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AR 601-138, 26 April 1966, is changed as follows:

11. Appointment.

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d. (Superseded) *Effective 1 November 1966*, temporary promotion to grade of first lieutenant will be recommended after 12 months of active duty as a commissioned officer or 3 years in an active status as a Reserve commissioned officer, computed from effective date of appointment as second lieutenant in the USAR or ANGUS. Commanders will issue appropriate promotion orders.

(MEDPT-MP)

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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1. Purpose. This regulation announces the Army training program designed to procure psychologists (primarily clinical and experimental), physiologists, and other specialists allied to medicine for the Medical Service Corps, which requires doctoral level training for professional and scientific utilization. Procurement objectives will be in consonance with position requirements established by the Department of Army Educational Requirements Board in accordance with AR 621-108.

2. General. *a.* Each year a limited number of students attending graduate schools acceptable to the Department of the Army will be selected and appointed Reserve commissioned officers of the Army for assignment to the Medical Service Corps. Such initial appointment will be made in the grade of second lieutenant. Waiver may be granted for individuals who hold a commission in the grade of first lieutenant. A selectee who holds a commission in the Reserve of the Army in a grade higher than first lieutenant will agree to accept active duty in a temporary grade lower than his Reserve grade in accordance with paragraph 9b, AR 135-210.

b. An officer appointed in any component of the Army under authority other than this regulation, who is serving on active duty or in a Reserve

component, and who is matriculated or accepted for attendance at an approved graduate school, may also apply for participation in the program.

c. Regular Army officers who are in excess-leave status for the purpose of graduate study and who meet other qualifications for this program may also apply.

d. Program participants will be permitted to continue their professional education as officers on active duty with full pay and allowances until all requirements for the degree of doctor of philosophy or doctor of science are met; however, the total training period may not exceed 3 years from the date of reporting for duty under the provision of this regulation.

e. The payment of tuition and other fees incident to attendance at graduate school will remain the responsibility of the participant.

3. Eligibility requirements. *a.* In addition to fulfilling the special requirements outlined below, applicants will be potentially qualified for appointment as indicated in paragraph 4 *a* through *f*, AR 601-100.

b. Applicants will—

- (1) Not have passed the age of 30 prior to the date of appointment.
- (2) Have successfully completed at least a full academic year of graduate training

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and be within 3 years of fulfilling all requirements for the degree of doctor of philosophy or doctor of science, as prescribed by the college or university concerned.

4. Medical examination. Applicants will undergo a medical examination at an Armed Forces medical facility. Medical fitness standards prescribed in chapter 2, AR 40-501 will apply.

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 will be initiated by the Surgeon General. To expedite the investigation, the Army commander will, for those applicants not holding a commission in the Reserve of the Army, complete DA Form 3027 (U.S. Army Request for National Agency Check), in sextuplicate, before forwarding the application to the Surgeon General.

6. Obligation. *a.* Prior to appointment, prospective officers will be advised of any service obligation they may incur under AR 135-90.

b. Participants in this program will incur a 2-year active duty obligation for the first year of training or major fraction thereof, and 1 year of active duty obligation for each additional year or fraction thereof. Fulfillment of any other military obligation will be in addition to those incurred as a result of participation in the Graduate Student Program. Those participants in excess leave status will incur only one-half of a year additional obligation for each year or major fraction thereof spent in training prior to participation in the Graduate Student Program.

7. Training assignments. Participants in this program normally will follow a training and assignment sequence as shown below.

a. Students in a graduate clinical psychology course which has an internship requirement for a third year, and who have not served that internship year, will be assigned to duty for the period of internship at an Army Medical Service installation designated as a training institution by the Surgeon General. Upon completion of the internship, these officers will be returned to their college or university to complete the final year of graduate training on an active duty status. Students selected from colleges or universities where the internship occurs during the fourth or final year

will be assigned to an Army Medical Service installation to complete internship at that time. Unless specifically required, trainees whose internship occurs during the fourth or final year will not be returned to their respective college or university, but will be assigned directly to appropriate medical installations upon completion of the internship.

b. Students in the field of experimental psychology, physiology, and other allied sciences commissioned under these provisions may remain in academic residence, when necessary, up to 3 years from the date of being ordered to active duty.

c. Those appointees who have completed the internship year before entering the Graduate Student Program will be called to active duty and assigned to their respective college or university for the purpose of completing their academic requirements.

d. These officers will be assigned to duty with the Army Medical Service not later than 3 years after reporting for duty under these provisions.

8. Application. *a.* Applicants not holding a current appointment as a Reserve commissioned officer of the Army, and desiring to participate in the Graduate Student Program in an Army National Guard of the United States status, will obtain Federal recognition and appointment in the Reserve of the Army (ARNGUS) before submitting application and allied papers. These individuals will be referred to the appropriate State adjutant general for consideration. To be eligible for Federal recognition as second lieutenants, Medical Service Corps, applicants must meet the general requirements contained in NGR 20-2, except as follows:

- (1) Applicants will not have passed their 30th birthday prior to their appointment as second lieutenant, Medical Service Corps.
- (2) Applicants will have met the education and service requirements in NGR 20-2 by enrollment in an accredited graduate school.
- (3) Applicants, upon completion of the above requirements, will submit documents listed in *c* and *d* below, except DA Form 61, DA Form 3027, and FD Form 258.

b. Applicants holding commissions in the Army Reserve will submit the documents listed in *c* and

d below, except DA Form 61, DA Form 3027, and FD Form 258.

c. Applicants not holding a current appointment as a Reserve commissioned officer of the Army and desiring 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 9b will be annotated as follows: "I volunteer to enter on active duty for the period indicated in my letter of application in accordance with paragraph 6, AR 601-138."
- (4) Standard Form 88 (Report of Medical Examination), Standard Form 89 (Report of Medical History), and reports of consultation, if any, in duplicate.
- (5) DI 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 applicant completes DD Form 98 with qualifications, or entries provide reason to believe that selection 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) DA Form 3027 (U.S. Army Request for National Agency Check) in sextuplicate. 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 or an experienced career officer of the Army Medical Service.
- (10) Evidence that the applicant will be granted a conditional release if a member of another Reserve component, contingent upon appointment in the Army Reserve.

d. Request that letter of recommendation be prepared and forwarded by the dean of the graduate

school to the Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20315. This recommendation should include—

- (1) Transcript of applicant's grades.
- (2) Statement that—
 - (a) The dean is familiar with the provision that appointees to the Army Graduate Student Program have a maximum of 3 years (from date of reporting to duty) in which to fulfill all requirements for the Ph. D. degree in (clinical or experimental psychology, physiology, etc.).
 - (b) The applicant has completed sufficient requirements of the university to strongly indicate probable achievement of the Ph. D. degree in (clinical or experimental, physiology, etc.) not later than ----- In the case of clinical psychology majors, the date will include the internship year and notation will be made to this effect.
 - (c) For clinical psychology majors, a statement will be included that the applicant has completed ----- months as a clinical psychology intern at (agencies' names and locations), where he was under the supervision of (name and degrees) who (are) (is a) qualified clinical psychologist(s).
 - (d) Applicant's relative class standing is ----- out of ----- candidates.
 - (e) Recommendation as to the applicant's suitability for a commission in the Army Medical Service Corps in his specialty.

9. Procedure for forwarding applications.

a. To obtain maximum benefits from the program, applications with allied documents should be submitted 6 months prior to the beginning of the final 3 years of graduate study required for a doctoral degree. However, applications may be submitted at any time subsequent to this time.

b. Applicants not holding a commission and desiring to participate in the Graduate 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, D.C., 20315, except as indicated in *c* and *d* below.

c. Officers of the Army National Guard of the United States will forward applications with allied documents to the State adjutant general, who will forward the applications through the Army commander and Chief, National Guard Bureau, to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP. The State adjutant general will include with the application a statement worded substantially as follows:

If	-----	is
(grade)	(name)	(ASN)

 selected for participation in the Army graduate student program, consent is granted for him to serve on active duty in accordance with the agreement made by him.

d. Officers of the Army Reserve will forward applications with allied documents through the Army commander to the Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, unless they are members of a USAR unit. In that case the application will be submitted to the Reserve unit commander who will forward it, with appropriate remarks, through the Army commander to the Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP.

10. Selection. A board of officers appointed by the Surgeon General will make final selections. 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. Each applicant will be notified of selection or nonselection by the Surgeon General and whether selected as a principal or alternate. Selectees will advise the Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, of acceptance or nonacceptance within 10 days after receipt of notification. Alternates will be utilized to fill vacancies occurring because of disqualification or withdrawal of principal selectees.

11. Appointment. *a.* Applicants for the Graduate Student Program not holding a Reserve of the Army appointment, if selected as principals, will be appointed second lieutenants in the Army Reserve for assignment to the Medical Service Corps. Alternate selectees, who do not hold a Reserve of the Army appointment, will not be ap-

pointed in the Army Reserve nor ordered to active duty except to fill vacancies created by disqualification or withdrawal of a principal.

b. Selectees who have status in the Reserve of the Army (USAR) with assignment to a branch other than the Medical Service Corps will be transferred to, or reappointed in, the Medical Service Corps, whichever is appropriate.

c. Letters of appointment, active duty orders, oaths of office, commissions, and assignment instructions will be issued by the Chief of Personnel Operations, and forwarded to each selectee prior to the beginning of the academic year, or as soon as possible.

d. Temporary promotion to the grade of first lieutenant will be recommended after 18 months of active duty as a commissioned officer or 3 years in an active status as a Reserve commissioned officer, computed from effective date of appointment as a second lieutenant in the USAR or ARNGUS. The Surgeon General will forward DA Form 78 (Recommendation for Promotion of Officer) to The Adjutant General approximately 60 days prior to anticipated eligibility.

12. Waivers. Waiver of eligibility requirements will be requested from the Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP.

13. Academic reports. Commanding Generals of ZI Armies and the Commanding General, Military District of Washington, U.S. Army, are responsible for submission of Part II, DA Form 1059 (Academic Report) for officers under their jurisdiction, as required by paragraph 7b, AR 623-106.

14. Failure to complete requirements for degree. If a participant fails to complete the requirements for the professional degree as scheduled, the student detachment commander will request disposition instructions from the Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MS. Participants will be utilized in Medical Service Corps vacancies and will not be relieved from active duty for a period of years from date of termination of graduate student status as determined under the provisions of paragraph 6b.

SUBJECT: Army Graduate Student Program
THRU:

TO: The Surgeon General
Department of the Army
ATTN: MEDPT-MP
Washington, D.C. 20315

1. This application is submitted for my acceptance into the Army Graduate Student Program. If accepted, I agree to serve on continuous active duty for a period of 2 years for the first year of training or major fraction thereof, and 1 year of active duty obligation for each additional year or fraction thereof, unless sooner released for the convenience of the Government, or unless I incur a further service obligation as a result of participation in a subsequent training program for which a minimum period of service is prescribed.

2. If I fail to complete the requirements for the Ph. D. degree, I agree to continue service on active duty for a period of years from the date of termination of my status as a graduate student as determined by the Department of the Army. I understand that I may then be assigned to appropriate Medical Service Corps vacancies.

3. At the present time I (do) (do not) hold a Reserve commission in -----
(branch, component, and Armed Force) If I am currently commissioned in the 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 the program, this application will serve as my request for transfer to the Medical Service Corps, Army Reserve, for the purpose of participating in the Graduate Student Program.

4. I will complete my ----- year at -----
(name of school) and expect to begin my course of instruction in that school for my ----- year on or about ----- 19__ and to graduate on or about ----- 19__.

5. I (have) (have not) been rejected for military service.
Note: If previously rejected for military service, state when, where and reasons therefor.

6. Completed forms required in AR 601-138 are attached.

(name)

Figure 1

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

HAROLD K. JOHNSON,
*General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.*

Official:

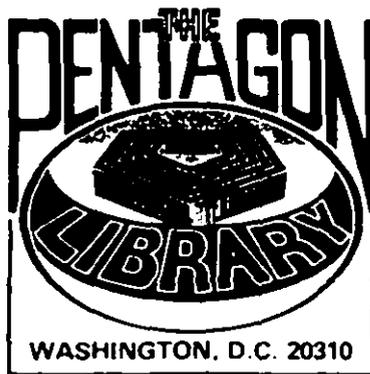
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