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The Foundation also provides services for any population segment having a need for guidance on issues potentially affecting their well being. The Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service, administered by a staff of Certified Specialists, is one of these programs.

Every individual's situation is unique and you should make your benefit choices according to your personal needs. Furthermore, The Foundation is not affiliated with the Social security Administration and does not provide legal, accounting, or tax services. Please contact a licensed professional for such advice.

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### A Commonly Misunderstood Rule

#### **The Restricted Application**

The Restricted Application is still available to anyone born on or before January 1, 1954. The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 eliminated the File and Suspend strategy as of April 29, 2016, but the Restricted Application is still in effect.

Married couples and divorcees are both able to use the Restricted Application. In fact divorced spouses can file a Restricted Application on each other.

You must have reached your full retirement age (FRA) to qualify for filing a Restricted Application. If you are married, the other spouse must already be receiving their retirement benefit. If you are divorced, were married for a minimum of 10 years, have been divorced for at least two years, and are not remarried, it doesn't matter whether or not your exspouse is receiving their benefits as long as they are at least 62. If the divorce has been less than two years, you are not eligible until your ex-spouse claims their benefit.

This strategy allows you to collect 50% of your spouses benefit (the amount they would receive at their FRA) while allowing your own benefit to continue growing up until the age of 70 and accruing Delayed Retirement Credits (DRC) of 8% a year, for a total increase of 32%.

DRCs do not affect Spousal benefits, but they do affect the Survivor benefit.



# Social Security Advisory Service

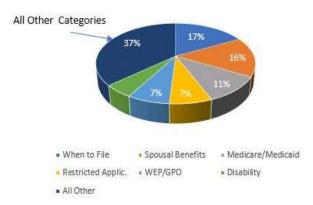
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#### QUESTION TOPIC AREAS



#### Your Full Retirement Age

| Birth Year       | Full Retirement Age    |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 1937 or          | 65                     |
| earlier          |                        |
| 1938             | 65 years and 2 months  |
| 1939             | 65 years and 4 months  |
| 1940             | 65 years and 6 months  |
| 1941             | 65 years and 8 months  |
| 1942             | 65 years and 10 months |
| 1943 to          | 66 years               |
| 1954             |                        |
| 1955             | 66 years and 2 months  |
| 1956             | 66 years and 4 months  |
| 1957             | 66 years and 6 months  |
| 1958             | 66 years and 8 months  |
| 1959             | 66 years and 10 months |
| 1960 or<br>later | 67 years               |

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#### **Questions on Social Security?**

Contact one of our Certified Social Security Advisors today!

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#### We are here for you!

#### Most common question:

When is the best time to take my Social Security benefits?

This is a decision only you can make. The following list includes some of the things to take into consideration when making your decision:

- 1) Your Finances
- 2) Your Health
- 3) Health Insurance You don't qualify for Medicare until you are 65.
- 4) Survivors
- 5) Pensions

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