## **Understanding My Payslip Leave Summary**

### **Overview**

#### Introduction

This guide provides an understanding and field descriptions of the My Payslip Leave Summary and information concerning Special Leave Accrual (SLA).

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## **Leave Summary**

The **Leave Summary** is located in the lower section of the Payslip.

LEAVE SUMMA	ARY	
Begin Regular Leave Balance	80.0	
+ Regular Leave Earned	2.5	
- Regular Leave Used	0.0	
- Regular Leave Lost	0.0	
- Regular Leave Sold	0.0	
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End Regular Leave Balance	82.5	
End Reserve Leave Balance	0.0	
End Combat Exempt Balance	0.0	
End Special Leave Carryover Balance	23.0	
Regular Leave Sold (Career-to-date)	60.0	

#### **Field Descriptions**

Field	Description
Begin Regular	This is the current month's starting leave balance. This should
Leave Balance	match up to the End Regular Leave Balance from the prior month's Payslip. If the Begin Regular Leave Balance does not match and the member is unaware of a manual adjustment by PPC, please contact the member's Personnel & Admin (P&A) Office for
	further review.
	<b>Note 1:</b> It is important to be aware of the Fiscal Year (FY) leave carry over limitation policy that could reduce the leave balance to 60 days on 1 OCT of each year. See Regular Leave Lost.
	Note 2: Special Leave Accrual (SLA) days are stored in the Regular Leave Balance/End Regular Leave Balance until used.
	See End Special Leave Carryover Balance.
Regular Leave Earned	This is the amount of leave earned during the pay period covered by the Payslip.

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## Leave Summary, Continued

# **Field Descriptions**, continued

Field	Description
Regular Leave Used	This is the number of days of leave charged during the pay period covered by the Payslip. Depending on when the leave was approved in Direct Access (DA), the leave dates charged could be from prior pay periods. <b>Example:</b> Payslip for period 2/1/19 to 2/15/19 could show leave for 1/18/19, even though that date is not within the Payslip period.
Regular Leave Lost	This number indicates any leave days lost at the beginning of a new FY (10/1/YY). This normally only appears on the Mid-October Payslip each year (if applicable).
Regular Leave Sold	This is the number of leave days sold during the covered pay period. The actual sale of the leave could have taken place during a prior pay period. <b>Example:</b> Current Payslip is for 10/1/18 to 10/15/18 but the actual sale took place upon re-enlistment on 9/18/18.
End Regular Leave Balance	This is calculated by adding the Begin Regular Leave Balance and the Regular Leave Earned; then subtracting any Regular Leave Used, Regular Leave Lost, and Regular Leave Sold. If the End Regular Leave Balance does not match and the member is unaware of a manual adjustment by PPC, please contact the member's P&A Office for further review.
	Note: Special Leave Accrual (SLA) days are stored in the Regular Leave Balance/End Regular Leave Balance until used. See End Special Leave Carryover Balance.
End Reserve Leave Balance	This is the amount of leave a Reserve member has earned while on Active Duty for 30 or more consecutive days but not more than 365 consecutive days, or on Active Duty for contingency orders. When a Reserve member uses leave, this amount will be lowered by the number of days used. Reserve members on qualifying Active Duty will earn Reserve leave at a rate of 2.5 days per month. If the Reserve member earns leave during the period covered by the current Payslip, the amount earned will be added to the End Reserve Leave Balance.

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# Leave Summary, Continued

# Field Descriptions, continued

Field	Description
End Combat Exempt Balance	This is the amount of Combat Exempt Leave days the member has available. When a member uses leave, this amount will be lowered by the number of days used. Members in a qualified zone will earn Combat Exempt Leave at the rate of 2.5 days per month. If a member earns leave during the period covered by the Payslip, the amount earned will be added to the End Combat Exempt Balance.
End Special Leave Carryover Balance	This is the total number of days of Special Leave Accrual (SLA) a member has. SLA Leave days are stored in the Regular Leave Balance/End Regular Leave Balance.  Note: SLA is only updated once a year during the End of FY processing. For example, if this member used all 23 days of their SLA in Feb 2019, they would not see the End Special Leave Carryover Balance reflect zero until their mid-month October 2019 Payslip.
Regular Leave Sold (Career-to-Date)	Number of days the member has sold during their career.

## **Special Leave Accrual (SLA)**

#### Reference

(a) Military Assignments and Authorized Absences, COMDTINST M1000.8A (series)

#### **Questions & Answers**

Question	Answer
Who is authorized SLA?	Members who meet the criteria under sub-paragraphs 1 through 5 of Article 2-A-15b of reference (a).
When is SLA credited?	SLA is normally credited during April of the following year. <b>Example:</b> Leave lost on 09/30/18 will normally be credited back to the leave balance during April 2019.
How does SLA affect my leave balance?	SLA Leave days are stored in the Regular Leave Balance; however, to manage SLA, the system uses "buckets" for each respective Fiscal Year (FY). These "buckets" contain no leave but do contain the number of leave days included in the member's current Regular Leave Balance that are protected from loss due to the 60 days maximum leave carry over from one FY to the next FY.
How do I use my SLA?	Members earn 30 days of leave per FY. Used leave is first deducted from the current FY 30 days of leave, <b>no matter what month within the current FY the leave is used</b> . Leave is then deducted from other categories (i.e., SLA) only after the 30 days of current FY leave is depleted. In other words, the precedence for deducting leave is to first deplete 30 days of current FY leave, then SLA. Any leave taken or sold above the 30 days earned in the current FY will be charged as SLA. <b>Example:</b> It is 1/1/19 and I have 10 days of SLA that expires on 9/30/19. I must use all 30 days of my FY19 leave before my SLA leave balance can be used. I must then use another 10 days of leave before 9/30/19 to ensure I use my SLA before it expires. So, I could take 40 days of leave 1/1/19 through 2/19/19 and that would use all my 30 days current FY19 leave and then the 10 days of SLA. It does not matter that JAN/FEB are only the 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> months into FY19, I must still use 30 days of my FY19 leave before my SLA can be used.
When does my SLA expire?	Expiration of SLA depends on the type of duty performed to earn the SLA. The expiration date is determined under Article 2.A.15.c (2) of reference (a). Qualifying duty under Article 2.A.15.a (1-3) is credited SLA for a 3 year period. Qualifying duty performed under sub-paragraph (4) is credited SLA for a 2 year period. The expiration date for qualifying duty performed under sub-paragraph (5) is determined by CG-1331.

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#### Special Leave Accrual (SLA), Continued

Questions & Answers Reference, continued

The expiration date for a member's SLA can be viewed under the **Accumulators** tab of the Payroll Calculations Results in Direct Access (DA).

In the example below, this member has a total of **23 days of SLA**. The member has **11 days** of SLA that will expire on 30 September 2019 and **12 days** of SLA that will expire on 30 September 2020.

