

# Questions, Answers About Conscription

**Q.** How long must I be married before I can claim exemption from Selective Service?  
**A.** There is no specified period. In each case the local board will decide whether a man is needed at home or can be spared. Obviously, those who married just to evade training will get no consideration on this ground.

**Q.** When I register, should I tell the local board that I have to support my parents?  
**A.** No. The time for that will come when your number is picked out and you are sent a questionnaire to answer.

**Q.** I am twenty-six and help support a father, sixty-seven, a mother and a sister. I have two married brothers and sisters but am the only one working in the family. My father receives old-age and social security payments. Will I be conscripted?  
**A.** The final decision, of course, rests with your local board but it would appear that these facts entitle you to a place in a deferred class.

**Q.** I intend to get married this week, can you tell me if I will be exempt from Selective Service?  
**A.** No. Marriage will constitute a claim for exemption through placement in a deferred class, however. The local board, after a complete study of your case, will then decide what to do about you.

**Q.** I am twenty-two, wear glasses and have difficulty working without them. Will I be exempt from conscription because of this?  
**A.** A number of readers have

asked us the same question. In each case the answer is that the physical examination given at your local board after your number is drawn will determine your fitness for training.

**Q.** Will men of Selective Service age employed by police, fire or other city departments be conscripted?  
**A.** They must register but because of the nature of their jobs it is likely they will be placed in deferred classes.

**Q.** I am a registered pharmacist of Selective Service age. Will I be sent away for training or exempted as essential to public health?  
**A.** Your local board will have to decide just how essential your position is.

**Q.** Are musicians exempted? How about music students?  
**A.** Students registered in established schools will be deferred for service until the school year is up.

**Q.** I am of Selective Service age, but do intend to register. How can anybody find out if I don't?  
**A.** We would advise you to register. In the first place, every man who registers will be given a card which he must carry at all times. Besides, there are innumerable ways in which you can be checked up. Failure to comply—shandir shandir and a register will bring heavy penalties.

**Q.** My mother and father, with whom I live, own property on which they get rent. I turn my salary in to them. Will I be conscripted?  
**A.** If the local board finds they have enough to live on without your salary, it probably will place you in Class 1.

**Q.** I am twenty-two, single, and support my mother and father, both of whom are sick. My father works occasionally, but does not earn much. May I claim exemption?  
**A.** Yes, anyone upon whom others are dependent can claim exemption.

**Q.** I am twenty-eight, married and have a child, and work as superintendent of an apartment house. Will I be exempted?  
**A.** Information from Washington is that married men with children will not be called out unless there is a drastic emergency.

**Q.** I am twenty-eight, single, and employed in the State Public Health Service. Will I be required to register, and if so, will I be exempted?  
**A.** You must register. Your local board will later notify you whether you are exempt because of your position.

**Q.** If I am conscripted will my employer be compelled to re-hire me and will he have to pay me while I am away?  
**A.** He will have to re-hire you if you apply within 40 days after finishing your training. He WILL NOT have to pay you while you are away. Some employers are doing it but it is entirely voluntary.

**Q.** Both my brother and I are eligible for conscription. We have no dependents. Will it be possible for one of us to defer training until the other completes his year?  
**A.** Present the case to your local board if one or both of you are called. If there are any legitimate reasons why you should not serve at the same time, the board probably will make adjustments.

**Q.** I have been married two years and my wife and I have no children. What are my chances of being drafted?  
**A.** The chances are small if your wife is dependent on you for support.

**Q.** I am buying a home. What will happen to it if I am drafted?  
**A.** There is a section of the law which protects drafted men from losing their homes.

**Q.** I shall be twenty-one a few days before registration day. Do I have to register?  
**A.** Yes.

**Q.** My husband and I were married last Wednesday. An article in the newspapers said persons married after 3:08 P. M. last Monday, the time that President Roosevelt signed the conscription bill, might be regarded as having been married so that the husband could escape conscription. How can one show this was no reason for the marriage?  
**A.** If persons married after this time are asked by draft boards to show they were not married for this reason, they can point out that the marriage date had been set some time ago, by calling relatives as witnesses, can furnish proof of engagement, or prove they had been acquainted for some time, or any other evidence that the marriage was not an act to avoid conscription.

**Q.** How about men in the milk industry. Are they exempted?  
**A.** They have to register like all men in the age limit. It will be up to the draft advisory boards as to whether any particular line of work is under the heading of "essential." President Roosevelt is now considering these angles.

**Q.** Can I get information about whether I will be exempt when I register?  
**A.** No. They will just take your

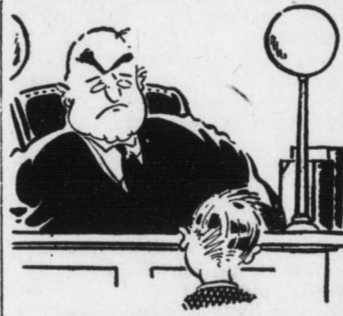
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**Q.** I am working and able to keep my family, but my father is frail. If I were drafted and my father's health failed, who would keep the home together?  
**A.** You must register for the draft, but if drafted you should place your circumstances before the draft advisory board, which would probably defer your training.

**Q.** If I was drafted and my father did become ill, could I be released from training to come back and help?  
**A.** There is no provision now for such cases, but it is likely that some method would be found. The law says the President has the power to prevent undue hardships resulting upon dependent families.

**Q.** Will the draftees be given the same physical examinations and meet the same standards as those wanting to enlist?  
**A.** No change has been ordered so far.

**Q.** What is meant by companies on defense work whose employees are exempt?  
**A.** The law says that training may be deferred for men in essential industry—but the list of these has not yet been made. All must register.

**Q.** I am engaged to be married. Should I put off getting married? Would getting married exempt me from the draft?  
**A.** Putting off your marriage has nothing to do with the draft. You must register, and if you are called, and want to claim exemption as a married man with a wife then you must put your case before the draft board. It will decide.

**Q.** My son will be twenty-one on November 22?  
**A.** He is out of the draft and need not register.

**Q.** What are the present requirements concerning height, weight and ratio between the two for enlistment in the Army?  
**A.** You must be at least five feet four inches tall and weigh at least 115 pounds. Other heights and the required corresponding weights follow: 5' 5"—117; 5' 7"—125; 5' 8"—129; 5' 10"—137; 5' 11"—141; 6' 3"—157; 6' 4"—161; 6' 5"—165; 6' 6"—169.

Six feet six is the height limit, and a recruit cannot be too fat to slow down overmuch his physical activity. These are general rules; if the Army feels a man who does not meet these figures has a good physique, he may be accepted.

**Q.** How will I know where to register?  
**A.** A list of the registration places will be published in the newspapers as soon as it is released by Selective Service authorities.

**Q.** I have a son and two daughters. My son is a movie operator and our sole support. Will he be conscripted?  
**A.** We are certain that the local board will place your son in a deferred class if it appears conscription will work hardship on your family.

**Q.** I have two sons of conscription age and depend on their salaries. Will both be conscripted—or only the younger one?  
**A.** If conscripting your sons might work undue hardships on you, we are certain proper adjustment will be made by the local board in your area. It is possible for both to be called, but we do not believe any local board would do it.

**Q.** I have been under a doctor's care with an infectious disease for about five years. Will I be exempt from the draft?  
**A.** If the disease might endanger other men in the service you will not be ordered into training.

**Q.** I will be leaving home before October 16 with a traveling orchestra. Will I have to return to register?  
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