Applicants should print the Checklist for FERS Disability Retirement Application and include it on the top of their disability retirement application and supporting documentation. In order to avoid delays in processing your disability retirement application, it is important that all forms are complete. Please refer to the Tips for Employees, Supervisors, and HR/AOs Completing the FERS Disability Retirement Application Forms for additional information. Please note, employees who submit incomplete applications will be notified immediately and be given 15 days to submit missing information. If the missing information is not received by HCAccess within 15 days, the incomplete application will be returned to employee.

After the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) receives your disability retirement application, OPM will issue you a Civil Service Annuitant (CSA) number within six to eight weeks. Unless OPM needs additional information, OPM will not contact you or HCAccess again until a final decision is made. OPM’s written decision will be provided to you and HCAccess at the same time. Should you want a status on your disability retirement, you must have your CSA number before contacting OPM directly at 1-888-767-6738. OPM has the sole authority and responsibility for approving and adjudicating disability retirement claims, and this process can take up to six months or more before OPM issues a final decision.

If you are still on the rolls of TSA when your retirement application is approved by OPM, a HC Retirement Specialist will coordinate with your local HR Specialist to separate you from service and provide OPM with your last day of pay. After OPM receives your last day of pay and your final separation package from the National Finance Center (NFC), OPM will issue you interim payments until your disability retirement is finalized. Interim payments provided by OPM usually begin within four weeks of separating from TSA.

Complete applications must be submitted to:

TSA HCAccess Service Center  
Attn: Retirement Team  
FAX: 1-877-872-7993  
Email: HelpDesk@mailserver-hraccess.tsa.dhs.gov

If you have any questions regarding disability retirement, please contact the TSA HCAccess Service Center at 1-877-872-7990.