

**MEMORANDUM NO. 2010-04**

**January 21, 2010**

**TO THE HEADS OF ALL STATE AGENCIES**

**Attention:** Chief Administrative and Fiscal Officers, Business Managers, and Payroll and Personnel Officers

**Subject: Change in Definition of Service in Time of War**

**I. AUTHORITY**

Public Act 09-117, effective June 8, 2009, made changes to the definition of service in time of war in Section 27-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**II. IMPACT**

Wartime service now includes ninety days of cumulative active duty service except if the period of war lasted less than ninety days.

For the definition of service in time of war, Public Act 09-117 changes the definition of "period of war" for Operation Earnest Will. Section 27-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes now defines the "period of war" for Operation Earnest Will, involving the escort of Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the United States flag in the Persian Gulf, as July 24, 1987 to August 1, 1990.

**III. AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY**

Agencies should review their determination of each employee's service time basis for longevity eligibility, ensuring inclusion of eligible war service periods as modified by Public Act 09-117, for all longevity payments made after October 1, 2009. This includes the longevity payments that were paid check date October 23, 2009.

**IV. QUESTIONS**

Please direct your questions concerning this memorandum as follows:

**Memorandum** Office of the State  
**Interpretation:** Comptroller,  
Fiscal Policy Division, (860)  
702-3440.

**NANCY WYMAN  
STATE COMPTROLLER**

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**MEMORANDUM NO. 2004-22**

**June 1, 2004**

**TO THE HEADS OF ALL STATE AGENCIES**

**Attention: Chief Administrative and Fiscal Officers, Business Managers, and Payroll and Personnel Officers**

**Subject:** Change in Definition of Service in Time of War

**I. AUTHORITY**

Public Act 03-85, effective June 3, 2003, made changes to the definition of service in time of war in Section 27-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**II. IMPACT**

Wartime service now includes 90 days of active duty service since August 2, 1990.

For the definition of service in time of war, Public Act 03-85 adopts the federal definition of "period of war" with certain exceptions. "Period of war", as defined in Title 38 Section 101 of the United States Code, means the Spanish-American War, the Mexican border period, World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, the Vietnam era, and the Persian Gulf War (August 2, 1990 until a date prescribed by the President or law). The exceptions to the federal definition of "period of war" that are included in Section 27-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes are that the Vietnam era means the period beginning on February 28, 1961 and ending on July 1, 1975 in all cases and "period of war" shall include service while engaged in combat or a combat support role in Lebanon, July 1, 1958 to November 1, 1958, or September 29, 1982 to March 30, 1984; Grenada, October 25, 1983 to December 15, 1983; Operation Earnest Will, involving the escort of Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the United States flag in the Persian Gulf, February 1, 1987 to July, 23, 1987; and Panama, December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990, and shall include service during such periods with the armed forces of any government associated with the United States.

Eliminated from the definition of service in time of war are active duty service in the demilitarized zone in South Korea after February 1, 1955, service during the Berlin Airlift, August 14, 1961 to June 1, 1962 and service other than a combat or combat-support role during the Lebanon conflict, July 1, 1958 to November 1, 1958.

Memoranda No. 2000-31, 2000-31a, 2001-15 and Form CO-210 became obsolete effective June 3, 2003.

### **III. AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY**

Agencies should review their determination of each employee's service time basis for longevity eligibility, ensuring inclusion of eligible war service periods as modified by Public Act 03-85, for all longevity payments made after October 1, 2003. This includes the longevity payments that were paid check dates October 17, 2003 and April 30, 2004.

### **IV. QUESTIONS**

Please direct your questions concerning this memorandum as follows:

**Memorandum Interpretation:** Office of the State Comptroller,  
Policy Services Division, (860) 702-3440.

**NANCY WYMAN  
STATE COMPTROLLER**

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