# APPLICATION FOR SPOUSE/DIVORCED SPOUSE ANNUITY

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## **Section 1** General Instructions

Before you complete this application, be sure to read the booklet *RB-30*, Spouse/Divorced Spouse Annuity, which explains information you will need to answer many of the questions in this application. Also be sure to read the important notices at the end of the booklet *RB-30*.

Type or print legibly in ink. If you need more space than is provided to answer a question, use Section 15 for this purpose. If you do not know the answer to a question, print "Unknown" in the space provided for the answer.

When entering dates, always use numbers. Also, be sure there is one number in each box. For example, you would enter June 6, 2009, as:

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Some items in this application will not apply to you so you will not need to answer them. Based on your answer to a question, you may be told to skip to another item number, or even another section. Follow the instructions that tell you to "Go to" another item. These are designed to save you time and help you move through the application form quickly filling in only necessary information. If no "Go to" instructions are given, answer the next item in order. Do not skip any items unless directed to do so.

If you are completing this application on behalf of someone else, you must answer each question as it applies to the applicant.

# Section 2 Identifying Information

Check the information entered by the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) for Items 1 through 6 for accuracy.

- ➤ If the information is correct, go to Section 3.
- ➤ If the information is not correct, cross out the incorrect information and enter the correct information above it.
- ➤ If the information is missing, fill it in.

Identification	1	EMPLOYEE'S RAILROAD RETIREMENT CLAIM NUMBER →
	2	EMPLOYEE'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER —
	3	EMPLOYEE'S NAME
Applicant Identification	4	APPLICANT'S NAME ———
	5	MAILING ADDRESS
		CITY AND STATE ————
		ZIP CODE —
	6	DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER —

Section	on 3	Information About You And Your Family								
Social Security	7	Enter your social security number.								
Information		If none, enter an "X" by "To be submitted."	To be submitted → Go to Item 10							
	8	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:  My name appears on my social security card exactly as it does in Item 4.	☐ Yes → Go to Item 10 ☐ No → Go to Item 9							
	9	Enter your name as it appears on your social security card.								
Sex	10		MALE FEMALE							
Birthdate	11	Enter your date of birth.	Month Day Year							
Name At Birth	12	Enter your name at birth if different from Item 4.								
Current Marriage	13	Enter the date of your marriage to the railroad employee.	Month Day Year							
Marital Status	14	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:  Marital status to the railroad employee.	☐ MARRIED → Go to Item 15 ☐ DIVORCED → Go to Item 17							
Previous Marriage	15	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: The railroad employee was married before our marriage.	☐ Yes☐ No							
	16	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I was married <i>before</i> my marriage to the railroad employee.	☐ Yes → Go to Item 18 ☐ No → Go to Item 19							
Subsequent Marriage	17	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I was married <i>after</i> my marriage to the railroad employee.	☐ Yes ☐ No							
Marriage History	18	If you are a spouse, enter the following information about your marriage <b>before</b> your marriage to the employee. If you are a divorced spouse, enter the following information about your marriage <b>after</b> your marriage to the employee. If applicable, enter information for more than one marriage in Section 15.								
		a Marriage Began	Marriage Ended							
		1. Date	5. Date							
		2. City and State	6. City and State							
		Former Spouse's Name	7. Reason Death Divorce Annulment Other - Explain in Section 15							
		4. Former Spouse's Social Security Number								
		Complete 18b if you do not know your former spouse's soc	ial security number.							
		b Enter your former spouse's (1) Date of birth	Month Day Year							
		(2) Place of birth								
		(3) Father's name								
		(4) Mother's maiden name								

Criminal Offense	19	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Within the past 12 months, I have been imprisoned or given a sentence of confinement due to a conviction for a criminal offense.		☐ Yes → Go to Item 20 ☐ No → Go to Section 4						
	20	Enter the date of the conviction.	Month	Day	Year					
	21	Enter the date of the sentence of confinement.	Month	Day	Year					
	22	Enter the date that confinement began.	Month	Day	Year					
	23	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Has the confinement ended?			Go to Item 24 Go to Section 4					
	24	Enter the date confinement ended.	Month	Day	Year					
Sect	ion 4	Information About Type Of Annuity								
Please early re		Parts I & III of the <i>RB-30</i> booklet for information about spous nent.	se and div	orced spo	ouse annuities a	and reductions for				
Type of Annuity	25			FULL AGE ANNUITY ANNUITY BASED ON CHILDREN Go to Item 26						
		Enter an "X" in the box that shows the type of spouse annuity you are filing for.	REDUCED AGE ANNUITY  Go to Section 5							
			DIVORCED SPOUSE WITH PREVIOUS AGE REDUCTION  Go to Section 6							
	26	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I will accept a reduced age annuity if I am not eligible for a full age annuity or an annuity based on child(ren).	_	⁄es No						
Sect	ion	Information About Children In Your Care								
Please	e read	d Part I of the <i>RB-30</i> booklet for an explanation of "child-in-ca	are."							
Filing Based On Child-In- Care	27	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I have one or more of the railroad employee's children in my care who are unmarried and under age 18. (This includes natural children, adopted children, stepchildren and dependent grandchildren.)			Go to Item 28					

Children	Pr	Print the requested information for <b>every</b> ch Print the youngest child in <b>28</b> , the second younger, enter "TO BE SUBMITTED."									
		Child's Full Name and Social Security Number	Rela		ip to Employee eck One)	D	ate of Bir	th	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: The child is disabled		
	28a	Name	28c		Natural Adopted	28d Month	Day	Year	28e 🔲 Yes		
	28b				Stepchild Grandchild Other				☐ No		
	29a 29b	Name	29c		Natural Adopted Stepchild Grandchild	29d Month	Day	Year	29e ☐ Yes ☐ No		
					Other				_		
	30a	Name	30c		Natural Adopted	30d Month	Day	Year	30e		
	30b				Stepchild Grandchild Other				☐ No		
	31a	Name	31c		Natural Adopted	31d Month	Day	Year	31e		
	31b				Stepchild Grandchild Other				□ No		
	32a	Name	32c		Natural Adopted Stepchild	32d Month	Day	Year	32e Yes		
	32b				Grandchild Other				☐ No		
	(	Note: To support your entitlement to either you or the employee must condition of Child's Disability	mplete	return to the F	RRB <b>For</b>	rm AA-1	9a, App				
	-	not complete Item 33 if every child in it									
-	33	Print the requested information for <b>eve</b> Explain your parental responsibilities in				Print the	e younge	st child i	in (a).		
Applicant		Full Name Of Child Child's		's Address			on With	Whom C	child Now Lives		
						Name			Relationship To Child		
		a									
		b									
		Note: Items 34-45 are reserved.									
Section											
	1	Part II of the <b>RB-30</b> booklet for an expla	nation	of wo	ork that you m	ust stop					
Railroad Work	46	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I have worked for a railroad or other en railroad industry or a railroad labor org			he [	=	→ Go t → Go t				
Last Railroad	47	Enter the name of the railroad compar labor organization that last employed y	•	ilroad	d <b>→</b>						
Employment	48	Enter your payroll name and identification number for that employer. (If you did now work for the employer named in Item 4 year or last year, leave this item blank	ot 17 this								
	49	Enter your last job title for that employ (If you did not work for the employer n in Item 47 this year or last year, leave item blank.)	amed		<b></b>						

Last Railroad Employment (Cont.)	50	Enter your last division or department and its location for that employer.	<b>→</b>									
,	51	Enter the dates you worked for that employer.	ROM	то								
		(If your railroad employment has not ended,	Month	Day	Year	Month Day		Year				
		enter the last date you will work for that employer in the "TO" date.)										
	52	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I relinquish my seniority rights and all other rights to work for the employer shown in Item as of the last date entered in Item 51.	47	<b>-&gt;</b>	☐ Yes ☐ No							
Other Railroad Work	53	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I have worked for another railroad or other employer in the railroad industry or a railroad labor organization this year or last year.		->	☐ Yes → Go to Item 54 ☐ No → Go to Item 60							
	54	Enter the name of that employer.		-								
	55	Enter your payroll name and Identification number for that employer.	<b>~</b>									
	56	Enter your last job title for that employer.	<b>-&gt;</b>									
	57	Enter your last division or department and its location for that employer.		<b>→</b>								
	58	Enter the dates you worked for the employer			FROM	то						
		named in Item 54. (If your railroad employment has not ended, enter the last date you will work			y Year	Month Day		Year				
		for this employer in the "TO" date.)										
	59	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I relinquish my seniority rights and all other rights to work for the employer shown in Item 54 as of the last date entered in Item 58.	<b>-&gt;</b>	☐ Yes☐ No								
Railroad Seniority Rights	60	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I still have seniority rights or other rights to ret to work for a railroad employer or a railroad la organization not listed in Items 47 or 54.	=	➤ Go to Item 61 ➤ Go to Section 7								
	61	1 Enter the name and address of any additional employer indicated in Item 60 with whom you still have rights to return to work.										
		Note: Your spouse annuity cannot begin until you relinquish your rights to employment with the employer(s) named in Items 47-61.										

Section	on 7	Information About Your Nonrailroad Work							
	1	plete this section if you are filing for a divorced spouse annui	·						
Nonrailroad Work	ı	ease read Part IV of the <i>RB-30</i> booklet for information about non nuity.	railroad work and how employment affects your						
	62	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I worked for pay outside the railroad industry within the 6 months before the date I expect my annuity to begin. (Do not include self-employment. Include any employment for an incorporated business which you own or public service.)	☐ Yes → Go to Note and Item 63 ☐ No → Go to Item 73						
		Note: If you had Last Pre-Retirement Nonrailroad Employ complete Form G-19F, Earnings Information Request, (1) The annuity beginning date (ABD) is before January (2) the ABD is January 1, or later, of this year, and you	only when one of the following applies: ry 1 of this year or						
Most Recent Nonrailroad Work	63	Enter the name and address of your current or most recent nonrailroad employer.							
6	64	Enter your current or most recent job title for that employer.							
	65	Enter your average monthly salary for that employer.  (SHOW DOLLARS ONLY)	\$						
	66	Enter the dates you worked for that employer. (If you have not set the date you expect to stop working, leave the "TO" date blank and check the box "I am still working.")	FROM TO  Month Day Year Month Day Year  I am still working						
	67	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: The employer named in Item 63 is a seasonal employer.	☐ Yes ☐ No						
Next Most Recent Nonrailroad Work	68	Enter the name and address of your next most recent nonrailroad employer within the 6 months before the date you expect your annuity to begin.	If none, enter "NONE" and go to Item 73						
	69	Enter your last job title for that employer.							
	70	Enter your average monthly salary for that employer.  (SHOW DOLLARS ONLY)	\$						
	71	Enter the dates you worked for that employer. (If you have not set the date you expect to stop working, leave the "TO" date blank and check the box "I am still working.")	FROM TO  Month Day Year Month Day Year  I am still working						
	72	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: The employer named in Item 68 is a seasonal employer.	☐ Yes ☐ No						
Self- Employment		vou are employed and your <b>business is incorporated</b> , answer It mpleted. If your <b>business is not incorporated,</b> answer Item 73 '							
	73	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I was self-employed during the last 6 months.	☐ Yes → Go to Item 74 ☐ No → Go to Section 8						
		Note: If answered "Yes," complete and return Form AA-4, S Questionnaire, to the RRB.	Self-Employment and Substantial Service						

Self- Employment (Cont.)	74	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:  I am still self-employed.	☐ Yes → Go to Section 8 ☐ No → Go to Item 75
	75	Enter the date you were last self-employed.	Month Day Year
Section	on 8	Information About When Your Annuity Will	Begin
Please	read	Part II of the <i>RB-30</i> booklet to find out how your annuity beg	ginning date is determined.
Annuity Beginning Date	76	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I want my annuity to begin on the earliest date permitted by law.	☐ Yes → Go to Section 9 ☐ No → Go to Item 77
	77	Enter the date you want your annuity to begin.	Month Day Year
Section	on (	Information About Your Earnings	
		vering Items 78-90, please read Part IV of the <b>RB-30</b> bookle	
Earnings Last Year	78	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I expect my annuity to begin before January 1 of this year.	☐ Yes → Go to Item 79 ☐ No → Go to Item 83
(Year)	79	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: My total earnings from all employment last year were more than the annual earnings exempt amount.	☐ Yes → Go to Item 80 ☐ No → Go to Item 83
	80	Enter your total earnings for last year.  (SHOW DOLLARS ONLY)	\$
	81	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I earned more than the monthly earnings exempt amount in employment for hire or performed substantial services in self-employment in <b>every</b> month last year.	☐ Yes → Go to Item 83 ☐ No → Go to Item 82
	82	Enter an "X" next to <b>each</b> month last year in which you did not earn more than the monthly earnings exempt amount or perform substantial services in self-employment.	JANFEBMARAPRMAYJUNJULAUGSEPOCTNOVDEC
Earnings This Year (Year)	83	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I expect my total earnings for <b>all</b> employment this year to be more than the annual earnings exempt amount. (If all your earnings are from only railroad employment before your date last worked, answer "No.")	☐ Yes → Go to Item 84 ☐ No → Go to Item 87
	84	Enter the total amount you expect to earn this year.  (SHOW DOLLARS ONLY)	\$

Earnings This Year (Cont.)	85	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I expect to earn more than the monthly earnings exempt amount in employment for hire or to perform substantial services in self-employment in every month this year.	☐ Yes → Go to Item 87 ☐ No → Go to Item 86
	86	Enter an "X" next to <b>each</b> month this year in which you did not, or do not expect to, earn the monthly earnings exempt amount or perform substantial services in self-employment.	JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC
Earnings Next Year (Year)	87	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I am filing this application in September, October, November, or December.	☐ Yes → Go to Item 88 ☐ No → Go to Section 10
	88	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I expect my total earnings for all employment next year to be more than this year's annual earnings exempt amount.	☐ Yes → Go to Item 89 ☐ No → Go to Section 10
	89	Enter the total amount that you expect to earn next year.  (SHOW DOLLARS ONLY)	\$
	90	Enter an "X" next to <b>each</b> of the first four months of next year in which you expect to earn less than this year's monthly earnings exempt amount.	JAN FEB MAR APR
	read	Information About Social Security Benefits  Part V of the <i>RB-30</i> booklet to see how this application can d to see what effect social security benefits will have upon you	protect your rights to social security
Social Security Filing Date	91	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I also want this application used to protect my filing date for social security benefits. (Answer "Yes" only if you are age 62 or older, disabled, or otherwise eligible for social security old age, disability, or survivor benefits and you have not filed an application for such benefits.)	☐ Yes ☐ No
Social Security Benefits	92	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I have filed, or plan to file within the next 90 days, an application for social security benefits.	☐ Yes → Go to Item 93 ☐ No → Go to Section 11
	93	Enter the date you became or will become eligible for these social security benefits.	Month Year
	94	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I have received my first social security payment.	<ul> <li>Yes → Go to Item 95</li> <li>No → Go to Item 96</li> </ul>
	95	Enter the current total monthly amount of your social security benefits (before reduction for work or Medicare premiums).	\$

Social Security Benefits (Cont.)	96	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: All or part of my social security benefits described above are based on the earnings of someone other than the railroad employee or myself.	☐ Yes → Go to Item 97 ☐ No → Go to Section 11							
	97	Enter the social security number of the person on earnings your social security benefits are based.								
	98	Enter the name of the person on whose earnings your social security benefits are based.								
Section	on 1	1 Information About Other Railroad Re	etireme	nt Ann	uity					
Please r	read	Part V of the <i>RB-30</i> booklet for an explanation of the	ne reducti	ion for ot	her railro	ad retireme	nt annuit	ies.		
Other Railroad Annuity	99	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I previously filed, or I am now filing for a separate railroad retirement annuity based on an earnings record of someone other than the railroad employee named in Item 3. (Include yourself if applicable.)	☐ Yes → Go to Item 100 ☐ No → Go to Section 12							
_	100	Print the full name of that other person.								
	101	Enter that other person's Railroad Retirement Board claim number, including the letter prefix.	If only six numbers, enter here:							
1		including the letter prefix.								
Section Please		2 Information About Public Service Per Part V of the <i>RB-30</i> booklet for an explanation of the		ion for a	Public S	ervice Pens	ion.			
Public Service Pension	102	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I am receiving or expect to receive a pension or I have received or expect to receive a lump-sum payment instead of a pension, based on my earnings, from a agency of the Federal, state, or local government. (Answer "No" if your only government pension payments are social security, railroad retirement, veterans affairs, worker's compensation, or black lung benefits.  Also answer "No" if you received a lump-sum payment that was just your contributions to the pension fund plus interest.)				Go to Item Go to Sect				
	103	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I am/was an employee of the Federal Governmen	t. →	_		Go to Note Go to Item		tion 13	3	
		Note: If answered "Yes," complete a Service Pension Questionnaire, a					Public			

Public Service Pension (Cont.)	104	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: In the last 60 months of employment, I was employed by a state or local government or the military service, and social security (FICA) taxes were being deducted from my public service earnings.  NOTE: If answered "No," complete and in Public Service Pension Questionnaire		to the RF		G-208,	ote ar		tion	13			
Section	on 1	3 Information About Medicare											
		e this section only if you are 64 years and 5 months	s of a	go or old	or								
	-	ead Part VI of the <b>RB-30</b> booklet for an explanation of t		_									
Medicare Enrollment	105	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I have a Medicare card that shows entitlement to Medicare medical insurance (Part B).	<b>-&gt;</b>	_	es → G								
	106	Enter your Medicare claim number. (If this is a railroad retirement filing, enter the prefix. If it is a social security filing, enter the suffix.)	<b>~</b>	Prefix Suffix  Go to Section 14									
	107	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I have filed for Part B within the last three months.	<b>-&gt;</b>		es → G lo → G								
	108	a Enter the social security number or railroad retirement claim number under which you filed. (If this is a railroad retirement filing, enter the prefix. If it is a social security filing, enter the suffix.)	<b>-</b>	Prefix							Suffix		
		b Enter the date you filed.	<b>~</b>	Month	Day		Year		-	o to Section	on 14		
	109	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I wish to enroll in Part B.	<b>-&gt;</b>	- 2 1 1 1	Yes -> If and 4 mon f you are on this, go No -> I enroll in Paragonary be higged to Section of the section of t	oths, go older th o to Iten underst art B an gher if I	to Se an ag n 110 and tha do er	ction fection	14. ears lecte remi	and d not um ra	3 t to ate		
	110	110 Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I am currently covered by an employer group health plan (EGHP) based on my own or my spouse's current employment.   ☐ Yes → Go to Item ☐ No → Go to Item											
	111	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I was previously covered by an EGHP based on my own or my spouse's current employment.	<b>-&gt;</b>	☐ Yes → Go to Item 113 ☐ No → Go to Section 14									
	112	The beginning date of my EGHP coverage is:	<b>~</b>	Month	Day		Year						
		If applicable, the date employment will stop for the person whose employment qualifies me for EGHP coverage is:	->	Month	Day		Year		-	4. 4.	em 114		
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Medicare Enrollment (Cont.)	113	The beginning and ending dates of my EGHP coverage and the date last worked in the employment which qualified me for EGHP coverage are:			Montl	h	Day			Year	
		EGHP Beginning Date ————		<b>&gt;</b>							
		EGHP Ending Date —————		<b>→</b>							
		Date Employment Stopped ———		<b>&gt;</b>							
				-		Go	to Ite	m 11	4		
	114	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:  I wish to enroll in a special enrollment period.	_		- Go to Item 115a - Go to Item 116						
	115	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:  a. I am enrolling in Part B while either still covered by an EGHP or during the first full month after my EGHP coverage.	_		Go 1						
		b. I am requesting a Part B effective date of ————	Month	Day			Year			o to ectior	n 14
	116	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I am requesting premium surcharge relief for the months of EGHP coverage.	Yes No	;		•	•	•	•		
Section	on 1	4 Direct Deposit									
Please	read	Part VII of the <i>RB-30</i> booklet for an explanation of Direct De	posit.								
tion. To to Sect do not t go to It	prov t <b>ion</b> ' nave	generally paid by Direct Deposit to your bank, savings and lovide the information we need to correctly deposit your paymer 15, or call your financial institution for the information you nee a bank account, or if you believe receiving your payments by 122.	nts, attach a ed to comple	a voi ete l	ded pe tems 1	ersor  17-1	al ch 21, b	eck a elow	and <b>g</b> . If yo	<b>o</b> u	
Direct Deposit	117	Enter the name of your financial institution.									
	440	Enter the telephone number of your financial institution.	Area Code		Telephone Number						
	118										
	119	Enter the routing transit number of your financial institution.		-							
	120	Enter your account number. ———									
	121	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:  Type of account for the above account number.	Sa	necki aving o to	-	n 15					
	122	Check this box if you do not have a checking or savings account, or if Direct Deposit would cause you a hardship.									

Remarks 123 This section is to be used for the continuation of answers to other items. Be sure to include the i at the beginning of the answer you wish to continue. You may also use this section to enter any information that you feel may be important to include.	Section '
	Remarks 123

Section	า 16	Certification							
Certification	124	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:  I will have a guardian or other representative sign this application on my behalf.  ☐ YES → Go to Note and Item 125 ☐ NO → Go to Item 125							
		<b>Note</b> : If answered "Yes," your guardian or other representative must sign this application. That person must also complete and return <b>Form AA-5</b> , <b>Application for Substitution of Payee</b> .							
	125	I know that if I make a false or fraudulent statement in order to receive benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), I am committing a crime which is punishable under Federal law. I have received the booklets, <i>RB-30</i> , <i>Spouse/Divorced Spouse Annuity and RB-9</i> , <i>Employee and Spouse Annuities—Events That Must Be Reported</i> . I understand that I am responsible for reporting events that would affect my annuity as explained in these booklets. I certify that the information I gave the RRB on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.  I agree to immediately notify the RRB:							
		<ul> <li>IF I go to work for a railroad or railroad labor organization, or return to work in any capacity in the railroad industry.</li> <li>IF I remarry (if I am filing for a divorced spouse annuity).</li> <li>IF a qualifying child marries or leaves my custody or residence.</li> </ul>							
		<ul> <li>IF I am filing in advance of the date(s) shown in Item(s) 51 (and 58), and there is a change in a date.</li> </ul>							
		<ul> <li>IF I receive a settlement with credit for railroad service as "pay-for-time-lost" for months after the date(s) shown in Item(s) 51 (and 58).</li> <li>IF I am confined in a jail, prison, penal institution, or correctional facility due to a conviction for a criminal offense.</li> <li>IF I am confined in a jail, prison, penal institution, or correctional facility due to a conviction for a criminal offense.</li> <li>IF I earn more than the annual earnings exempt amount.</li> </ul>							
		<ul> <li>IF I return to work for my Last Pre-Retirement         Nonrailroad Employer and there is a change in         my estimated earnings.</li> <li>IF I perform work, including self-employment, for a         family owned, controlled or managed business,         including a business operated, managed or owned</li> </ul>							
		<ul> <li>IF I begin to receive benefits directly from the Social Security Administration.</li> <li>by me, a family member, friend or close associate, whether for pay or not, and without regard to how the business is organized (e.g., sole proprietorship,</li> </ul>							
		IF benefits I receive directly from SSA are adjusted for partnership, corporation, LLC, etc.).  a reason other than normal cost-of-living increases.							
		<ul> <li>IF I become a corporate officer of, own, or operate a corporation (including a corporation owned by a family member or friend) whether for pay or not.</li> </ul>							
		<ul> <li>IF my marriage ends in death or divorce (if I am filing for a spouse annuity).</li> <li>IF I receive anything of value in lieu of salary or wages for any work that I performed.</li> </ul>							
		Also, if I am covered by the earnings restriction provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act, I have received and reviewed Form G-77a, How Work Affects Your Railroad Retirement Benefits. Failure to report any of the above events or other events that may affect my annuity may result in a penalty deduction from my annuity, criminal and/or civil prosecution.  SIGNATURE  (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)  Month Day Year  DATE							
	126	If this certification is signed by mark ("X") in Item 125, two witnesses who know the person signing must sign below, giving their full addresses and daytime telephone numbers.							
		a. Signature of Witness b. Signature of Witness							
		Address (Number and Street)  Address (Number and Street)							
		City, State, ZIP Code  City, State, ZIP Code							
		Area Code Telephone Number Area Code Telephone Number							

### **Section 17** How To Return Your Application

Before you return your application, check to make sure that:

- **Every** guestion that applies to you has been answered.
- You have entered "unknown" in any answer space for which you were unable to answer a question.
- You have signed and dated the application.
- ➤ You have included **all** the needed proofs listed in the letter you received with this application.

When you received your application, you should also have received a pre-addressed return envelope. If you do not have this envelope, you can use any envelope as long as it is addressed to the RRB office serving your location. No matter which envelope you use, you must put the correct postage on the envelope. Be careful to provide enough postage, because your application and the accompanying forms may weigh more than a standard letter. The U.S. Postal Service will not deliver your application unless it has the correct postage.

Make one final check before you seal the envelope to ensure that the following are enclosed:

- NEEDED PROOFS
- THE APPLICATION FORM ITSELF
- ADDITIONAL FORMS YOU WERE ASKED TO COMPLETE

Note: After the RRB receives your application, a receipt form with information about your claim will be sent to you. When you receive it, you will know that the RRB has received your application and has started the work needed to determine if you are entitled to benefits. If you do not receive the receipt within two weeks after you have filed this application, please contact us so we can find out what is causing the delay.