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SELECTION, PROCESSING, AND TRAINING OF OFFICER VOLUNTEERS
TO EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL DUTY

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Section I. GENERAL

1. Purpose. This regulation sets policies and procedures for the procurement, selection, training, assignment, and classification of officers who volunteer for explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) duty.

2. Applicability. This regulation applies to active Army officers and officers of the Army National Guard and US Army Reserve on active duty for training.

3. Publicity. Commanders at all installations will ensure that volunteer EOD training opportunities are publicized.

4. Locations and scope of training. The first phase of EOD training is given at the US Army Missile and Munitions Center and School (USAMMCS), Redstone Arsenal, AL; the second and third phases at the US Navy EOD School, Indian Head, MD. For more information on EOD training see DA Pamphlet 351-4.

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Section II. ELIGIBILITY

5. Personnel eligible to volunteer. All officers in the grade of captain and below may volunteer for EOD training except those who—

a. Are alerted or under orders for oversea movement.

b. Are alerted or under orders for assignment to units alerted for oversea movement.

c. Are assigned to units alerted or under orders for oversea movement.

d. Are under court-martial charges or investigation that may result in such charges.

e. Are being considered by board action for separation from the service.

f. Are on a stabilized assignment under AR 614-5 (unless the major commander specifically authorizes such application).

g. Have been previously rejected for, or relieved from, EOD training or duty due to punitive action,

cancellation of needed security clearance, academic failure, or personal request.

h. Cannot be granted the security clearance needed for EOD training.

6. Selection criteria for EOD training. *a.* Volunteers must meet the prerequisites given in DA Pamphlet 351-4. In addition, they must—

(1) Have completed a Branch Officers Basic Course or equivalent.

(2) Have a minimum physical profile of 111121.

(3) Meet the reliability standards in AR 50-5 and AR 50-6.

b. Applicants approved for EOD training with binocular visual acuity less than 20/40 or who need bifocal correction must have corrective lenses for their protective masks before reporting for Phase I instruction (chap. 11, AR 40-3). Applicants cannot be colorblind.

Section III. APPLICATION

7. Information to applicants and recommendation by an EOD officer. *a.* Volunteers for training will have the nature and requirements of EOD duties explained by a qualified EOD officer. They will be advised that failure to meet these requirements results in permanent disqualification for EOD duty. They will also be told that after EOD training they will be given EOD duties as set by current policies and directives.

b. For acceptance into the program, volunteers must be recommended by a qualified EOD officer. This recommendation will accompany the volunteer statement (para 9).

8. Security clearance. EOD training and duties require a clearance for CRITICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS DESIGN INFORMATION (CNWDI) and a SECRET clearance based on a background investigation (BI). A volunteer may begin training with an interim SECRET clearance

but must have his/her final SECRET clearance before Phase III training.

9. Volunteer statement. *a.* Volunteers for EOD must submit the EOD Volunteer Statement (app A).

b. The EOD Volunteer Statement will be filed in the officer's Military Personnel Records Jacket (MPRJ) as a document pending action (AR 640-10). The EOD school will remove the statement from the MPRJ before the officer leaves the school.

10. Processing applications. *a.* Personnel officers will review applications to ensure that applicants—

(1) Have included all needed information.

(2) Are eligible to apply (para 5).

(3) Meet the standards given in paragraph 6.

b. Personnel officers will send the applications to HQDA (DAPC-OP (appropriate Career Management Division)) Alexandria VA 22332.

Section IV. ADMINISTRATIVE AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

11. School quotas and assignment instructions. *a.* The Commanding General, US Army Training and Doctrine Command will allot attendance quotas for both basic EOD training and refresher

training for personnel assigned to US Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) units.

b. To reduce the time lost by volunteers awaiting assignment to the EOD program, personnel officers

will expedite both the requests to join EOD and the applications for school quotas.

c. Without the needed security clearance (para 8) and the EOD Volunteer Statement (app A), school quotas for EOD training will not be granted.

12. Disposition of officers completing EOD training.

a. Officers who complete EOD training will be assigned to EOD duties by MILPERCEN.

b. These officers' personnel records will be annotated with the EOD Specialty Skill Identifier (SSI) 75D (AR 611-101 and DA Pam 351-4).

13. Disposition of officers failing to complete EOD training.

a. Officers who do not complete EOD training and are on temporary duty at the EOD training activity will be returned to their parent unit.

b. Officers who do not complete EOD training and are enroute to join an EOD unit will be kept at the EOD training activity and reported to HQDA (DAPC-OP (appropriate Career Management Division)) Alexandria VA 22332 for assignment instructions.

c. If an officer has not completed EOD training, his Personnel Qualification Record-Part II (DA Form 2-1) will be annotated as prescribed in AR 640-2-1.

14. Refresher training. a. EOD personnel must take refresher training at the US Navy EOD School (see DA Pam 351-4). Requests for refresher training quotas can be obtained through the appropriate FORSCOM Explosive Ordnance Disposal Control Center or telephonically from USAMMCS EOD Detachment Number 1, Indian Head, MD (AUTOVON 364-4382/4437).

b. Failure to take refresher training within the time limits set in (1) and (2) below may result in withdrawal of EOD qualification and release from EOD duties.

(1) Refresher training must be taken between 48 and 60 months after basic EOD training or the last refresher training.

(2) Personnel serving in oversea assignments may postpone refresher training for 6 months after returning to CONUS. In no case, however, will it be delayed more than 72 months after basic EOD training or the last refresher training. The major command will ensure that the officer gets refresher training before expiration of the 72d month. School quotas must be requested within 15 days after an officer joins an EOD activity for duty.

c. Officers who are alerted or placed on orders for oversea assignment must take refresher training before departing CONUS if—

(1) They will be on long-tour assignment (18 or more months) and their current qualification will expire before two-thirds of their tour is completed.

(2) They will be on short-tour assignment (less than 18 months) and 48 months have passed since their basic EOD training or their last refresher training.

Refresher training quotas will be obtained by MILPERCEN, assignment instructions will include TDY schooling for officers taking training enroute to the next PCS assignment.

d. Personnel on an oversea EOD assignment will not be transferred to another if their current qualification expires earlier than 1 year before rotation to CONUS. The transfer will be permitted only after refresher training to update the qualification.

e. Waivers for refresher training may be granted on a case-by-case basis by DA. Waiver requests will be sent through channels to HQDA(DALO-SMD-EOD) WASH DC 20310.

15. Withdrawal of EOD qualification. a. EOD qualification will be withdrawn for the reasons given in AR 50-5, AR 50-6, or AR 611-101. In addition, they may be withdrawn for any of the following reasons:

(1) Conviction by a military or civil court for other than a minor and nonrecurrent misdemeanor involving no dereliction of military duty or moral turpitude.

(2) Withdrawal of needed security clearance.

(3) Failure to complete EOD refresher training within the time limits given in paragraph 14.

(4) Submission of Request for Release from EOD Duties (app B).

(5) Completion of a certificate of nonsuitability for EOD duties signed by the commanding officer and indorsed by either the responsible EOD control detachment commander or EOD staff officer.

b. Officers whose EOD qualification is withdrawn for any of the reasons given above, except a(3), will not be given further assignment to EOD duties.

c. If withdrawal proceedings are begun because of a cancellation of security clearance or violation

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of AR 50-5 or AR 50-6, the officer will be suspended immediately from EOD duties. All withdrawal proceedings will be sent through channels to the major Army commander for approval, ATTN: Staff EOD Officer. If withdrawal is approved, HQDA(DAPC-OPP-S) will be notified within 15 days of the approval action.

d. When an officer is released from EOD duties, personnel officers will ensure the Release from EOD Duty statement (app C) is completed and sent to HQDA(DAPC-OPP-S) Alexandria VA 22332. Reassignment action will be expedited on personnel whose EOD qualification is withdrawn for any reason.

APPENDIX A

EOD VOLUNTEER STATEMENT

THRU: _____ TO: _____ FROM: _____
 (Applicant's CO) (Serving military personnel officer) (Applicant)

1. I hereby volunteer for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) training with subsequent assignment to an EOD activity per DA Pamphlet 351-4 and AR 611-105.
2. I volunteer to perform the duties given in AR 611-101. These include, but are not limited to, the detection, identification, rendersafe, recovery, and field evaluation of improvised explosive devices (IED) and nuclear, chemical, biological, and conventional explosive ordnance which has failed to detonate high order and as such constitutes a hazard to military or civilian personnel, installations, or material. I shall provide EOD support to the United States Secret Service and State Department for protection of the President and other chosen personnel.
3. I also understand that I may, at any future time in my military career, be assigned to EOD duties unless I have requested relief from same per appendix B, AR 611-105, and that such duties may involve frequent TDY.
4. (Whenever applicable.) I have signed and inclosed a request for additional active duty per chapter 4, AR 135-215.

 (Signature of EOD officer) (Date) (Signature of applicant) (Date)

APPENDIX B
REQUEST FOR RELEASE FROM EOD DUTIES



TO: CO _____ FROM: _____
(EOD or appropriate unit) (Name) (Grade) (SSN)

1. I request relief from performance of EOD duties and withdrawal of my EOD qualification.
2. I understand that I may never again be permitted to perform EOD duties or be EOD qualified.
3. I further understand that DA may not favorably consider this request and that I may continue to be assigned to EOD duties at the discretion of DA.

(Signature of individual) (Date) (Signature of CO) (Date)

**APPENDIX C
RELEASE FROM EOD DUTY**

THRU: _____ TO: HQDA (DAPC-OPP-S) FROM: CO, _____
 (Applicable intermediate commander) Alexandria, VA 22332 (EOD or appropriate unit)

The officer listed below was released from EOD duties due to military necessity and should be considered for reassignment to EOD duties at a future date for the following reasons:

OR

The officer listed below was released from EOD duties and should not be considered for reassignment to EOD duties for the following reasons:

(Name)	(Grade)
(SSN)	(Date of release)
(Signature of Commanding Officer)	

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