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MEDICAL SERVICE EARLY COMMISSIONING
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AR 601-140, 19 June 1963 is changed as follows:

3. Appointment and participation.

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✓ Participants assigned to the USAR Control Group (Delayed) will be excused by Army area commanders from all Reserve duty and training and/or active duty for training (AR 135-90), **except if selected for participation in the Clinical Clerkship Training Program (fig. 1)**, and will be considered to have satisfied the military educational requirements for promotion to the next higher grade. See AR 135-155.

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✓ **9. Reports.** (Added) Army Medical Service Personnel Procurement reports will be submitted in accordance with AR 601-142.

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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Chief of Staff.

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1. General. These regulations implement the provisions of Department of Defense Directive 1200.14 for the Army as it applies to the Medical Service Early Commissioning Program.

2. Purpose. This program has the following primary purposes:

a. To provide a programed input into the active Army and an early association of future physicians, dentists, and veterinarians with the Army as a means of interesting them in a military career.

b. To insure the delay from active duty of students in the specialties of medicine, denistry, and veterinary medicine until completion of professional educational qualification.

3. Appointment and participation. *a.* Male students selected for or enrolled in medical, dental, and veterinary schools approved by the American Medical Association, American Dental Association, or the American Veterinary Medical Association, respectively, may be appointed as Reserve commissioned officers in the grade of second lieutenant for assignment to the Medical Service Corps under the provisions of these regulations unless qualified for a higher grade by branch or service transfer.

b. Applicants desiring to participate in this program must meet the requirements for appointment in the Medical Service Corps as prescribed in AR 140-101. Applicants will be considered to have met the requirement for possessing a bachelor's degree if accepted for or enrolled in an approved medical, dental, or veterinary school.

c. ROTC officers who are delayed under AR 601-25 because of enrollment in approved medical, dental, and veterinary schools will be considered

as participants in the Medical Service Early Commissioning Program by Army area commanders exercising jurisdictional control prescribed in AR 601-25. Such officers—

- (1) Will not complete the application for the Medical Service Early Commissioning Program (fig. 1);
- (2) Will be continued in branch of assignment at time of appointment as an ROTC officer; and
- (3) Will be governed by the provisions of AR 601-25 for delay and reporting purposes until completion of professional educational qualifications.

d. Participants, except as noted in *f* below, will be assigned to USAR Control Group (Delayed), and will not be involuntarily ordered to active duty in the event of partial mobilization (AR 601-25).

e. Participants assigned to the USAR Control Group (Delayed) will be excused by Army area commanders from all Reserve duty and training and/or active duty for training (AR 135-90), and will be considered to have satisfied the military educational requirements for promotion to the next higher grade (AR 135-155).

f. Participants, other than ROTC officers, may volunteer for assignment to an appropriate vacancy in a troop programed unit. Participants assigned to a troop programed unit will, without the consent of the persons affected, accompany the unit if it is ordered to active duty during full or partial mobilization. Such persons may also be ordered to active duty as individual reinforcements.

g. Participants will, upon graduation, be ap-

✓ These regulations supersede AR 135-30, 23 July 1958, including C 1, 16 August 1961.

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pointed as Reserve commissioned officers in the Medical, Dental, or Veterinary Corps, as appropriate.

h. Failure to graduate.

- (1) Participants other than ROTC officers who fail to graduate will be considered for discharge. Procedures outlined in AR 140-175 will be followed. This paragraph and regulations will be cited as authority for discharge. Discharged persons, who have not completed service obligations imposed by law, will be reported to the Director of the Selective Service for induction.
- (2) ROTC officers who fail to graduate will be required to perform the initial period of active duty in accordance with the terms of deferment or contractual agreements executed by them (AR 601-25).

4. Responsibility. *a.* The Surgeon General is responsible for supervising this program and will—

- (1) Furnish annual program quotas to Army area commanders.
- (2) Issue assignment instructions for those participants reported as available for active duty.

b. Army area commanders.

- (1) Commanders are responsible for obtaining sufficient participants to meet their assigned quotas (AR 601-132). ROTC officers are considered as Early Commissioning Program participants and will be credited against assigned quotas.
- (2) Commanders who tender initial appointments of participants, including ROTC officers noted in paragraph 3c, are responsible for the actions prescribed below until such time as the participants enter on active duty.
 - (a) For participants in the Control Group (Delayed): Maintaining control over the participants, their personnel records, and strength accountability.
 - (b) For participants assigned to Army Reserve units: Maintaining control over the participants and their strength accountability.
 - (c) For all participants, including ROTC officers considered as participants: Insuring that participants are proc-

essed for and nominated for active duty at the conclusion of their professional educational training.

- (3) Commanders will insure that all prospective applicants are provided a copy of this regulation and are counseled regarding their service obligations and the alternatives offered by this program.

5. Obligations. Participants are obligated to the conditions agreed upon by signing the application (fig. 1). Applicants will be advised of any statutory service or training obligation that they will acquire by reason of appointment under this program (AR 135-90).

6. Procedures for forwarding applications. *a.* Applicants who do not hold a commission and desire to participate in this program will forward to the area commander of the Army area in which their schools are located, the letter of application (fig. 1) in triplicate along with the other documents required for appointment as prescribed in AR 140-101. Applicants will not be considered by appointment examining boards.

b. Except for ROTC officers, individuals who hold an appointment as a Reserve commissioned officer of the Army or another armed force who desire to participate in this program will submit the letter of application (fig. 1) in triplicate with the documents prescribed in AR 140-10 for requesting transfer to the Medical Service Corps, Army Reserve.

7. Nominations for active duty. *a.* By 1 February of each year, each area commander will nominate to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C., those participants, including ROTC officers designated as participants, who will be required to enter active duty during the following fiscal year.

b. The nominations will consist of a consolidated roster of participants by name, grade, and service number. Two completed copies of DA Form 2694 (AMEDS Officer Initial Assignment Questionnaire) for each participant who is nominated will be attached to the consolidated roster.

8. Delays and exemptions. *a.* Except as otherwise provided in *b* below, participants ordered to active duty under this program who request delays in reporting for active duty will be governed by AR 601-134.

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b. Chapter 3, AR 601-25, governs the delay or exemption of individual members or members of units of the Ready Reserve alerted for or involuntarily ordered to active duty.

SUBJECT: Application for Appointment; Medical Service Early Commissioning Program
TO: Commanding General, appropriate Army area

1. Under the provisions of AR 601-140 which I have read and understand, I hereby volunteer for participation in the Army Medical Service Early Commissioning Program and I agree, as evidenced by my signature below, that I will

a. Faithfully pursue toward completion an established course of study leading to a degree in _____
(Medicine, Dentistry, or

Veterinary Medicine)

b. Accept appointment as a Reserve commissioned officer of the Army in the grade of second lieutenant, Medical Service Corps, when tendered, unless qualified for a higher grade by branch or service transfer.

c. Accept reappointment in the _____ Corps upon graduation, if tendered.
(Medical, Dental, or Veterinary)

d. (Select one).

Enter on active duty within 1 year from the date of appointment in the _____ Corps,
(Medical, Dental, or Veterinary)

unless granted a delay by proper authority, and serve on extended active duty as a commissioned officer of the Army for a period of 2 consecutive years unless sooner relieved of this obligation or discharged by proper authority. (Italics) To be completed: (1) by all applicants who have not previously served on active duty for 12 months or more in one of the armed forces of United States; or (2) by those applicants who served 12 months or more of active duty and elect this option.

Retain my Ready Reserve status while participating in this program. (Italics) To be completed by those applicants who have previously served on active duty for 12 months or more in one of the armed forces of the United States and elect not to complete the preceding item.

2. I understand and agree—

a. That, if I am serving in a drill pay status with a Ready Reserve troop programed unit while a participant in this program, I will be required to accompany my unit if it is ordered to active duty during full or partial mobilization, or that I may be ordered to active duty as an individual reinforcement irrespective of whether my unit is so ordered.

b. That changing my course of study or failure to graduate may result in the termination of my appointment in the Reserve of the Army as determined by Headquarters, Department of the Army.

c. That the fact that I may be reappointed in the Medical, Dental, or Veterinary Corps of the Reserve of the Army upon graduation does not bind the United States Army to order me to extended active duty. I understand that my entrance on active duty will be contingent upon Army requirements at the time I am determined to be qualified for active duty, and that I hereby volunteer for entry on active duty when and if my services are required. If I am excess to the needs of the Active Army, I will be permitted to fulfill the remaining portion of my military obligation in the Ready Reserve.

d. That all provisions of this agreement shall remain in effect if I am permitted to transfer to another educational institution to complete my degree requirements.

e. That I will not be eligible for pay and allowances while a participant in the program unless I am a member of a troop programed unit, or I forward application and I am accepted for a clinical clerkship when such training is offered by the Army. I further understand that this does not prevent me from participating in the Army-sponsored student or intern programs, but does preclude my participation in a similar program sponsored by another military department unless specifically approved by Headquarters, Department of the Army.

f. That I must have the Dean (or his authorized representative) sign the acceptance statement on the reverse of this form before my application will be acceptable for consideration.

(Date)

(Signature)

FOR DEAN'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

I certify that the applicant _____ has been properly enrolled (or was accepted for enrollment) in this institution on _____, for the purpose of pursuing a degree in _____
(Date) (Typed full name) (Medicine, Dentistry, or

Veterinary Medicine) If he faithfully pursues his established course of study, he is expected to receive the degree _____
(title of degree) on or about _____
(Date)

Name of Institution

Date

Signature of Head of Institution or Authorized Representative

Figure 1

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9, Reports, added c1

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