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1. Purpose. These regulations announce the implementation of the Officer Candidate School Enlistment Option for male civilian applicants. This option is designed to supplement the normal source of male OCS applicants and to prescribe the additional requirements and procedures, other than those specified in AR 350-50, which applicants must meet prior to acceptance.

2. Courses available. The following Officer Candidate Courses are currently available:

Branch	School	Time required to complete (weeks)
Infantry.....	U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.	23
Artillery.....	U.S. Army Artillery and Missile School, Fort Sill, Okla.	23

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 branch orientation course as prescribed in AR 350-50.

3. Responsibility. The Commanding General, USCONARC is responsible for the operation of this program. Army commanders will take ap-

propriate action to support a vigorous program for the recruitment of officer candidate school applicants from civilian life.

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

a. Meet the eligibility requirements of AR 601-210 and AR 350-50, and these regulations. Where different criteria or requirements are established by these regulations the provisions of AR 601-226 will apply.

b. Meet the citizenship criteria for appointment as prescribed in paragraph 15, AR 350-50.

c. Have a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited non-Army ROTC 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—

- (1) Graduates of Army ROTC colleges or universities who for valid reasons could not participate in the Army ROTC Program may also apply. Each application will contain information provided by the PMS to indicate that the applicant could or could not have participated in the ROTC program in view of circumstances described by the applicant. All such

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cases will be forwarded to Army commanders for approval prior to individual's appearance before the OCS examining board.

- (2) Students in their senior year of college may submit applications 135 days prior to scheduled graduation date. These applications will show the anticipated date of graduation under the "Remarks" section of their application. Upon receipt of application, they 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 degree. This document will be returned to the individual and will not be a part of his enlistment file.

d. Be at least 18 years and 6 months of age and not older than 27 years.

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

f. Successfully complete basic combat training prior to entry in OCS.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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* (1), (2), (3), (5), and (6), AR 350-50.

b. Review the application to determine whether the applicant is qualified under these regulations.

c. 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.

d. Arrange for necessary testing at an Armed Forces Examining Station. 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).
- (2) A.Q.B. (applicant must achieve an Aptitude Area (GT) score of 110 or higher and this score will be entered under "Remarks" in first indorsement of DA Form 61).
- (3) Officer Candidate Test. (A score of at least 115 must be attained and this score will be entered under "Remarks" in first indorsements of DA Form 61.)
- (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 Army commander 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.

e. 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.

8. OCS examining boards. Army commanders will establish and convene OCS examining boards. The boards will consist of at least three officer, one of whom is a field grade officer assigned in the combat arms. Boards convened to screen applicants for the in-service OCS program will not be utilized for screening applicants under this program.

9. Action by ZI army commanders. ZI army 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).

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