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## Is a volunteer entitled to the RSA and the activity bonus?

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If you volunteer, you can take advantage of the RSA or the activity premium. The conditions for awarding the SSA or activity bonus vary according to the type of volunteering carried out.

### Warning

To benefit from the RSA (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N19775?lang=en>) and the activity bonus, you must be resident in France in a stable and effective manner (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F994?lang=en>).

## Volunteering in the military

You may be entitled to the RSA and the activity bonus.

### FYI

If you are already a beneficiary of the RSA, the conclusion of a voluntary contract by a member of your hearth has no impact on your rights.

## Calculation of resources

Volunteering in the military is considered a **employment contract**.

Your remuneration is therefore taken into account in the calculation of your rights.

If you are accommodated for free as part of your volunteer service, a housing assistance (LPA) (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12006?lang=en>) may be paid to you, subject to conditions.

If you receive a cash payment, you must report it quarterly as *other resources* on your statement.

This payment is taken into account in the calculation of your fees.

If you have a advantage in kind, you have to report this to the paying agencies (Caf or MSA).

This benefit is taken into account in the calculation of your rights.

## Taking into account the hours of activity

Volunteering in the armed forces is considered a professional activity.

Volunteer hours completed shall be taken into account for the study of the right to RSA Young Active (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F286?lang=en>).

### Warning

Training hours are not taken into account.

## Volunteer fire brigade

You may be entitled to the RSA and the activity bonus.

### FYI

If you are already a beneficiary of the RSA, the conclusion of a voluntary contract by a member of your hearth has no impact on your rights.

## Calculation of resources

Your compensation for volunteer fireman (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F72?lang=en>) shall not be taken into account for the calculation of duties.

If you are accommodated for free as part of your volunteer service, a housing assistance (LPA) (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12006?lang=en>) may be paid to you, subject to conditions.

If you receive a cash payment, you must report it quarterly as *other resources* on your statement.

This payment is taken into account in the calculation of your fees.

If you have a advantage in kind, you have to report this to the paying agencies (Caf or MSA).

This benefit is taken into account in the calculation of your rights.

## Taking into account the hours of activity

Voluntary hours completed shall not be taken into account for the purposes of entitlement to RSA Young Active (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F286?lang=en>) .

## Volunteering associations

You **cannot benefit** the RSA, or the activity bonus.

If you are benefiting from these features prior to your engagement in the voluntary association (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F13273?lang=en>) , you no longer receive them during the term of the contract.

Payments shall resume at the end of voluntary associations.

## Civic service volunteering

You **cannot benefit** the RSA, or the activity bonus.

If you are benefiting from these features prior to your engagement in the civic service volunteering (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F13278?lang=en>) , you no longer receive them during the term of the contract.

Payments shall resume at the end of civic service volunteering.

## Civic service

You **cannot benefit** the RSA, or the activity bonus.

If you benefit from these arrangements before signing your civic service engagement, you will no longer receive them during the term of the contract.

Payments resume at the end of civic service.

## Statute and miscellaneous references

Circular of 18 October 2012 on the conditions of access and the methods of calculating the RSA for persons engaged in voluntary activity (PDF - 83.5 KB) ([http://circulaire.legifrance.gouv.fr/pdf/2012/10/cir\\_35973.pdf?lang=en](http://circulaire.legifrance.gouv.fr/pdf/2012/10/cir_35973.pdf?lang=en))

National Service Code: Article L120-11 ([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/article\\_lc/LEGIARTI000031088125?lang=en](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/article_lc/LEGIARTI000031088125?lang=en))

Suspension of the payment of the RSA and the activity premium

## Additional topics

Volunteers (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N13271?lang=en>)

Service Public

Volunteer Guide (PDF - 596.1 KB)

(<https://www.service-civique.gouv.fr/uploads/content/files/cc7ce6a1dc022fceb56ca912febd174b02fef661.pdf?lang=en>)

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