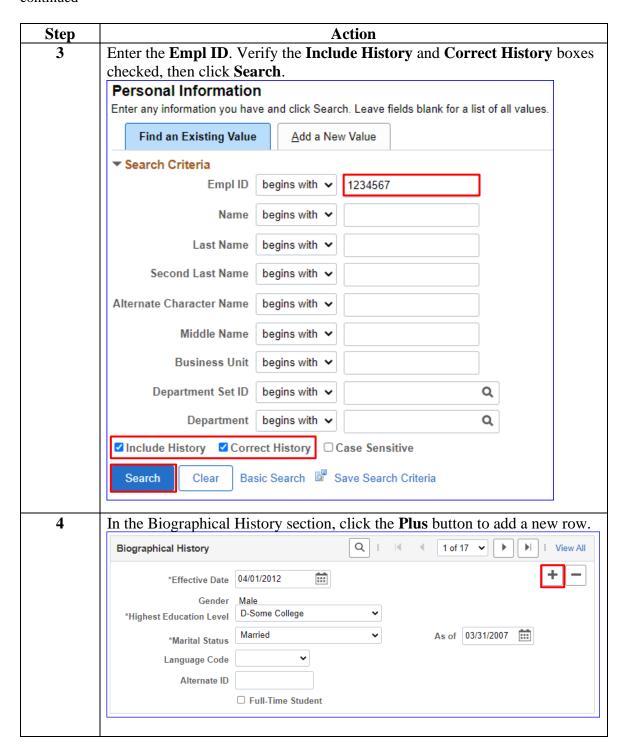
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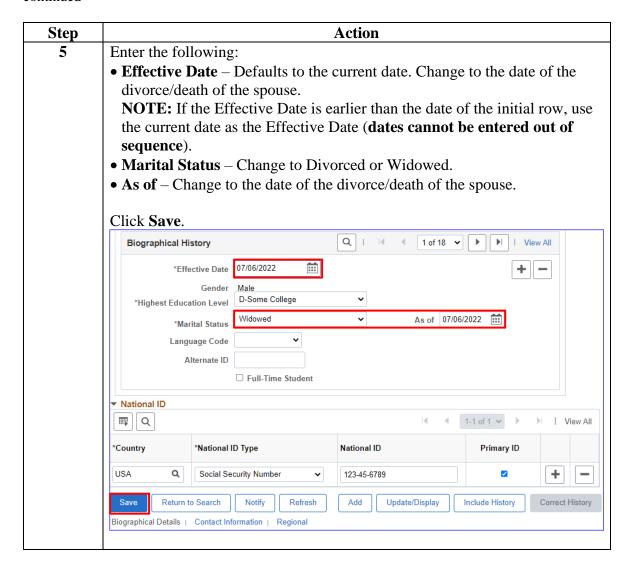
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Entitlement Information

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- If the member has no remaining BAH eligible dependents (e.g. no children or is divorced and is not the primary custodian of a dependent child), BAH and COLA entitlements need to be changed from With Dependents to Without Dependents.
- Members paying child support may be eligible for BAH-Child. Please refer to the below links for guidance on determining and updating pay entitlements.
- The following references provide additional information about Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) and Cost of Living Allowances (COLA):
 - Joint Travel Regulations (JTR)
 - -U.S. Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29D (series)
 - -PPC Procedures & Development Webpage SPO/PSI Allowances
- Effective dates for entitlement entries and additional steps for Reserve members are discussed below.

Entitlement Effective Dates

Effective Stop Dates:

- BAH entitlement at the With-dependents rate **stops at 2400** on the date of the spouse's death or the date of the divorce if the member's spouse was the sole BAH eligible dependent.
- In the case of an annulment, BAH With-dependents **stops the day PRIOR** to the annulment decree.
- Entitlement to COLA at the With-dependents rate also terminates at the same time as mentioned above.

Effective Start Dates:

BAH or COLA – Use the date of the day **AFTER the date** of death of the spouse or the date of the divorce.

Entitlement Information, Continued

Additional steps for Reserve Members If the member is a Reservist who has completed 20 years satisfactory service, and at the same time elected to cover his/her spouse under the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP), then the Reservist needs to take the following action:

If the	Then the Reservist	Actions to take
Spouse is lost due to	may	
Death	(a) Suspend/Terminate RCSBP coverage	(a) Send a copy of the spouse's death certificate to PPC (RAS).
	(b) Resume RCSBP coverage if Reservist later remarries	(b) Complete a new Form CG-11221, electing coverage for the new spouse. Form must be completed within one year of remarriage: Section VII shall be annotated to reflect a change to the original 20-year RCSBP election. A copy of the CG-11221 must be filed in the SPO PDR. The original (new) CG-11221, death certificate, and/or marriage certificate must be sent to PPC (RAS).
Divorce or Annulment	(a) Suspend RCSBP coverage	(a) Send a copy of the divorce decree to PPC (RAS).
	(b) Voluntarily elect to cover the former spouse under RCSBP	(b) Complete a new Form CG-11221, electing former spouse coverage. Form must be completed within one year of divorce: Section VII shall be annotated to reflect a change to the original 20-year RCSBP election. A copy of the CG-11221 must be filed in the SPO PDR. The original (new) CG-11221, death certificate, and/or marriage certificate must be sent to PPC (RAS).
	(c) Later remarry and elect to cover the new spouse under RCSBP	(c) Complete a new Form CG-11221, electing coverage for the new spouse. Form must be completed within one year of remarriage: Section VII shall be annotated to reflect a change to the original 20-year RCSBP election. A copy of the CG-11221 must be filed in the SPO PDR. The original (new) CG-11221, death certificate, and/or marriage certificate must be sent to PPC (RAS).