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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. The OCS option is designed to supplement other sources of male OCS applicants. 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. The following Officer Candidate Courses are currently available:

Branch	School	Time required to complete
Infantry.....	U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.	23
Artillery.....	U.S. Army Artillery and Missile School, Fort Sill, Okla.	23
Engineer.....	U.S. Army Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va.	23
Signal.....	U.S. Army Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga.	23
Branch immaterial*.	U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.	22

\*This training will be conducted in two phases consisting of:  
 Phase I: 13 weeks of branch immaterial training at the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.  
 Phase II: 9 weeks of branch material training at one of the following:  
 U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.  
 U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.  
 U.S. Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Va.  
 U.S. Army Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Va.

\*This regulation supersedes AR 601-226, 22 November 1965.

b. Applicants who enlist for Artillery OCS will, prior to entry into OCS, attend basic combat training at the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Advanced Individual Training in MOS 13E, Field Artillery Operations and Intelligence Assistant, at the U.S. Army Training Center, Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Okla. Applicants who enlist for Infantry OCS will, prior to entry into OCS, attend basic combat training and advanced individual training in MOS 11B, Light Weapons Infantryman, at the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Gordon, Ga. Applicants enlisting for Engineer, Signal, or Branch Immaterial OCS will, prior to entry into OCS, attend basic combat training and advanced individual training in MOS 11B, Light Weapons Infantryman, at either the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Gordon, Ga., or the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Jackson, S.C.

c. Officer Candidate School graduates who are assigned to duty with a branch of service other than that represented by the Officer Candidate School will be required to attend a basic officer course conducted by the branch to which assigned.

**3. Responsibility.** The Commanding General, USCONARC is responsible for the operation of this program. The Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command will take appropriate action to insure a vigorous program for the recruitment of officer candidate school applicants from civilian life. Professors of Military Science at Army ROTC institutions will conduct

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active recruiting campaigns among senior class students for the OCS Enlistment Option during the period through 30 June 1967. The Army Recruiting Service will provide such assistance in this effort as may be requested by the Professors of Military Science.

**4. Eligibility requirements.** Applicants for enlistment under this program must—

*a.* Meet the eligibility requirements of AR 601-210 and 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 United States 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, except that students in their senior year may submit applications at any time during the senior year. These applications will show the anticipated date of graduation in the "Remarks" section. Upon receipt of application, these applicants will be processed as college graduates; however, they will not be enlisted until documentary evidence has been submitted showing that they have been awarded their degrees. Such documentary evidence will be returned to the individual and will not be a part of his enlistment file.

*d.* Be at least 18 years of age and must not have passed his 27th birthday at time of enlistment.

*e.* Enlist in the Regular Army for a 2-year period.

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

**5. Counseling OCS applicants.** Each applicant for this option will be provided a copy of DA Pam 20-18 (Take Command—Apply for OCS) and the United States Army Recruiting Command Officer Candidate School option fact sheet "How Tough is Rough?" (RPI 112). 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 of his enlistment and the date of his scheduled graduation from OCS, he will undergo approximately 9 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 application on DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment), in triplicate, to the nearest U.S. Army Recruiting Main Station.

**7. Airborne training en route to infantry OCS.** Men who desire to attend airborne training en route to infantry OCS will indicate infantry on the DA Form 61 as their first choice for OCS training. Application for airborne training will be submitted in accordance with AR 611-7 at the time of submitting application for OCS. Both applications will be processed simultaneously. If selected for both airborne training and infantry OCS, selectees will be scheduled for each phase of the required training (basic combat training, advanced individual training, airborne training, and infantry OCS, in that order) so as to result in a minimum amount of time between completion of one phase and commencement of the next.

**8. Physical fitness test.** The physical fitness test will not be administered prior to appearance before the OCS examining board. However, successful completion of the physical fitness test prior to graduation from the OCS course of instruction is a mandatory prerequisite to commissioning.

**9. Processing by recruiting main station commanders.** Recruiting main station commanders will take the following action:

*a.* Have administrative personnel assist the applicant in preparing forms listed in paragraphs 27*a*, *b*, and *d*(3) and (5), AR 350-50. Documentary evidence of date of birth and highest level of education attained is required.

*b.* Instruct applicant to complete single copy of DA Form 3027WS (U.S. Army Request for National Agency Check (Worksheet)). The DA Form 3027WS will be included with the documents forwarded under the provisions of paragraph 11*d*. Orders issued by Recruiting Main Stations will include a requirement that a National Agency Check be initiated for these individuals immediately upon their reporting for duty at a basic training activity.

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

*d.* Discuss the application and Officer Candidate Program with the applicant to insure he is cognizant of the nature of Officer Candidate School training and the responsibilities which are assumed by commissioned officers.

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

- (1) AFQT (applicant must achieve a percentile score of 65 or greater).
  - (a) When testing on college campuses 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) AQB (applicant must achieve a GT Aptitude Area score of 110 or higher and this score will be entered under "Remarks" in first statement of DA Form 61).
- (3) Officer Candidate Test (OCT). (A standard score of at least 115 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 *e*(1)(*b*) above, apply.
- (4) Applicant must be found medically qualified in accordance with provisions outlined in paragraph 20, AR 350-50.
- (5) Medical examination, SF 88 and SF 89, will be forwarded to the Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command for review and action required in paragraph 40*e*, AR 350-50. Upon completion of review, medical examinations will be returned to the appropriate recruiting main stations by the most expeditious means.

*f.* If applicant successfully meets all the foregoing screening requirements, 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.

**10. OCS examining boards.** The Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command is delegated authority to establish and con-

vene 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 inservice OCS program will not be utilized for screening applicants under this program. The Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command may further delegate to recruiting district commanders authority to appoint OCS examining boards.

**11. Action by recruiting district commanders.** Recruiting district commanders will take necessary action to—

*a.* Notify recruiting main station commanders of the specific dates Officer Candidate School applicants are to report for board examinations.

*b.* Insure that the following are administered:

- (1) OLI-1 (Officer Leadership Qualification Inventory).
- (2) OLB-1 (Officer Leadership Board Interview).
- (3) DA Form 6224 (Interview Appraisal Sheet M).

*c.* Have a composite score computed for each applicant, based on the measures in *b* above and scored by the OCS examining board. Minimum acceptable composite score for qualification is established at 160.

*d.* Enlist 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, United States 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 on the applicant's acceptability is made, action will be taken in accordance with (1) or (2) above.

**12. Final processing at recruiting main stations.** *a.* Prior to enlistment, the applicant must complete the statement of understanding shown below. This statement of understanding will be

