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PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL OPTION

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1. Purpose. This regulation establishes the command responsibilities and administrative procedures for enlisting male civilian persons in the Regular Army for the specific purpose of entering Officer Candidate School. This regulation prescribes the additional requirements and procedures, other than those specified in AR 350-50, which are applicable to applicants for this option.

2. Courses available. *a.* Available officer candidate courses, all 23 weeks in length, are listed in AR 350-50.

b. Individuals who complete OCS successfully will be commissioned in the branch of the school attended except that Infantry OCS graduates will be commissioned in Infantry, Adjutant General Corps, Military Intelligence Branch, Chemical Corps, Finance Corps, or Military Police Corps. Individuals enlisted for attendance at the Infantry OCS will not be guaranteed appointment in a specific branch.

3. Responsibility. The Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, is responsible for recruiting officer candidate school applicants from civilian life. Professors of military science at educational institutions with Army ROTC program will conduct active recruiting campaigns for this enlistment option among senior class students. The U.S. Army Recruiting Command will pro-

vide such assistance in this effort as may be requested by the professor of military science.

4. Eligibility requirements. An applicant for enlistment under this program must—

a. Meet the eligibility requirements of AR 601-210, AR 350-50, and this regulation. Where different criteria or requirements are established by these regulations the provisions of AR 601-226 will apply.

b. Be a U.S. citizen.

c. Have a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university recognized by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Office of Education, as listed in Part 3, Education Directory, Higher Education. Students may submit application at any time during their senior year, but enlistment in the Regular Army will not be accomplished until graduation. Applicants may be enlisted in the 120-day delay entry program (AR 601-220) provided they meet all eligibility requirements set forth herein prior to enlistment in the U.S. Army Reserve. College seniors may be enlisted under the delayed entry program prior to graduation provided they meet all other eligibility criteria and anticipate award of a baccalaureate degree prior to date of entry on active duty.

^o This regulation supersedes AR 601-226, 15 April 1966, DA message 776952, 5 August 1966 and DA message 814123, 10 May 1967.

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d. Be at least 18 years of age and must not have passed 27th birthday at time of enlistment in the Regular Army. Waiver for maximum age up to 32 years at time of enlistment may be granted in exceptional cases.

e. Enlist in the Regular Army for a 2-year period. Applicants may be enlisted without regard to number of dependents.

f. Successfully complete basic combat and advanced individual training prior to entry in OCS.

5. Counseling OCS applicants. Recruiting personnel and OCS Examining Boards will insure that applicants are completely aware of the nature of the challenge which confronts them. Care must be exercised to insure that each applicant realizes that during the period between the date he enters active service and the date of his scheduled graduation from OCS, he will undergo approximately 10 months of intensive training. He must be made to realize that the training has been specifically designed to place him under physical, mental, and emotional pressure to simulate, as closely as possible, the stress and fatigue of combat.

6. Submission of applications. Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements will submit applications on DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment), in triplicate, to the nearest U.S. Army recruiting main station.

7. Physical fitness test. The physical fitness test will not be administered prior to enlistment. However, successful completion of the physical fitness test prior to graduation from the OCS course of instruction is a mandatory prerequisite to commissioning.

8. Processing by recruiting main station commanders. Recruiting main station commanders are responsible for the following:

a. Assisting the applicant in preparing forms listed in paragraphs 27a, d(1) and (2), AR 350-50. Documentary evidence of date of birth and highest level of education attained is required.

b. Instructing applicant to complete a single copy of DA Form 3208 (Work Sheet for National Agency Check Request). The DA Form 3208 will be included with the documents forwarded under the provisions of paragraph 11d.

c. Reviewing the application to determine whether the applicant is qualified under this regulation.

d. Arranging for necessary testing. If applicant fails any one of these tests, he will be disqualified immediately. Tests will be administered in the following sequence:

(1) **Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT).** Applicant must achieve a score of 110 or higher in the GT aptitude area and this score will be entered under "Remarks" in first statement of DA Form 61.

(a) When testing on campus with the Reserve component edition of the AFQT (AFQT-5B and AFQT-6B) is authorized by separate DA directives, retest at AFEES with the current Active Army edition of the AFQT is not required.

(b) On-campus testing, when authorized, will be conducted by testing personnel who are fully qualified and equipped to administer, score, and provide security for such tests in accordance with applicable regulations.

(2) **Officer Candidate Test (OCT).** A standard score of 115 or higher must be attained and this score will be entered under "Remarks" in first statement of DA Form 61. When administration of this test on college campuses is authorized, the provisions of (1) (b) above apply.

(3) Applicant must be found medically qualified in accordance with provisions outlined in paragraph 20, AR 350-50. Applicants selected for attendance at Infantry, Artillery, Armor, Engineer, and Signal OCS must meet the vision requirements prescribed for appointment in a combat arm.

(4) **Medical Examination, SF 88 and SF 89,** will be forwarded to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command for review and action required in paragraph 42a, AR 350-50. Upon completion of review, medical examinations will be returned to the appropriate recruiting main stations by the most expeditious means.

e. If applicant successfully meets all the foregoing tests, his application will be indorsed to the OCS Examining Board and the entire file retained

until the next convening of the Board at that particular recruiting main station.

9. OCS examining boards. The Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, is delegated authority to establish and convene OCS Examining Boards within each recruiting district. Boards will consist of at least three officers each, one of whom is of field grade assigned to the combat arms. Boards convened to screen applicants for the in-service OCS program will not be utilized for screening applicants under this program. The Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command may further delegate to recruiting district commanders authority to appoint OCS Examining Boards.

10. Action by recruiting district commanders. Recruiting district commanders are responsible for the following:

a. Notifying recruiting main station commanders of the specific dates applicants are to report for board examinations.

b. Insuring that the following are administered:

(1) OQI-1 (Officer Qualification Inventory).

A qualifying score of 75 is established as the minimum score required for selection for OCS.

(2) OLB-1 (Officer Leadership Board Interview).

c. Applicants who score 75 or higher on the OQI-1 will be interviewed by the OCS Examining Board. Board interview composition and procedures will be in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37, AR 350-50 and DA Pam 611-227 except that the requirement to enter ratings from Work Sheets A through D on the Interview Board (DA Form 6227) and the scoring of the Interview Record is suspended. Work Sheet E will continue to be completed by individual board members who will record their ratings on the Interview Record. Board members will make an independent individual appraisal and a definite recommendation concerning qualification for attendance at OCS as prescribed in paragraph 37, AR 350-50.

d. Enlisting qualified applicants:

(1) In those cases where the OCS Examining

Board is unanimously in favor of acceptance, applicant will be enlisted.

(2) In those cases where the OCS Examining Board is unanimously in favor of rejection, applicant will be informed that he has not been selected.

(3) All cases wherein the OCS Examining Board renders a split decision will be referred to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command or recruiting district commander as appropriate, for final action. In these instances, the applicants will be informed that they will be notified at a later date as to their status. When the decision is made, action will be taken as in (1) or (2) above.

11. Final processing at recruiting main stations. *a.* Prior to enlistment, the applicant must complete Statement of Understanding as shown below. This statement will be reproduced locally, signed in duplicate, and securely fastened to the original and duplicate copies of the enlistment record.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING PART I

In connection with my enlistment in the Regular Army and selection for attendance at Officer Candidate School, I hereby acknowledge that I completely understand the following:

That as a minimum I must successfully complete training which includes basic combat training (8 weeks), advanced individual training (8 weeks), and Officer Candidate School (23 weeks), qualify for security clearance, pass the physical fitness test, serve no less than 24 months on active duty as a commissioned officer, and serve the remainder of the military obligation required by law.

That throughout my training, I must be prepared to meet rigorous physical, mental, and psychological requirements as outlined in DA Pam 601-1, "The OCS Story," and the U.S. Army Recruiting Command Officer Candidate School Option fact sheet, "For Men Only," which have been given to me.

That in the event I should fail to qualify for security clearance, fail to successfully complete pre-OCS training, fail to successfully complete Officer Candidate School, or fail to pass the physical fitness test, I will be required to complete the time remaining on my 2-year Regular Army enlistment period in an enlisted status and serve the remainder of the military obligation required by law.



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PART II

To further emphasize the importance of understanding the promises made to me, I have listed below in my handwriting all promises, both oral and written, other than those listed in PART I above, that have been made to me in connection with my enlistment in the Regular Army.

(Name, grade and Service No. of witnessing officer) (Signature of applicant)

b. Enlistment Record—Armed Forces of the United States (DD Form 4) of individuals enlisted under the provisions of this regulation will contain the following notations:

- (1) Item 9, for service in "RA."
- (2) Item 13, initial assignment "Officer Candidate Applicant----- Officer Candidate School." Only the OCS at which courses are conducted as listed in AR 350-50 will be entered.
- (3) Item 14, enlistment authority "AR 601-226 and AR 350-50."

c. The GT and OCT scores will be recorded under item 39 of the DD Form 4.

d. After enlistment is accomplished, the following will be forwarded to Commandant of the Officer Candidate School for which enlisted:

- (1) DA Form 3208.

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

Official:

KENNETH G. WICKHAM,
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

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- (2) DA Form 61 in triplicate.
- (3) DD Form 98 in duplicate.
- (4) SF 88 in triplicate.
- (5) Original copy of SF 89.
- (6) Copy of Statement of Understanding.
- (7) Copy of special orders.

12. **Waivers.** The waiver provisions set forth in AR 350-50, as appropriate, will be applied to applicants for enlistment under this option. However, requests for waiver of the requirements set forth in paragraphs 4b and c, and 8d (1) and (2) of this regulation will not be made. Recruiting district commanders may forward requests for which approval is recommended direct to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPB-O, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315.

13. **Control of class input.** Department of the Army will allocate bulk OCS class training spaces for this option to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command.

14. **Procedure at Officer Candidate Schools.** The provisions of section VI, AR 350-50 will apply.

15. **Recruiting Progress Report, RCS AG-54(R4).** Enlistment of prior service and nonprior service personnel under this regulation will be reported in accordance with instructions contained in AR 601-285.

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General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

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