# PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT

## MEDICAL CORPS—SENIOR MEDICAL STUDENT PROGRAM AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

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**Section I. GENERAL**

1. **Purpose.** These regulations prescribe the Department of Army programs for the procurement and professional training of career Medical Corps officers.

2. **Scope.** The following programs are sponsored by the Army:
   - a. Senior Medical Student Program.
   - b. Medical Intern Program.
   - c. Army Residency Program.

3. **General eligibility requirements.** In addition to fulfilling the special requirements for the program concerned as outlined in these regulations, an applicant must be potentially qualified for appointment in the Regular Army by meeting the requirements indicated in paragraph 4 a through f, AR 601-100.

4. **Medical examination.** Applicants will undergo a medical examination of the scope prescribed for Regular Army appointment in paragraph 2b, AR 40-500. Medical fitness standards for appointment in chapter 2, AR 40-501, will

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These regulations supersede AR 601-130, 30 December 1959, including OL 2, 9 August 1960, and DA message 701017, 17 May 1962.

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Examination will be conducted at an Armed Forces medical facility.

5. Security requirements. An applicant will not be appointed until a National Agency Check or personnel security investigation of broader scope as prescribed in AR 381-130 has been completed with favorable results. Requests for investigation in connection with appointment under these regulations will be initiated by The Surgeon General. In order to expedite the investigation, the Army commander will, for those applicants who do not hold a commission in the Reserve of the Army, complete DA Form 340 (Report of National Agency Check) in sextuplicate, prior to forwarding application to The Surgeon General. Items 1 through 11 and 12 where applicable; 16, 17, and 18 will be completed. Item 18 will be used if necessary to give any pertinent data considered helpful to further identify and clarify information regarding applicant, to include dates of military service when applicable.

6. Selection. Selection will be made by a board of officers appointed by The Surgeon General. Criteria for selection will include scholastic and professional standing, mental, moral, and medical fitness, demonstrated interest in a military career, and leadership potential as evidenced by past achievements.

a. Each applicant for participation in the Senior Medical Student Program will be notified of his selection or nonselection by The Surgeon General and will be advised as to whether he is a principal or alternate selectee. Selectees will be required to advise The Surgeon General of acceptance or nonacceptance within 10 days after receipt of notification.

b. Each selected applicant for the Medical Intern Program will be notified in mid-March through the dean of the medical school in accordance with the instructions issued by the National Intern Matching Program.

c. Selections for Army residency training will be made from among qualified applicants in accordance with the needs of the Army in the various specialty fields. Selections for known vacancies during each forthcoming fiscal year will be made initially in November of each year. Appointments to fill remaining and new vacancies will be made from applications on hand.

7. Obligations. Prior to appointment as officers, prospective participants will be advised of any service obligation they may incur under AR 135-90.

8. Appointment. a. Selectees for the Senior Medical Student or Medical Intern Program, who do not hold a Reserve of the Army appointment, will be tendered appointments as Reserve commissioned officers of the Army for assignment to the Army Reserve as second lieutenants, Medical Service Corps, or first lieutenants, Medical Corps, respectively. Alternate selectees for the Senior Medical Student Program who do not hold a Reserve of the Army appointment will not be tendered an appointment for assignment to the Army Reserve nor ordered to active duty except to fill vacancies created by disqualification of principal selectees.

b. Selectees who hold a status as a Reserve of the Army (USAR) and assignment to a branch other than the Medical Service Corps or Medical Corps, dependent upon the program for which selected, will be detailed or transferred to the Medical Service Corps, or reappointed in the Medical Corps, whichever is appropriate.

c. Letters of appointment, active duty orders, and oaths of office, commissions, or assignment instructions will be issued by the Chief of Personnel Operations and forwarded to each selectee as follows:

(1) For the Senior Medical Student Program. Prior to the beginning of the senior academic year, or as soon as possible thereafter.

(2) For the Medical Intern Program. In time to permit necessary travel and insure arrival at the designated time at the Army installation where internship will be served. Effective 1 July 1963, Army medical interns will be called to active duty in the temporary grade of captain.

d. Officers of the Regular Army Medical Corps and individuals who meet the appointment criteria for Regular Army as indicated in AR 601-124 (including individuals who have not completed internship, but are engaged in such training) are eligible to compete for residency training.

9. Waivers. Waiver of eligibility requirements listed herein may be requested.
Section II. SENIOR MEDICAL STUDENT PROGRAM

10. General. a. Each year fourth year medical students matriculated in medical schools in the United States and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, will be selected and tendered appointments as Reserve commissioned officers of the Army for assignment to the Medical Service Corps. Such initial appointment will be in the grade of second lieutenant. Waiver may be granted for selected individuals who hold a commission in the grade of first lieutenant.

b. Appointees will be ordered to active duty with station at their respective schools on the starting date of the senior year, or as soon after as possible, as indicated by the deans of the appropriate medical schools. No student, however, will be appointed prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which he will complete his senior year. They will be permitted to continue their studies as officers on active duty with full pay and allowances for officers of their grade and years of service for pay purposes until they complete the academic requirements for the degree of doctor of medicine, or until completion of the academic year in which enrolled at the time of entry on active duty, whichever occurs earlier, but not later than 30 June of the fiscal year in which ordered to active duty.

c. The payment of tuition and other fees incident to attendance at medical school will remain a responsibility of the individual participant.

d. Participants will be required to serve on active duty under their Reserve of the Army appointments and are ineligible for temporary Army of the United States promotion while enrolled in the program and continuing their medical studies leading to the award of the degree of doctor of medicine.

11. Special eligibility requirements. Applicants will—

a. Not have passed the age of 30 prior to date of appointment.

b. Have successfully completed the junior year of medical school, be eligible to enroll for the senior year, and will, within 5 days after entry on active duty as an officer, begin or have commenced formal studies required as part of their curriculum for the senior year of medical school.

12. Obligations. a. Applicants will agree to accept appointment in the grade of first lieutenant for assignment to the Medical Corps, Army National Guard of the United States, or Army Reserve, as appropriate immediately upon graduation from medical school. Appointment in this grade will be tendered within sufficient time so that the Oath of Office—Military Personnel (DA Form 71) accepting appointment may be effective immediately upon graduation.

b. Except as indicated in c below, participants will be required to serve on active duty as medical officers for a period of 3 years following completion of intern training, and will agree to participate in the National Intern Matching Program. Participants in this program may not apply for internships sponsored by other military departments. Those who are matched to the Army for a military internship will continue on active duty after graduation from medical school. Participants who are not matched for a military internship will be released from active duty upon graduation and concurrently appointed as Reserve commissioned officers of the Army for assignment to the Medical Corps in the grade of first lieutenant by the area commander upon notification by the Chief of Personnel Operations. They will revert to their Reserve status for the purpose of undergoing a civilian internship not to exceed 12 months in duration. Such participants will agree to be called to active duty at the end of this 12-month period in order to complete their obligated service of 3 years.

c. Participants in this program who subsequently participate in programs sponsored by the Department of the Army for which a minimum period of active duty is prescribed will be required to serve only 1 year in addition to any other obligation incurred. In no event, however, will the total period of obligated service be less than 3 years.

13. Application. a. Applicants who do not hold a current appointment as a Reserve commissioned officer of the Army, and who desire to participate in the Senior Medical Student Program in an Army National Guard of the United States status must obtain Federal recognition and appointment as a Reserve of the Army (ARNGUS) prior to the submission of their application and allied papers for participation in the program. These individuals will be referred to the appropriate
State adjutant general (for address of State adjutants general, see AR 635-5) for consideration. To be eligible for Federal recognition as second lieutenants, Medical Service Corps, they must meet the general requirements contained in NGR 20-2, except as follows:

1. Applicants must not have attained their 30th birthday prior to their appointment as second lieutenants, Medical Service Corps.

2. Applicants will be considered to meet the education and service requirements contained in NGR 20-2, by virtue of their enrollment in an accredited medical school.

3. Upon completion of the above requirements, these applicants will submit the documents listed in c below, except DA Form 61, DD Form 398 and FD Form 258.

b. Those applicants who hold commissions in the Army Reserve will submit the documents listed in c below, except DA Form 61, DD Form 398 and FD Form 258.

c. Applicants who do not hold a current appointment as a Reserve commissioned officer of the Army and desire to participate in Army Reserve status will submit the following:

1. Application in letter form (fig. 1) one copy.

2. DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment) in duplicate.

3. DA Form 160 (Application for Active Duty) one copy. Item 95 will be annotated as follows: "I hereby volunteer ** period as indicated in my letter of application in accordance with paragraph 13, AR 601-130."

4. Report of medical examination—Standard Form 88 (Report of Medical Examination), Standard Form 89 (Report of Medical History), and reports of consultation, if any, in duplicate.

5. DD Form 98 (Armed Forces Security Questionnaire) in duplicate. Applicants who fail or refuse to accomplish DD Form 98 in its entirety will be denied appointment. If the applicant completes DD Form 98 with qualifications, or entries are made thereon which provide reason for belief that appointment is not clearly consistent with the interest of national security, appointment will not be made without specific approval of the Secretary of the Army.

6. DD Form 398 (Statement of Personal History) in triplicate. Every item will be completed.

7. FD Form 258 (FBI U.S. Department of Justice Fingerprint) two copies. This form may be accomplished at any military facility or law enforcement agency.

8. Photograph (recent head and shoulder type), 3 by 5 inches.

9. Evaluation from the Army Medical Service Personnel Counselor.

10. For applicants who are members of a Reserve component of any other Armed Force, evidence that the applicant will be granted a conditional release, contingent upon appointment in the Army Reserve under this program.

d. Applications will be forwarded as indicated in paragraph 14 so as to reach The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C., at the earliest practicable date, but not later than 15 January of the junior year, in order that selections can be made and orders issued prior to the start of the senior year. Late applications will be considered for any unfilled vacancies.


a. Applicants who do not hold a commission and desire to participate in the Senior Medical Student Program in Army Reserve status will forward the letter of application with allied documents through the appropriate Army commander to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C.

b. Officers of the Army National Guard of the United States will forward their application with allied documents to the appropriate State adjutant general, who will, in turn, forward the applications through the appropriate Army commander and Chief, National Guard Bureau, to The Surgeon General. Applications submitted by officers of the Army National Guard of the United States will include a statement from the State adjutant general concerned stating generally as follows:
If ________________________________ is selected for
(Grade) (Name) (ABN)
participation in the Army Senior Medical Student Pro-
gram, consent is hereby granted for him to serve on
active duty in accordance with the agreement made by
him.

c. Officers of the Army Reserve will forward
their applications with allied documents through
the appropriate Army commander to The Sur-
geon General, unless they are members of a USAR
unit, in which case the application will be sub-
mitted to the appropriate Reserve unit commander,
who will forward the application with
appropriate remarks to The Surgeon General
through the appropriate Army commander.

15. Failure to complete requirements for de-
gree. If a participant fails to complete the re-

requirements for the professional degree at the
appropriate time, the appropriate student detach-
ment commander will request disposition instruc-
tions from the Chief of Personnel Operations.
Participants will not be relieved from active duty
for a period of 2 years from date of termination
of status as a medical student unless released at
an earlier date at the convenience of the Govern-
ment and will be assigned to appropriate Medical
Service Corps vacancies.

16. Release from active duty. Those individ-
uals released from active duty for 1 year to com-
plete other than an Army internship (par. 126)
will be given a medical examination in accordance
with paragraph 12, AR 40–500.

Section III. MEDICAL INTERN PROGRAM

17. General. Each year senior medical school
students will be selected for military medical
internships. Training is approved by the Council
on Medical Education and Hospitals of the
American Medical Association, is conducted in
Army hospitals, and is of 1 year’s duration com-
encing each July. Selected candidates who do
not hold a Reserve of the Army appointment will
be commissioned in the grade of first lieutenant,
Medical Corps, with assignment to the Army Re-
serve, and will be ordered to duty in the grade of
captain, Army of the United States. Candidates
holding a current Reserve of the Army ap-
pointment with assignment to the Army National
Guard of the United States, or Army Reserve, as
first lieutenants, Medical Corps, will be ordered
to active duty in the grade of captain, Army of
the United States.

18. Special eligibility requirements. Ap-
licant must—
a. Be enrolled in the senior year of
an approved medical school. Graduates of
foreign medical schools, other than Canadian,
must receive permanent certification from the
Educational Council for Foreign Medical Gradu-
ates.

b. Have reached his 21st birthday but not have
passed the age of 32 upon entry into the Army
Intern Program.

19. Obligation. There is no period of obliga-
tory service incurred by those persons who enter
and receive training under this program. Indi-
viduals who have a liability for service under the
Universal Military Training and Service Act, as
amended, however, will be required to serve that
obligation (24 months) after completion of their
internship. All participants will be encouraged
to remain on active duty as a Regular or Reserve
officer.

20. Application. Applications will consist of
the following:

a. All applicants will submit application in
letter form (fig. 2) one copy.

b. Applicants who are participants in the Sen-
or Medical Student Program will submit Stan-
dard Form 88 (Report of Medical Examination),
Standard Form 89 (Report of Medical History),
and reports of consultation, if any, in duplicate.

c. Applicants who hold appointments as Re-
serve commissioned officers of the Army, other
than those indicated in b above, will submit the
documents listed in paragraph 13c except 13c
(1), (2), (6) and (7). Applications submitted
by officers of the Army National Guard of the
United States will include a statement from the
State adjutant general indicating consent for the
applicant to serve on active duty.

d. Other applicants who do not hold a current
appointment as a Reserve commissioned officer of
the Army will submit the documents listed in
paragraph 13c except 13c(1).

The letter of application with allied documents
will be forwarded by the applicant to The Sur-
geon General, ATTN: MEDPT–MP, Department
of the Army, Washington 25, D.C., through the appropriate Army commander, during the period of 1 October-1 December, in accordance with the instructions issued by the National Intern Matching Program. Applications from officers of the Army National Guard of the United States will be forwarded to the appropriate State adjutant general who will, in turn, forward the application through the Army commander and Chief, National Guard Bureau, to The Surgeon General.

22. Special pay. Medical interns are not entitled to special pay. See paragraph 3-24, AR 37-104.

Section IV. ARMY RESIDENCY PROGRAM

23. General. The Army Residency Program is established under the provisions of AR 350-220 for the purpose of providing the number of specialists required to meet the needs of the Army for career Medical Corps officers. Training in civilian hospitals is authorized only when the specialty needs of the Army cannot be met by training in Army teaching hospitals. Applicants will be considered on the priority basis indicated in AR 350-220.

24. Application. Applications for residency training will be submitted in the format indicated in the appendix to AR 350-220. Reserve officers who are applying concurrently for residency training and appointment in the Regular Army will mail applications for residency training direct to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-TP, indicating the headquarters where the Regular Army application was submitted and the date. Civilian physicians may write direct to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-TP, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C., or to the Army Medical Service Personnel Counselors located at each ZI Army headquarters, for detailed information concerning eligibility requirements, or other specific information pertaining to the residency program and appointment in the Medical Corps (For Regular Army and Reserve officers on active duty who are not concurrently applying for Regular Army appointment, see AR 350-220).

25. Obligation. Individuals accepted for residency training will be required to serve subsequent to training in accordance with minimum periods of active duty specified in the appendix to AR 350-220.

SUBJECT: Army Senior Medical Student Program
TO: The Surgeon General
ATTN: MEDPT-MP
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D.C.

1. This application is submitted for acceptance into the Army Senior Medical Student Program. In return for my acceptance by the Department of the Army, I agree to serve on active duty in my Reserve grade until completion of the academic year in which enrolled at time of commission and to participate in the National Intern Matching Program. I further agree to accept appointment, upon graduation, in the Medical Corps, Army National Guard of the United States, or Army Reserve, as appropriate, if tendered.

2. If I fail to complete requirements for the professional degree, I agree to continue service on active duty for a period of 2 years from the date of termination of status as a medical student. I understand that I may then be assigned to appropriate Medical Service Corps vacancies.

3. If matched for an Army internship, I agree to serve on continuous active duty at the discretion of the Secretary of the Army for a period of 3 years following completion of internship training.

4. If not matched for an Army internship, I agree to be released from active duty for a period of 12 months to allow me to complete a civilian internship, and at the end of this 12-month period to be recalled to active duty and serve continuously, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, for 3 years.

5. At the present time (I do) (do not) hold a Reserve commission in ______________________. If currently commissioned as a Reserve of the Army with assignment to the Army Reserve in a branch other than the Medical Service Corps, I agree that if I am selected for this program, this application will serve as my request for transfer to the Medical Service Corps, Army Reserve, for the purpose of participating in the Senior Medical Student Program.

6. I will complete my junior year at ______________________ Medical School, and expect to enroll in that school for my senior year on or about ___________19________, and to be graduated on or about ___________19________.

7. I (have) * (never have) been rejected for military service.

8. Completed forms, as required by AR 601-130, are attached.

__________________________
(Signature)

*If previously rejected for military service, state when, where, and reason therefor.

Figure 1
SUBJECT: Army Medical Intern Program  
TO: The Surgeon General  
ATTN: MEDPT-MP  
Department of the Army  
Washington 25, D.C.  

1. Under the provisions of AR 601-130, I hereby make application for participation in the Army Medical Intern Program. I have indicated in paragraph 2 the type of rotating internship I desire, and understand that I will not be matched with the Army unless this choice can be honored. In addition, I have indicated the order of my preference for specific hospital assignment. I understand that, although every effort will be made to comply with my desires in this latter regard, it is to be used as a guide for consideration of assignment only; I agree to accept appointment at any hospital named, providing it falls within the type of rotating internship of my choice.

2. a. ( ) I desire a rotating-general internship in either of the following named hospitals and in this order of preference:

   ( ) Ireland Army Hospital, Fort Knox, Ky.

   [MEDAS-A]

   By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

   (Signature)

   EARLE G. WHEELER,
   General, United States Army;
   Chief of Staff.

   Official:
   J. C. LAMBERT,
   Major General, United States Army,
   The Adjutant General.

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