

Where do all those unused Clothing Online points go?

Question:

Now that the Clothing Upkeep Allowance has been replaced by the Clothing Online points system for Distinctive Environment Uniform (DEU) replacement, what happens to the unspent balance of points personnel may have in their accounts when they release from the CF? For some, this balance could have a significant dollar value – is it paid out in cash?



Answer:

As much as we would love to be able to tell you that you could receive cash simply for not replacing DEU items while you are a serving member... no.

If this were a system wherein you bought points with cash, or otherwise made a cash investment up front, you would be entitled to a refund upon release.

The current CF system, however, involves no cash up front from you, and so when you release, any points in your account are simply rolled back into the pot, so to speak. The accumulation of unused points does, indeed, have a dollar value – but only in that it represents an amount of money the CF has yet to invest in DEU replacement items.

The Clothing Online system is designed to allow you to accumulate points so you can better manage your DEU clothing requirements over several years. The maximum number of points

allowed in your account at any one time is 1200, which represents the replacement value of a full DEU ensemble.

When you release from the CF, your unused points expire. Once you begin Terminal Leave, a PeopleSoft entry identifies you as belonging to UIC 9914 (Terminal Leave) and you are no longer able to access Clothing Online.

If you transfer to another component or re-enrol within 90 days, Clothing Online re-activates your account and its holdings.

This is consistent with the CF's commitment to use resources wisely in support of the national clothing system.

Read "New points-based system streamlines DEU replacement" at www.dnd.ca/hr/cfpn/engraph/9_05/9_05_e.asp for more information, an FAQ, and further references. ♦

Honours and recognition

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National Honours

Governor General Michaëlle Jean has approved the following National Honours for deserving CF personnel:

STAR OF MILITARY VALOUR

Corporal S. Teal, who demonstrated extraordinary courage when he braved intense enemy fire to provide medical treatment to severely wounded comrades; C Coy, I RCR BG, I Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group (I RCR BG), Task Force Afghanistan (TFA); September 3, 2006.

Private J.R. Larochelle, who demonstrated outstanding courage when he provided cover fire for an undefended flank of his company while severely injured; I RCR BG, TFA; October 14, 2006.

MEDAL OF MILITARY VALOUR

Captain M.J. Reekie, who demonstrated outstanding courage and exceptional leadership during an intense firefight with Taliban insurgents; A Coy, I RCR BG, TFA; August 19, 2006.

Sergeant D.J.S. Fawcett, for outstanding leadership and valour during an intense firefight while serving with C Coy, I RCR BG, JTFA; September 3, 2006.

Master Corporal S.H. Niefer, who demonstrated outstanding courage when he drove his vehicle into the enemy kill zone to support extraction of wounded comrades; C Coy, I RCR BG, TFA; September 3, 2006.

Cpl C.G. Chevrefils, who demonstrated outstanding courage during a three-hour

firefight with Taliban forces; A Coy, I RCR BG, TFA; August 19, 2006.

Cpl J. Funnell, who demonstrated outstanding courage when, under intense enemy fire, he assisted comrades trapped in an enemy kill zone; C Coy, I RCR BG, TFA; September 3, 2006.

Cpl C.J. Orr, who demonstrated outstanding courage when he placed himself at great risk to recover a light armoured vehicle while under direct enemy fire; I RCR BG, TFA; September 3, 2006.

Cpl J.J.L. Ruffolo, who demonstrated outstanding courage when he exposed himself to enemy fire to render first aid to a casualty; C Coy, I RCR BG, TFA; September 3, 2006.

Pte M.P. O'Rourke, who demonstrated outstanding courage when he assisted in the treatment and evacuation of his comrades while under intense enemy fire; C Coy, I RCR BG, TFA; September 3, 2006.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (MILITARY DIVISION)

General J.L. Jones (U.S. Marine Corps), who provided outstanding leadership to NATO and Canadian personnel in Afghanistan at a critical time in the alliance's history.

Gen P.J. Schoemaker (U.S. Army), who, as Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, provided outstanding support to Canadian personnel deploying to Afghanistan in 2006.

Lieutenant-General K.W. Eikenberry (U.S. Army), who, as Commanding General, Combined Forces Command, Afghanistan, played a central role in Canada's success in the south of Afghanistan in 2006.

Brigadier-General G.J.P. O'Brien, who demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment as Deputy Commanding General for Political Integration in the Combined Security Transition Command, Joint TF (JTF) Afghanistan, March to December, 2006.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (MILITARY DIVISION)

Honorary Colonel B.A. Van Ruiten, who demonstrated outstanding professionalism and leadership during his 13-year term as Honorary Colonel of 17 Wing.

Major C.A. Baker, who demonstrated outstanding performance in planning and executing NATO exercise Steadfast Jaguar, July 2005 to July 2006.

Master Warrant Officer D. Elde, who demonstrated outstanding professionalism and leadership while serving with Military Security Detachment Kabul; July 2004 to July 2005.

Lieutenant-Colonel S.A. Brennan, for outstanding professionalism as Commander JTF Lebanon; July 2006.

LCol J.D. Conrad, for exceptional leadership and dedication as CO National Support Element (NSE), JTFA; February to August 2006.

LCol B.M. Southern, for outstanding professionalism and leadership as the first commander of TF Jerusalem; May 2005 to August 2006.

MENTION IN DISPATCHES

MWO S. Lehman, Sgt D.D. Hermiston, MCpl M.R. Smith, Cpl M.W. Kinsey, for courage and leadership during an intense firefight, with enemy forces while serving with I RCR BG, JTFA; October 3, 2006.

MWO R.J. Montague, MCpl W. Tiernay, Cpl J.C. Brophy and Cpl M. Todorovic, who acted courageously when they assisted in the recovery of a vehicle and prevented further casualties while under enemy fire; I RCR BG, TFA; October 14, 2006.

WO J.A.D. Chenard, for strong leadership and skill during a firefight with enemy forces while serving with I RCR BG, JTFA; November 24, 2006.

Sgt V.B. Adams, who demonstrated leadership under enemy fire while deployed with A Coy, I RCR BG, TFA; August 19, 2006.

Sgt C.P. Gillam (posthumous), for courage and personal sacrifice in the face of enemy fire while serving with I RCR BG, TFA; October 3, 2006.

Sgt D.J. Holley, who demonstrated leadership and gave encouragement during an intense firefight against Taliban forces while deployed with A Coy, I RCR BG, TFA; August 19, 2006.

Master Corporal R.J. Harris, who acted with decision and courage under enemy fire while deployed with I RCR BG, TFA; October 3, 2006.

MCpl D.W.A. Orvis, who demonstrated courage and leadership as a member of C Coy, I RCR BG, when his section came under intense enemy attack; TFA; September 3, 2006.

Cpl W.J. Elliot, Cpl N.J. Gregg and Pte T.D. Wilkins, for their courageous and skilful action as members of A Coy, I RCR BG, during an intense firefight against Taliban forces; TFA; August 19, 2006.

Pte R.W. Hunt, for courage and distinguished actions while serving with B Coy, I RCR BG, JTFA; November 21, 2006.