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Justification. This interim change includes new direct appointment changes in compliance with DCSPER Action Memorandum, Subject: Weight Standards for Commissioning of Officers, dated 11 October 1984.

Expiration. This interim change expires 1 year from date of publication and will be destroyed at that time unless sooner rescinded or superseded by a permanent change.

1. AR 601-70, 1 August 1983, is changed as follows:

Page 3. Paragraph 5.f is superseded as follows:

f. Physical qualification:

(1) For appointment with or without concurrent active duty, applicants must meet the standards of medical fitness in Chapter 2, AR 40-501. Effective 1 August 1987 the retention weight standards in AR 600-9 apply for commissioning of all officers. Exceptions are permitted as follows:

(a) The AR 600-9 weight requirement may be waived at initial procurement, but applicants' maximum weight may not exceed the standards of AR 40-501.

(b) Requests for waiver of weight standards should be addressed to HQDA (DACH-PEP), WASH DC 20310-2700.

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## Army Regulation 601-70

Effective 1 August 1983

### Personnel Procurement

#### Voluntary Active Duty with the Chaplain Branch

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**Summary.** This regulation implements DOD Directive 1304.19. It prescribes responsibilities, guidance, and procedures for applicants applying for voluntary active duty with the Army Chaplaincy. This regulation also gives eligibility criteria for appointment and order to active duty of chaplains under this program.

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to the Active Army, the Army National Guard, and the US Army Reserve.

**Impact on New Manning System.** This regulation does not contain information that affects the New Manning System.

**Supplementation.** Supplementation of the regulation is prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from HQDA (DACH-PEP), WASH DC 20310.

**Interim changes.** Interim changes to this regulation are not official unless they are authenticated by The Adjutant General. Users will destroy interim changes on their expiration dates unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

**Suggested improvements.** The proponent agency of this regulation is the Office of the Chief of Chaplains. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to HQDA(DACH-PEP), WASH DC 20310.

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## 1. Purpose

*a.* This regulation sets up a program to—

(1) Procure chaplains for voluntary duty with the Chaplain Branch.

(2) Assist applicants in meeting the active duty requirements of the Army.

*b.* This regulation applies to the following:

(1) Individuals (with or without military status) nominated by their ecclesiastical endorsing agency who may be considered for active duty with the Chaplain Branch under this program. (See AR 135-100, para 3-6a(2).)

(2) Commissioned chaplains in the Army National Guard (ARNG) or the US Army Reserve (USAR) who, possessing an active duty nomination and an active duty ecclesiastical endorsement from their ecclesiastical endorsing agency, may be ordered voluntarily to active duty under this program.

*c.* This regulation does not apply to applicants for appointment (or branch transfer) without concurrent active duty. (See AR 135-100 and AR 140-10.)

*d.* This program does not change the need to take specific action to appoint, reorder, or transfer under the authority of (or in conjunction with) other Army regulations.

## 2. References

Required publications are listed below.

*a.* AR 40-501 (Standard of Medical Fitness). Cited in paragraph 5f(1) and (2).

*b.* AR 135-100 (Appointment of Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the Army). Cited in paragraphs 1b(1) and *c*; 5*a*, *c*, *h*, *i*; and 9.

*c.* AR135-210 (Order to Active Duty as Individuals During Peacetime). Cited in paragraph 7a(3).

*d.* AR 140-10 (Assignments, Attachments, Details, and Transfers). Cited in paragraph 1*c*.

*e.* AR 600-9 (Army Physical Fitness and Weight Control Program.) Cited in paragraph 5f(2).

*f.* AR 600-20 (Army Command Policy and Procedures). Cited in paragraph 9.

*g.* AR 614-100 (Officers). Cited in paragraph 7a(1).

## 3. Explanation of abbreviations

<i>a.</i> ADL	Active Duty List
<i>b.</i> ARNG	Army National Guard
<i>c.</i> CCH	Chief of Chaplains
<i>d.</i> DOR	date of rank
<i>e.</i> MILPERCEN	US Army Military Personnel Center
<i>f.</i> OTRA	other than Regular Army
<i>g.</i> USAR	United States Army Reserve

## 4. Responsibilities

The Chief of Chaplains (CCH) is responsible for the

chaplain voluntary active duty program within the Army Chaplain Branch.

## 5. Eligibility requirements

Applicants for active duty must meet the following qualifications at the time of appointment:

*a.* Age. Applicants must—

(1) Satisfy the age requirements for appointment as a Reserve chaplain. (See AR 135-100, para 1-4*a*.)

(2) Be able to qualify for retirement under section 3911, title 10, United States Code. The requirement is 20 years active Federal Service including 10 years of commissioned officer service before attaining age 60. (The ability to meet this requirement does not guarantee any applicant active duty service until age 60.)

*b.* Age exceptions. Age exceptions will be granted only if the CCH determines that such action satisfies a special need of the Army Chaplaincy.

*c.* Citizenship. Applicants must satisfy the same citizenship requirement as is used for determining eligibility for appointment as a Reserve chaplain. (See AR 135-100, para 1-4*b*.)

*d.* Character. Applicants must be of high moral character.

*e.* Leadership ability. Applicants must—

(1) Have the potential for leadership.

(2) Be able to function with collegiality.

(3) Have a willingness to respect the integrity of and work in cooperation with other religious groups.

(4) Have the ability to deal with people.

*f.* Physical qualifications.

(1) For appointment with or without concurrent active duty, the applicant must meet the standards of medical fitness in AR 40-501, chapter 2.

(2) For entry on active duty, members of the ARNG and USAR must meet the standards of medical fitness in AR 40-501, chapter 3, and the weight standards in AR 600-9.

*g.* National Agency Check. Applicants must receive a favorable report.

*h.* Education. Applicants must have the same education qualifications as are required for appointment as a Reserve chaplain. (See AR 135-100, para 3-6a(1).)

*i.* Ecclesiastical Endorsement. Applicants must have an ecclesiastical endorsement for active duty. (See AR 135-100, para 3-6a(2).)

## 6. Service commitment

Applicants selected for active duty must serve 3 years in an obligated volunteer status.

## 7. Application procedures

*a.* DA Form 160 (Application for Active Duty). DA Form 160 may be obtained by writing HQDA (DACH-PEP), WASH DC 20310. The procedure for submitting an application is as follows:

(1) Army officers on active duty in another branch. Submit the application concurrent with a request for branch transfer through command channels (including the appropriate US Army Military Personnel Center (MILPERCEN) career branch) to HQDA(DACH-PEP), WASH DC 20310. (See AR 614-100.)

(2) Chaplains serving in another armed force. Submit application through command channels (concurrent with a request for an interservice transfer) according to that armed force's service regulations.

(3) ARNG and USAR chaplains. Submit the application through command channels according to AR 135-210.

(4) Enlisted persons on active duty and civilians. Submit the application directly to HQDA(DACH-PEP), WASH DC 20310.

*b. Interview statement.* Each applicant must be interviewed by an active duty chaplain who has been designated as a field screening chaplain. The procedure for initiating the interview and forwarding the interview statement is as follows:

(1) The applicant will arrange for an interview. The name and location of the nearest field screening chaplain may be obtained by writing HQDA(DACH-PEP), WASH DC 20310. Applicants will not be reimbursed for any trav-

el or incidental expenses connected with the interview requirement.

(2) The applicant will list the date and place of the interview and the identity of the interviewing chaplain in the Remarks section of DA Form 160.

(3) *Chaplains conducting interviews will forward the interview statement directly to HQDA (DACH-PEP), WASH DC 20310, using a military letter format. (See fig 1 for a sample interview statement.)*

### **8. Selection process**

*Chaplain Accession Selection Boards will be convened by the CCH to consider applications. These selection boards meet at least six times a year when specified by the CCH. The selection boards will make recommendations to the CCH. The CCH will make the selection of applicants for active duty.*

### **9. Entry grade and date of rank (DOR) of other than regular Army (OTRA) chaplains on the Active Duty List (ADL)**

The appointment grade and DOR of a chaplain commissioned in a Reserve Component will be determined according to AR 135-100, chapter 3, section III, and AR 600-20, chapter 6.

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SUBJECT: Interview Statement for \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant's name) \_\_\_\_\_

Office, Chief of Army Chaplains  
ATTN: DACH-PEP  
Washington, DC 20310

1. I interviewed \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant's name) \_\_\_\_\_, an applicant for a commission/active duty in the Army Chaplaincy, on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In my opinion, the applicant (does/does not) meet the eligibility criteria set out in AR 601-70 (Specify criteria that the applicant does not meet.)
3. My evaluation of the applicant is as follows: (Answer each item below with at least 25 words)
  - a. Professional and academic qualifications.
  - b. Pastoral abilities.
  - c. Military experience.
  - d. Motivation for ministry in the Army Chaplaincy.
  - e. Willingness to work cooperatively with chaplains of other faith groups and respect the integrity of other faith groups.
  - f. Ability to deal with people.
  - g. Personality traits.
  - h. Appearance, poise, and general physical condition.
  - i. Overall potential for ministry in the Army Chaplaincy.
  - j. Assignment limitation.
  - k. Demonstrates verbal and written proficiency in the English language.
4. I (do/do not) recommend that his/her application for a commission/active duty in the Army Chaplaincy be accepted. (Explain the reason for reaching your decision.)

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**\*Figure 1. Sample of an Interview Statement**



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