

## **Expiration Term of Service (ETS)**

#### What is an ETS date?

This is the date that your enlistment, reenlistment, or extension of enlistment expires.

### Why is my ETS date important?

Your ETS date is important for many reasons; the biggest one is preventing a break in your military service. If a break in service occurs, you could:

- be ineligible to receive a reenlistment bonus (if your DAFSC is on the bonus listing)
- be required to serve longer to meet the Time In Grade (TIG) requirements for promotion
- experience a change in military years of service pay date
- interrupt retirement point accumulation and
- require adjustment of Retention/Retirement (R/R) satisfactory service date

#### How is the ETS date determined?

The way to determine an ETS date is to know the Date of Enlistment (DOE) and the number of years enlisted. To calculate, take the DOE and add the number of years enlisted, then subtract one day.

For example, a member who enlisted on 21 March 2017 for 5 years will have an ETS of 20 March 2022.

### Where can I find my ETS date?

Easy!

Go to the vMPF application. This application is available as a quick link on the Air Force Portal or by searching for "AFPC Secured Applications" using your internet browser.

Once logged into vMPF: Select "Record Review/Update  $\rightarrow$  Service  $\rightarrow$  Expiration Term of Service".

It's that simple!

# As your ETS approaches...

14 months prior to your ETS date	Your ETS will appear on a monthly ETS roster managed by Career Assistance Advisors (CAAs) to track your date and prevent you from having an expired ETS resulting in a break in service.
Also 14 months prior to your ETS date	Wing Career Assistance Advisor (WCAA) will generate and send an SRP (Selective Retention Process RIP) to your Group and/or Unit Career Assistance Advisor(s) for signatures to your supervisor, Unit Commander, and yourself. This document will be used to determine your eligibility to reenlist.
14 months – your ETS date	You will work with your CAAs to coordinate your reenlistment or out-processing activities.
6 months prior to your ETS – NOT ON A BONUS	Your reenlistment window is 6 months prior to your ETS if you are not on a bonus and 30 days prior to your ETS if you are on a bonus.
30 days prior to your ETS – IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY ON A	There are times that you may need retainability when you are not in your bonus window.
BONUS	Ex: retraining, deployment, promotion, transferring education benefits, etc.
	Your WCAA, GCAA, and/or UCAA can assist you with this.