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**PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT**  
**APPOINTMENT AS AND ACTIVE DUTY FOR RESERVE COMMISSIONED OFFICERS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO ARMY NURSE AND ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS BRANCHES OF THE ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT**

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*The substantive changes incorporated in this revision state that applicants with Selective Service classification of 1-A, or eligibility for 1-A with loss of deferment, are ineligible for appointment unless their services are not required on active duty. It expands the agreement for non-prior-service male appointment under age 26 to include provision for National Guard Service (as directed by DCSPER). In addition, it increases the qualifying education creditable as "years of service in an active status." Local supplementation of this regulation is prohibited, except upon approval of The Surgeon General.*

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## CHAPTER 1

### GENERAL

**1-1. Scope.** This regulation prescribes the qualifications and outlines the procedures for appointment, with or without concurrent active duty, of professional nurses, dietitians, physical therapists, and occupational therapists as commissioned officers of the Reserve components of the Army or the Army of the United States for assignment to the Army Nurse Corps or Army Medical Specialist Corps branches. This regulation also prescribes qualifications for voluntary active duty for officers holding current appointments as Reserve officers. NGR 20-1, NGR 20-2, and section IX, AR 135-100 are applicable for appointment procedures and Federal recognition in the Army Guard with appointment as a Reserve of the Army for service as a member of the Army National Guard of the United States. AR 135-210 is applicable for order of individual members of the Army National Guard of the United States (ARNGUS) and the Army Reserve (USAR) to active duty as individuals during peacetime, national emergency, and in time of war, and for their administrative processing upon entry on active duty.

**1-2. Personnel eligible and grade on appointment.** *a.* Commissioned officers of any Reserve component of the Armed Forces, former officers of any of the Armed Forces of the United States, and commissioned officers or former commissioned officers of the U.S. Public Health Service who have served satisfactorily in the specialty for which they are applying may be appointed under (1) or (2) below, whichever would result in a higher grade or greater promotion service on the date of appointment.

(1) In the highest grade held (or comparable grade if such service was performed in other than the Army) while serving in such specialty based on prior service, or

(2) In the highest grade for which they can qualify by education and experience under paragraphs 1-9, 3-1, and 3-2.

*b.* Qualified persons, with or without prior military service, including members of the Reserve of the Army who are not on active duty and who are seeking assignment to a different branch may qualify for appointment based on education and/

or experience in accordance with paragraphs 1-9, 3-1, and 3-2, and may be appointed in the following grades:

(1) Army Nurse Corps—second lieutenant through major.

(2) Army Medical Specialist Corps—second lieutenant through major.

*c.* Appointment and/or call to active duty in the grade of major will be limited to individuals possessing outstanding qualifications, including education in the area of specialization and demonstration of superior performance in the specialty for which applying, who can fulfill a specific requirement by grade and specialty.

**1-3. Limitations on appointments.** Appointment of qualified applicants as commissioned officers will be limited to those necessary to—

*a.* Fill appropriate Ready Reserve troop program unit vacancies.

*b.* Fill appropriate mobilization designation table of distribution vacancies when the individual has been approved by the proponent agency for designation to fill such position.

*c.* Fill quotas to meet the need for Ready Reserve reinforcements with assignment to USAR Control Group (Reinf) within quotas established by Headquarters, Department of the Army. Appointments within these quotas may be tendered only to exceptionally well-qualified individuals who cannot otherwise obtain a commission because of lack of vacancy or inability to join a unit due to geographic location.

*d.* Fill authorized Army Nurse Corps or Army Medical Specialist Corps personnel procurement programs within quotas established by Headquarters, Department of the Army (AR 601-19, AR 601-135, AR 601-136, AR 601-137, and AR 601-235).

*e.* Meet the need for officers for active duty.

**1-4. General eligibility criteria.** *a. Time requirements.* An applicant for appointment and/or call to active duty must be able to complete 20 years of active duty, at least 10 of which is commissioned service, prior to the 53d birthday. An applicant for appointment without concurrent call to active duty must be able to complete 20 years of quali-

fying service for retired pay prior to mandatory removal from an active status as prescribed in paragraph 2-14, AR 140-10.

*b. Minimum age.*

(1) An applicant must be at least 18 years of age on date of appointment.

(2) An applicant not yet 21 years of age may be appointed in the Army of the United States with concurrent call to active duty only. Upon attaining age 21 and if otherwise qualified, such an appointee will be tendered an appointment in the Army Reserve.

*c. Maximum age.*

(1) An applicant for appointment without concurrent call to active duty must not have passed the 33d birthday on date of appointment. This age limitation may be increased by a maximum of 7 years of prior service which is creditable for retired pay under title 10, United States Code, sections 1331 and 1332. The Surgeon General may consider, on an individual basis, a request for waiver submitted by an applicant who cannot qualify for appointment by reason of age (para 1-5 and 1-6, AR 135-100).

(2) An applicant for appointment and/or call to active duty must not have passed the 33d birthday on date of entry to active duty. This maximum age limitation may be increased by the amount of prior active duty, including active duty for training performed as a commissioned or warrant officer in any component of the Armed Forces.

*d. Dependents.* A female applicant for appointment or call to active duty must not have legal or other responsibility for custody, control, care, maintenance, or support of any individual under the age of 18 regardless of relationship.

*e. Medical examination.* An applicant must undergo a medical examination and meet medical fitness standards prescribed by AR 40-501.

*f. Security requirements.* An applicant must have been the subject of a favorable National Agency Check or investigation of broader scope in accordance with AR 381-130. A citizen applicant for appointment in the Army Nurse Corps with concurrent call to active duty may be appointed upon evidence of a favorable Federal Bureau of Investigation name check pending completion of a favorable National Agency Check or investigation of broader scope. The National Agency Check will be initiated by the commander of the appointee's first duty station.

*g. Citizenship.* An applicant must be a citizen of the United States or have lawfully entered the United States for permanent residence under applicable provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, unless he is currently serving or has served previously in the Armed Forces of the United States. Provisions of paragraph 1-4c(3), AR 135-100 apply.

*h. Language.* If basic language spoken is other than English, applicant must be examined to determine sufficient command of the English language to speak, understand, and write information pertinent to the professional specialty. Examination will be prescribed by The Surgeon General.

*i. Mental requirements.* The provisions of paragraph 1-4d, AR 135-100 may be applicable on an individual basis if required by The Surgeon General.

*j. Character.* An applicant must be of good moral character.

*k. Leadership.* An applicant must possess qualifications as a potential leader and have the ability to deal effectively with people. Such qualifications may be evaluated in terms of the applicant's background and experience.

*l. Interservice transfer.* A member of the Reserve components of the Army National Guard, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Air National Guard, or Coast Guard must submit a conditional release from the parent service obtained through official channels.

**1-5. Ineligibles.** Persons in the categories specified in paragraph 1-5, except paragraphs *c*(7) and *g*, AR 135-100, are not eligible for appointment unless specifically authorized otherwise. In addition, the following individuals are not eligible for appointment or active duty:

*a.* Individual separated under the provisions of section V, VI, XVI, XVII, or XXV, AR 135-173.

*b.* Individual who has received severance or readjustment pay.

*c.* Applicants with Selective Service classification of 1-A, or when their classification could be changed to 1-A with loss of deferment status, are ineligible for appointment without concurrent active duty unless The Surgeon General determines that the applicant's speciality is not required on active duty. Applicants appointed under this provision will be required to serve an initial tour of 3 to 6 months active duty for training within 120 days of acceptance of appointment.

**1-6. Waivers.** Request for waivers will be submitted with the application. The Surgeon General will consider and process waivers in accordance with paragraph 1-6, AR 135-100. Waiver of educational and/or professional requirements will not be considered.

**1-7. Authority to tender appointments.** *a.* The Chief of Personnel Operations (Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Reserve Components Personnel Center) will tender initial appointment in the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) or Army of the United States (AUS), as appropriate, to an individual qualified under this regulation and issue active duty orders when applicable.

*b.* Area commanders will tender appointment in the USAR to an officer who was appointed in the AUS under the provisions of this regulation. The following procedures will apply:

(1) The commander responsible for the maintenance of the personnel records pertaining to an AUS officer appointed in accordance with this regulation will advise the officer to request USAR appointment 90 days prior to reaching age 21.

(2) The officer concerned will request USAR appointment, by letter, through appropriate military channels, to the appropriate area commander.

(3) The area commander will tender USAR appointment on the officer's 21st birthday or as soon as practicable thereafter. If the USAR appointment is not tendered or accepted, the area commander will advise The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-S, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315, the reason(s) therefor.

**1-8. Duration of voluntary active duty tours in peacetime.** A qualified applicant for voluntary active duty in peacetime will be ordered to active duty in the Reserve grade tendered or currently held as a commissioned officer of the Army Reserve as follows:

*a.* An officer who received an initial appointment or a commissioned officer with no prior active Federal service as a commissioned officer in the Active Army will be ordered to an initial tour of 2 years active duty or a lesser period as authorized by Headquarters, Department of the Army, except in the case of participants in the Army Medical Department personnel procurement programs.

*b.* Commissioned officers with 2 or more years previous active Federal service as a commissioned

officer may request active duty for 2 years or for an indefinite period. The period for which selected individuals are ordered will be for 2 years, for an indefinite period, or for lesser period as determined at Headquarters, Department of the Army.

**1-9. Professional requirements by Corps and specialty.** *a. Army Nurse Corps.* An applicant must be—

(1) A graduate of a hospital school of nursing or a baccalaureate nursing program which is nationally accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Commissioner on Education and/or acceptable to Department of the Army.

(2) Currently licensed to practice nursing in the United States, District of Columbia, or Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(3) Actively engaged in the practice of professional nursing or present evidence of at least 6 months professional nursing experience within the 3-year period preceding date of appointment.

*b. Army Medical Specialist Corps.*

(1) *Dietitian section.* An applicant must—

(*a*) Possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university which has included or been followed by courses and credit hours required by the American Dietetic Association for entrance to an approved internship.

(*b*) Hold a certificate of completion of an approved administrative or hospital dietetic internship or have had equivalent experience as prescribed by the American Dietetic Association for membership.

(*c*) Be eligible for membership in the American Dietetic Association.

(*d*) Present evidence of employment in the field or specialty for not less than 6 months within the 2-year period preceding date of appointment or have completed an approved dietetic internship within the 12-month period preceding appointment.

(2) *Physical therapy section.* An applicant must—

(*a*) Possess a baccalaureate degree and a certificate of completion of a course in physical therapy approved by the American Physical Therapy Association and the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association, or possess a baccalaureate degree in physical therapy from a school approved by the American Physical Therapy Association and the Council on

Medical Education of the American Medical Association.

(b) Be eligible for membership in the American Physical Therapy Association.

(c) Present evidence of employment in the specialty for not less than 6 months within the 3-year period preceding date of appointment or have become professionally qualified in the specialty within the 12-month period preceding date of appointment.

(3) *Occupational therapy section.* An applicant must—

(a) Possess a baccalaureate degree which has included or been followed by a curriculum in

occupational therapy approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association.

(b) Present evidence that clinical affiliations have been successfully completed.

(c) Be eligible for membership in the American Occupational Therapy Association.

(d) Present evidence of employment in the field or specialty for not less than 6 months within the 3-year period preceding date of appointment or have become professionally qualified in the specialty within the 12-month period preceding date of appointment.

## CHAPTER 2

### APPLICATION AND ALLIED DOCUMENTS

**2-1. Army Nurse Corps and Army Medical Specialist Corps appointment.** Application for appointment without concurrent call to active duty will consist of the following documents:

*a.* DD Form 98 (Armed Forces Security Questionnaire), in duplicate.

*b.* DD Form 398 (Statement of Personal History), for alien applicant only, in quintuplicate.

*c.* DD Form 1584 (Department of Defense National Agency Check Request), in duplicate.

*d.* DA Form 3208 (Worksheet for National Agency Check Request).

*e.* FD Form 258 (FBI U.S. Department of Justice Fingerprint Card), in duplicate.

*f.* DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment), in duplicate.

(1) ANC—verification of current membership in the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists by entering registration number and year under item 32.

(2) ANC—verification of day, month, and year of completion of basic nursing program under item 32.

(3) AMSC—membership status in appropriate professional organization under item 32.

*g.* Standard Form 88 (Report of Medical Examination) and Standard Form 89 (Report of Medical History) in duplicate.

*h.* Official transcripts.

(1) ANC—official transcripts of grades received in the basic nursing program and all additional credits acquired in undergraduate or graduate programs at universities or colleges. A certified statement from appropriate training agency attesting to satisfactory completion of any clinical postgraduate programs will be submitted.

(2) AMSC—official transcripts of grades received in undergraduate or graduate schools, together with transcript of grades and certification of an approved dietetic internship, physical therapy course, or occupational therapy clinical affiliation, whichever is applicable.

*i.* Certified or photostatic copy of the instrument which relieved a female applicant, through formal adoption or final divorce proceedings, of

rights to custody and control of dependents under the age of 18, if appropriate.

*j.* Conditional release obtained through official channels for transfer between Reserve components of the Armed Forces, if appropriate.

*k.* Citizenship statement for applicant not a citizen of the United States by birth (para 2-4).

*l.* Request for waiver of age requirement (fig. 2-1), if applicable.

*m.* Statement of TOE or TD vacancy by Reserve unit commander (fig. 2-2), if applicable.

*n.* Statements of Reserve obligation (fig. 2-3 or 2-4).

**2-2. Army Medical Specialist Corps appointment with concurrent active duty.** Application for appointment with concurrent call to active duty will consist of the following documents:

*a.* DA Form 160 (Application for Active Duty), in duplicate.

*b.* Those listed in paragraph 2-1*a* through *h*.

*c.* Those applicable listed in paragraph 2-1*i* through *k* and *n*.

**2-3. Army Nurse Corps appointment with concurrent active duty.** Application for appointment with concurrent call to active duty will consist of the following documents:

*a.* DD Form 1548 (Preinduction Processing and Commissioning Data—Medical, Dental, and Allied Specialists Categories), in duplicate, omitting items 15, 16, 17, 19, 24, 25, and 26. Additional information to be entered under item 27 is as follows:

(1) Résumé of all employment subsequent to date of completion of basic nursing program.

(2) Preference for clinical nursing specialty and geographic area of initial assignment.

(3) Verification of day, month, and year of completion of basic nursing program.

(4) Verification of date and state of initial and current licensure to practice nursing.

(5) Date available for active duty.

(6) Social Security Account Number.

(7) Place of birth.

(8) Aliases or maiden name, if applicable.

(9) Inclusive dates of prior military service, grade, and service number, if applicable.

b. Standard Form 88 (Report of Medical Examination) and Standard Form 89 (Report of Medical History), in duplicate.

c. Statement of understanding for appointment as a commissioned officer (fig. 2-5), in duplicate.

d. For alien applicants, those listed in paragraph 2-1a through e and h.

e. Those applicable listed in paragraph 2-1i through k and n.

2-4. Citizenship statements. An individual who is not a citizen of the United States by birth will submit a statement by an officer of the Army or a notary public as indicated below. (This requirement may be omitted for commissioned officers and warrant officers of the Army holding current appointment.) Facsimiles or copies, photostatic or otherwise, of naturalization certificates, declarations of intention, certificates of citizenship, or alien registration receipt cards will not be made. The reproduction of these certificates or any parts thereof without proper authority constitutes a felony.

a. Citizens by naturalization.

I have this date seen the original certificate of citizenship No. .... (or certified copy of the court order establishing citizenship) stating that ..... (Name) was admitted to United States citizenship by the court of ..... at ..... (City and State) on ..... (Date)

b. Citizenship through naturalization of parent.

I have this date seen the original certificate of citizenship, No. ...., issued to ..... (Name) by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, stating that ..... (Name of applicant) acquired citizenship on ..... (Date)

c. Noncitizen who has been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence.

I have this date seen the original Alien Registration Receipt Card Form No. 1-151, bearing No. ...., issued to ..... (Name) on ..... (Date)

I understand I may not be able to complete 20 years of satisfactory Federal service for retirement purposes under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. 1331 (i.e. eligibility to draw retired pay at age 60), prior to being removed from an active status under applicable laws or Army Regulations.

----- (Date) ----- (Signature) ----- (SSAN)

Figure 2-1. Request for waiver of age requirement.

(UNIT HEADING AND ADDRESS)

Appropriate position vacancy in the grade of ..... and MOS ..... exists in this unit. It will remain available for ..... (Name) pending final action on the application for appointment.

----- (Signature of commander) ----- (Typed name of commander) ----- (Date)

Figure 2-2. Statement of TOE or TD vacancy by Reserve unit commander.

I agree that—

a. If appointed a Reserve officer I will, if required, serve on active duty or perform active duty for training for 3 to 6 months or for a longer period if otherwise agreed and serve in the Army Reserve for a period which, when added to my active duty, totals 6 years, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 651.

b. While a member of the Ready Reserve of the Army Reserve, I will, if required, participate in at least 48 scheduled drills or training periods and serve on active duty for training not less than 14 days (exclusive of traveltime) during each year or such lesser periods of training as may be prescribed for an officer in my category.

c. For failure to perform satisfactorily such training duty, I may be ordered, without my consent, to perform additional active duty for training for not more than 45 days in any year.

d. If failure to perform such training duty occurs during the final year of my period of obligatory membership in the Ready Reserve such membership will be extended for such time, not to exceed 6 months, as may be required for the performance of such additional active duty for training, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 270(b).

e. If appointed a Reserve officer I may be ordered to active duty at any time in the event of war or National emergency declared by the Congress or Proclaimed by the President or as otherwise authorized by law.

f. I understand that as a Reserve officer of the Army, I will become an officer of the Army National Guard of the United States if I am appointed and federally recognized in the Army National Guard of a State, Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia. I understand further that satisfactory service as a commissioned officer of the Army National Guard of the United States constitutes service in the Ready Reserve. Accordingly, if Ready Reserve service in an appropriate activity of the United States Army Reserve is not available to me, I agree to accept appointment in the Army National Guard of a State (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) in which I am residing, if tendered, and to complete my Ready Reserve service as an officer of the Army National Guard of the United States.

----- (SSAN)	----- (Signature)
----- (Date)	----- (Name typed)

Figure 2-3. Agreement for nonprior service male applicant under 26 years of age applying for appointment with or without concurrent call to active duty.

I agree that—

a. If appointed a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Reserve I will become a member of the Ready Reserve.

b. Under title 10, United States Code, section 270, I will, if required—

(1) Participate in at least 48 scheduled drills or training periods, and serve on active duty for training not less than 14 days each year, or—

(2) Serve on active duty for training not more than 30 days during each year, or—

(3) Perform training for such lesser periods as may be prescribed for commissioned or warrant officers of my category.

c. For failure to perform the prescribed training duty satisfactorily, I may be ordered, without my consent, to perform additional active duty for training for not more than 45 days in any year.

d. If appointed a Reserve commissioned officer I may be ordered to active duty at any time in the event of war or National emergency declared by Congress or proclaimed by the President, or as otherwise authorized by law.

----- (SSAN) -----	----- (Signature) -----
----- (Date) -----	----- (Name typed) -----

Figure 2-4. Agreement for prior service male applicant appointed after a break in service, nonprior service male applicant over age 26 and all female applicants applying for appointment without concurrent call to active duty.

I understand that my appointment as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Reserve is being accomplished prior to completion of a required National Agency Check and Federal Bureau of Investigation Name Check.

I further understand that, if as a result of completion of the post-commissioning investigative processes, I am determined unacceptable for appointment as a commissioned officer, I will be discharged from the U.S. Army Reserve and I will receive an Honorable Discharge Certificate.

----- (Signature) -----	----- (Signature) -----
----- (Typed name of witness) -----	----- (Name typed) -----
	----- (SSAN) -----
	----- (Date) -----

Figure 2-5. Statement of understanding for appointment as a commissioned officer.

## CHAPTER 3

### DETERMINATION OF GRADE AND COMPUTATION OF "YEARS OF SERVICE IN AN ACTIVE STATUS"

**3-1. Determination of grade.** Qualified applicants with or without military service or members of a Reserve component seeking appointment in or transfer to a different branch in a grade other than presently held may be appointed in grades as follows based on the "years of service in an active status" credited under paragraph 3-2a and b.

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Years of service</i>
Second Lieutenant.....	Less than 3.
First Lieutenant.....	3 but less than 7.
Captain.....	7 but less than 14.
Major.....	14 but less than 21.

a. No period of time may be counted twice for purposes of computing credit for "years in an active status."

b. Not more than 14 "years of service in an active status" may be granted to an appointee in either the ANC or AMSC who has not previously served on active duty, other than for training, in the specialty concerned.

c. Not more than 6 "years of service in an active status" will be granted to an ANC applicant who does not possess a baccalaureate or higher degree in an area appropriate to the practice of professional nursing.

**3-2. Computation of "years of service in an active status."** a. ANC—Computation of credit for "years of service in an active status."

(1) Qualifying education creditable as "years of service in an active status" will be given to an individual on the basis of the highest degree attained in an acceptable university or collegiate program in nursing in the following areas appropriate to the practice of professional nursing: Clinical nursing specialties, nursing education, nursing service administration, nursing research, public health nursing, and other areas appropriate to the practice of professional nursing, as determined by The Surgeon General. Additional credit may be granted for completion of a nurse anesthetist training program acceptable to The Surgeon General and current certification by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists as a registered nurse anesthetist. Qualifying education will be credited as follows:

Baccalaureate degree.....	3 years
Master's degree.....	4 years
Doctoral degree.....	5 years
Completion of approved training program for nurse anesthetists and current certification by American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.	2 years

(2) Qualifying experience is defined and may be credited as the number of years, months, and days of appropriate professional nursing practice performed subsequent to completion date of the basic nursing program.

b. AMSC—Computation of credit for "years of service in an active status."

(1) Qualifying education will be credited on the basis of the highest degree attained, except that no credit will be given to an appointee not yet certified in the appropriate specialty who is appointed for the purpose of undertaking training in that specialty under an Army program (AR 601-136).

(a) Baccalaureate degree..... 3 years

(Degree must include or have been followed by a dietetic internship, physical therapy course or occupational therapy course or, for dietitians, a baccalaureate degree and completion of requirements through equivalent experience for membership in the American Dietetic Association.)

(b) Master's degree..... 4 years

(Must meet requirements for baccalaureate degree and possess a master's degree in the appropriate specialty or allied specialty acceptable to Department of the Army.)

(c) Doctoral degree..... 5 years

(Must meet requirements for baccalaureate and master's degree and possess a doctoral degree in a specialty acceptable to Department of the Army.)

(2) Qualifying experience for determination of "years of service in an active status" is defined and may be credited as the number of years, months, and days of appropriate professional experience that has been accrued since the date of basic eligibility for appointment in the appropriate specialty.

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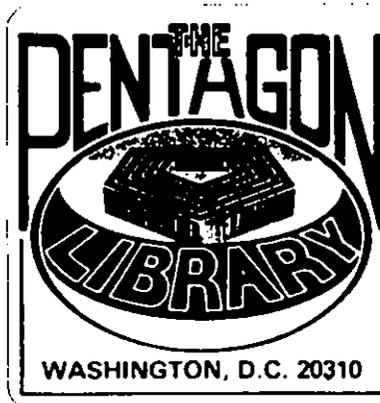
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