

Rail Employer Reporting Instructions
Part II – Establishment of Employee Records
Chapter 5: Employee's Protest of Service and Compensation Record

Protest Form

An employee who believes the amount of service and/or compensation reported for his or her record is incorrect should file a [Form G-70, Protest of Record of Service Months and Compensation](#), with the Railroad Retirement Board. Forms G-70 are available from any [local field office](#) of the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), or employers may requisition them from the Bureau of Supply and Service, to provide to their employees. Requisitions are made using [Form G-615](#).

Employee Protests to Employer

If an employee contacts the employer about the service and compensation reported on [Form BA-6](#), the employer may handle the protest directly or may advise the employee to file a Form G-70 with the RRB.

Form GL-129

Upon receipt of Form G-70, or any other written protest of record, from an employee, the RRB will release Forms GL-129 and [GL-129a](#) to the employer. The employer must either correct the record with a Form BA-4 or verify that the account is correct as reported. If the account is correct as reported, a brief explanation refuting the employee's claim is needed in order for the RRB to reply to the employee.

The following are common reasons that explain differences in service and compensation reported by the employer and that claimed by the employee:

- The employee claims service month credit for the months the employee worked but the employer incorrectly credited service only for the months in which compensation was paid. Compensation was correctly reported. The employer should file Form BA-4 to report service for the months the employee worked.
- The employee claims compensation credit for the year in which compensation was earned, but the employer reports compensation generally when paid. This protest should be considered a request by the employee to have his compensation adjusted to an earned basis, and a Form BA-4 should be filed. See [Part IV Chapter 1](#) for an explanation of reporting on an earned basis. See [Part VII Chapter 1](#) for instructions on completing Form BA-4.
- The employee earned more than the maximum creditable compensation.

An explanation is important because an employee has reconsideration rights in protesting his or her record if he or she still believes the record is still incorrect, after our reply.