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This regulation supersedes AR 611-110, 20 August 1970; DA message DA (CQPO) 042002Z Jun 71 (U), subject: Selecting and Training of Army Aviation Officers; and DA message DAPE-MPC 162145Z Feb 72 (U), subject: Medical Standards for Entry into the Army Aviation Program.

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL

1-1. Purpose. This regulation establishes criteria for eligibility and procedures for selection of male commissioned officers and warrant officers of the Active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve volunteering for Army aviation flight training.

1-2. General. *a.* The word "officer," when used in this regulation, includes both commissioned and warrant officers and, unless specifically modified herein, pertains to all components of the US Army.

b. Only volunteers are selected for training as Army aviators.

c. Graduates of the prescribed courses of initial flight training in rotary wing aircraft will be designated as Army aviators in accordance with AR 600-106 and will be awarded the MOS code appropriate to their aircraft qualifications in accordance with AR 611-101 or AR 611-112.

d. Utilization of active Army commissioned officers designated as Army aviators will be in accordance with AR 600-105 and DA Pamphlet 600-3. Warrant officer aviators will be utilized in accordance with AR 611-112 and DA Pamphlet 600-11. Selected Army aviators may be cross-trained in other type aircraft as required.

e. Elimination from a previous course of military-sponsored flight instruction normally precludes entry or reentry into the Army aviation flight training program.

1-3. Flight training course. Current Army aviation flight training courses, for officers not designated as Army aviators, provide for qualification

of officer as rotary wing aviators. These courses are listed in DA Pamphlet 350-10.

1-4. Service obligation and utilization. *a.* All active Army officers, except Reserve Officer AROTC Flight Training Program graduates, selected for and entered into an initial flight training course will incur a 3-year obligation. This obligation will be computed from the date of course completion or voluntary termination of attendance thereat, whichever is earlier. Officers involuntarily removed from the flight training program for medical unfitness or flight ineptness will revert to the obligation existing prior to application for training plus an additional obligation of 1 year, computed from termination of last previously existing obligation.

b. Those officers who enter active Army flight training as AROTC Flight Training Program graduates are obligated to serve the active duty requirement outlined in AR 145-1 and DA Form 597-1 (Army ROTC Supplemental Agreement - Flight Instruction).

c. Normally, active Army aviators will serve their utilization tour in an aviation assignment immediately following successful completion of Army aviation flight training. Officers of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve should be utilized in an aviation assignment in a unit of the Army National Guard or US Army Reserve immediately following successful completion of the flight training course.

CHAPTER 2

PREREQUISITES

2-1. For all applicants. Each applicant must—

a. Be in the grade of warrant officer, lieutenant, or captain and volunteer for training in rotary wing aircraft.

b. Be less than the following age at the time of application:

(1) Commissioned Officer: 30 years.

(2) Warrant Officer: 28 years.

(3) For Army National Guard officers not on active duty, waiver of age requirements for applicants will be considered by Chief, National Guard Bureau, only for those individuals who have previous military or civilian aviation experience, including aircraft maintenance or aeronautical engineering.

c. Be a high school graduate or equivalent; preferably have 2 or more years of college.

d. Attain or exceed a composite score of 155 on the Officer Battery of the Flight Aptitude Selection Tests (FAST-OB). Procedures for accomplishing the prescribed testing are contained in paragraph 2-2.

e. Have completed no more than 48 months' active commissioned or warrant service prior to entry into flight training.

f. Meet the following service requirements:

(1) Be assigned to a branch of service authorized Army aviation; or, if not assigned to such a branch, request and be accepted for transfer to one of those branches. Branches authorized aviation are Armor, Air Defense Artillery, Engineer, Field Artillery, Infantry, Medical Service, Military Intelligence, Military Police, Signal, Transportation, and Aviation Warrant Officer Branch.

(2) Officers of the Regular Army assigned to Armor, Air Defense Artillery, Field Artillery, Infantry, Corps of Engineers, or Signal Corps will complete the following before entry into flight training:

(*a*) Branch basic officers course, except those officers exempted from attending basic course by HQDA policy.

(*b*) A minimum of 1 year troop duty exclusive of (*a*) above.

(3) Officers of the Regular Army assigned to the Military Intelligence Branch, Military Police

Corps, and Transportation Corps must complete the following before entry into flight training:

(*a*) Combat arms branch officer course.

(*b*) One year combat arms branch detail exclusive of (*a*) above.

(*c*) Basic officers course or appropriate phase as prescribed by the officer's branch. Attendance may be delayed until after the officer concerned completes the Army flight training course.

(*d*) Officers integrated into the Regular Army are not required to be detailed to a combat branch if they are integrated in the grade of captain or above and are not required to comply with (*a*) above.

(4) Officers of the Regular Army assigned to the Medical Service Corps will complete their branch basic course before entry into flight training.

(5) Army National Guard and Army Reserve commissioned officers on extended active duty must have received credit for their basic course.

(6) A warrant officer must complete 18 months of service as a warrant officer prior to entry into flight training.

(7) For Army National Guard and Army Reserve officers not on active duty —

(*a*) Army National Guard officers must be federally recognized (see NGR 611-110) and have received credit for their branch basic course.

(*b*) Army Reserve officers must be members of troop program units.

(*c*) A warrant officer must have been a member of an Army National Guard unit or of a USAR troop program unit for a minimum of 1 year. CONUS Army commanders, major oversea commanders, and the Chief, National Guard Bureau may grant a waiver of this 1-year requirement.

(8) Previous flying experience is not required. However, those applicants who previously have been awarded a US military aeronautical rating as pilot or naval aviator may complete certain phases of instruction on a proficiency basis at the discretion of the appropriate school commandant.

2-2. Aptitude for flight training. *a.* All applicants will be tested with the Officer Battery of the Flight Aptitude Selection Tests (FAST-OB). Commanders will insure that applicants are afforded the opportunity to accomplish the prescribed testing prior to submission of applications to Department of the Army. The first indorsement to the application will state the date the FAST-OB was administered and the attained scores as follows: FAST-OB composite score, rotary wing score, and fixed wing score.

b. Procedures for requisitioning and safeguarding test material required to administer and score the FAST-OB are contained in DA Pamphlet 310-8 and AR 611-5. Test administration will be conducted by qualified personnel in accordance with AR 611-5. Reserve component applicants may be tested under the supervision of ARNG or USAR advisors. When required, advisors will be appointed as Test Control Officers for this purpose.

c. Completed test answer sheets will be forwarded by fastest mail to a centralized scoring activity designated by the appropriate CONUS Army or major command headquarters where the tests will be scored under the supervision of the test control officer.

d. Requisition for scoring materials for the FAST OB (DA Forms 6256, 6257-2, 6259-2, and 6260-2) will refer to the special orders number on which TCO designation was made as authorization for requisitioning these test components. Designated TCO will be limited in initial requisitions to not more than three sets of scoring keys. Additional orders for scoring keys will require justification.

e. DA Form 6256 (FAST Scoring Worksheet) will be used by the central scoring activity to com-

pute the FAST-OB composite score, the rotary wing score, and the fixed wing score for each applicant. DA Form 6256 will be prepared in triplicate. Two copies will be forwarded by fastest mail to the appropriate commanding officer with personnel records responsibility, who will dispose of the copies as prescribed in *f* below. The third copy of the DA Form 6256 for each applicant, along with the scored FAST answer sheet for all applicants, regardless of scores attained, will be mailed to the US Army Behavioral Science Research Laboratory, ATTN: CRDBSRL-DOLB, 1320 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209. Scored test answer sheets are considered controlled test material and will be packaged for shipment in accordance with instructions contained in AR 611-5. In packaging answer sheets for shipment, answer sheets will not be folded, creased, pinned, clipped, stapled, torn, or otherwise altered.

f. Upon receipt of two copies of DA Form 6256 from the scoring facility, the commander will insure that FAST test scores are accurately reported in item 33, DA Form 66 (Officer Qualification Record) as in the following example: FAST-OB Com-250: RW-150: FW-130: (date administered). One copy of DA Form 6256 will be attached to the duplicate copy of the application and filed in the Action Pending section of the MPRJ. The second copy of DA Form 6256 will be attached to the application for flight training and used in completing the first indorsement to the application as required by *a* above.

g. Retests of applicants with the FAST-OB are not authorized. Failure to achieve a qualifying composite score of 155 or higher on the FAST-OB upon initial testing will preclude any further consideration of the individual concerned for initial flight training.

CHAPTER 3

MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS

3-1. General. Final determination of medical fitness for all Army initial flight training programs will be made by The Surgeon General. Direct communications between medical examining facilities and The Surgeon General is authorized for this purpose.

3-2. Examination. All applicants for Army flight training will undergo a type "B" medical examination for flying duty as prescribed in chapter 10 and appendix IX, AR 40-501, according to the following schedule:

a. AROTC Flight Training Program graduates as the initial active duty medical examination.

b. United States Military Academy and AROTC graduates, who accept regular commissions and who elected Army flight training prior to graduation, 6 months prior to scheduled completion of the troop duty outlined in paragraph 2-1.

c. All other applicants within 90 days preceding date of application.

3-3. Medical standards. The following classes of medical fitness standards will apply as designated for determining medical qualification for entry into the flight training programs:

a. Classes 1 and 1A. As prescribed in chapter 4, AR 40-501.

b. Class 2. As prescribed in chapter 4, AR 40-501.

3-4. Designation of applicable standards. Applicants' medical fitness for flight training will be evaluated as follows:

a. Applicants who have successfully completed the AROTC Flight Training Program:

(1) With less than 36 months active Federal commissioned service (AFCS): Class 2 medical fitness standards.

(2) With 36 or more months AFCS: Class 1A medical fitness standards.

b. Applicants who have been previously awarded a US military aeronautical rating as pilot or naval aviator will meet Class 2 medical fitness standards.

c. All other commissioned officer applicants will meet Class 1A medical fitness standards.

b. All warrant officer applicants will meet Class I medical fitness standards.

3.5. Administrative procedures. *a.* Except for Army National Guard officers not on active duty, the medical examining facility, using the format in figure 3-1, will forward the completed report of medical examination for flight training, including SF 88, SF 93, SF 520, and allied medical papers, directly to HQDA (DASG-HES-P), WASH DC 20314. After final determination has been made of applicant's medical fitness for flying, the report will be forwarded by The Surgeon General to the Chief of Personnel Operations.

b. For ARNG officers not on active duty—

(1) The medical examining facility will forward the completed report of medical examination, indicated in *a* above, directly to the immediate commanding officer of the ARNG applicant for attachment to the application for flight training.

(2) This and all prior reports of medical examinations available in the state will be attached to the application by the ARNG unit and forwarded to Chief, National Guard Bureau, HQDA (NGB-ARO-S), WASH DC 20310, for review and final selection.

(3) Chief, National Guard Bureau, will forward medical documents and the applicant's NGB 201 file, if available, to HQDA (DASG-HES-P), WASH DC 20314 for final determination of medical qualification and subsequent return to Chief, National Guard Bureau.

c. If review of medical records and prior examination reports reveal an obvious medical disqualification, the local examining physician will so notify the applicant's commander. Further medical examination need not be accomplished unless the applicant has completed the AROTC Flight Training Program.

In these cases, the examination will be completed and forwarded using the format in figure 3-1. Format will be appropriately prepared and forwarded for all applicants with the inclosures deleted if applicant's examination was not completed because of obvious disqualification.

SUBJECT: Medical Qualification for Army Aviation Flight Training
(Individual's Name) , (Grade) , (SSN)

HQDA (DASG-HES-P)
WASH DC 20314

1. Cross out the inapplicable statement:

a. The attached medical examination for flying is forwarded for final determination of medical fitness for Army flight training, Class _____ (1, 1A, 2).

b. Review of pertinent medical records indicate the above named applicant is obviously disqualified for Army Aviation Flight Training.

2. The applicant (has) (has not) successfully completed the AROTC Flight Training Program UP AR 145-1.

3. The applicant's branch of service is (INF, FA, TC, etc.) _____ (If OCS student, indicate expected branch _____.)

4. (Applicant is on active duty.) or (Applicant is not on active duty and is a member of the (USAR) (ARNG).)

*Incl

1. SF 88

2. SF 93

3. SF 520

4. Allied medical papers

Typed or printed name of FS or AMO

Address of examining facility

*Inclosures deleted if paragraph 1b above applies.

Figure 5-1

CHAPTER 4

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

4-1. Application procedures for all applicants.

a. Army officers on active duty, except as indicated in (5) and (7) below, may submit applications to IIQDA (DAPO-OPD-(basic branch)) Tempo ABC, WASH DC 20313, through the commanding officer having custody of the applicant's personnel records. For Medical Service Corps officers, address application to IIQDA (DASG-PTM), WASH DC 20314. All applications will be submitted in the format shown in figure 4-1. The commanding officer with personnel record responsibility will forward applications from qualified applicants directly to IIQDA after including the statement concerning FAST-OB scores prescribed in paragraph 2-2a.

(1) Eligible officers assigned within the continental United States may submit applications at any time. Normally, officers alerted for or on overseas orders will not be accepted for flight training until completion of a short tour or at least one year in a long tour area.

(2) Eligible officers in overseas commands may submit applications at any time. If accepted for flight training, officers may be returned from overseas subsequent to completion of a minimum of 1 year overseas tour of duty, providing they can be entered into a class prior to completing 48 months active commissioned or warrant service.

(3) Prospective officer candidate school graduates may submit applications for flight training at any time prior to receipt of DA assignment instructions.

(4) Army National Guard or Army Reserve officers on active duty in an obligated status as defined in AR 135-215 will inclose with his application for flight training a request (DA Form 2496) for voluntary indefinite agreement.

(5) Reserve officers who have completed the AROTC Flight Training Program under the provisions of AR 145-1 will be reported to Headquarters, Department of the Army by the appropriate Army commander when initial assignment instructions are requested. A copy of the obligatory service contract (DA Form 597-1) will be sent to the appropriate career branch in conjunction with

the request for instructions. AROTC Flight Training Program graduates (except those appointed in the Regular Army) will be ordered to the first aviation training course, after completion of their branch basic course, for which branch training quotas are available. These individuals must be entered into an initial flight training class within 6 months from date of entry on active duty, or be given the option of declining such training. In this case, they may apply (DA Form 2496) to voluntarily revert to a 2-year service obligation unless additional obligations have been incurred through other provisions.

(6) Regular Army officers may submit applications at anytime; however, they must complete the appropriate service requirements set forth in paragraph 2-1f prior to entry in Army aviation flight training.

(7) United States Military Academy and AROTC graduates who accept appointments in the Regular Army in a branch of the service authorized aviators may voluntarily elect Army aviation flight training prior to graduation and commissioning. This voluntary election of Army aviation flight training will constitute application for such training. Distinguished Military Graduates who participated in the AROTC Flight Training Program are considered as volunteers for the Army Aviation Program under this paragraph. Actual flight training will be programmed as soon as possible upon the officer's completion of applicable training and duty outlined in paragraph 2-1f. Medical qualifications must be established 6 months prior to scheduled completion of the troop duty outlined in paragraph 2-1f. Completed medical examination forms must arrive at Headquarters, Department of the Army no later than 120 days prior to scheduled completion of troop duty. Failure to comply with this requirement will remove officer from consideration for Army aviation flight training on the basis of pre-commissioning volunteer statement. Subsequent applications for Army aviation flight training must be submitted under the provisions of (6) above. Commander of individual will notify the

officer's career branch of the score attained on the FAST-OB test, except AROTC Flight Training Program graduates. Medical disqualification or failure to achieve the minimum score established for FAST-OB will preclude consideration of the individual for flight training.

b. Officers of the Army Reserve not on active duty, including those officers on active duty for training only, will submit application through channels to the Commanding General, RCPAC, ATTN: AGUZ-CMDOE, 9700 Page Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63132. Applications must be indorsed by the commander concerned. Indorsements will state whether a quota is available, if sufficient funds are available, and list special justification for this training including proposed TOE/TDA assignment of applicants upon completion of training. Upon notification of approval by Headquarters, Department of the Army, applications will be returned to the area commander for issuance of orders. See AR 135-200.

c. Army National Guard officers not on active duty will submit applications through channels to

HQDA (NGB-ARO-S) WASH DC 20310. National Guard funds will be used to defray expenses for National Guard officers undergoing flight training. Adjutants general of the States will issue appropriate orders upon receiving notification of approval from the National Guard Bureau.

4-2. **Selection procedures.** The considerations involved in the selection and assignment of applicants for initial flight training are outlined below.

a. Qualified applicants for flight training will be ranked by selection authorized in descending order of qualification based on FAST-OB composite scores. Selections will be made consistent with these rankings, manner of performance as reflected in official records, and other requirements prescribed in this regulation.

b. Applications and statements of interest will remain active under competitive consideration until the officer is selected, withdraws his application, exceeds 48 months active commissioned or warrant service, or is notified of nonselection with reasons.

SUBJECT: Application for Army Aviation Flight Training
 THRU: (Commanding Officer having personnel record responsibility)
 TO: HQDA (DAPO-OPD)-(branch of applicant) Tempo ABC,
 WASH DC 20315

(For Army Reserve commissioned and warrant officers not on active duty--
 Commanding General, RCPAC, ATTN: AGUZ-CMDOE, 9700 Page Boulevard,
 St Louis, MO 63132.)

(For MSC officers--HQDA (DASG-PTM), WASH DC 20314.)

(For Army National Guard commissioned and warrant officers--HQDA
 (NGB-ARO-S) WASH DC 20310.)

1. I volunteer for Army aviation flight training in rotary wing aircraft.
2. Date and place of medical examination for flight training.
3. I (have) (have not) been eliminated from a military course of flying instruction. If affirmative, provide:
 - a. Date, location, and nature of course.
 - b. Reason for elimination.
 - c. Total flying time accrued in course.
4. Previous flight training and aviation experience.
 - a. Military rating. If previously rated, inclose copy of personnel rating orders and statement of military flying time. Statement will include suspensions from flying status, if any, currently or previously imposed.
 - b. Civilian pilot statement. A statement of applicant attesting nature of civilian pilot certificate, current ratings held, and total civilian flying time as first pilot or copilot.
 - c. Aircraft engineering or mechanical experience.
 - d. Other aviation experience.
5. It is understood that, upon entry into flight training, I will incur the service obligation specified in DA Pamphlet 350-10 and paragraph 1-4, AR 611-110 and computed in accordance with AR 350-100, and that I will be obligated to serve in aviation assignments for a minimum of 3 years subsequent to completion of the training.
6. Remarks (requests for waivers and other explanatory materials).

Incl

1. Certification of civilian pilot rating and flying time or previous military flight training.
2. Request for extended active duty (DA Form 2496) (if applicable).
3. Request for transfer to branch authorized aviators (if applicable).
4. DA Form 6256 (FAST-OB scoring worksheet).
5. (ARNG applicants only) Medical Examination.

(Signature)

(Name, Grade, SSN, and Branch)

Figure 4-1.

CHAPTER 5

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSING FOLLOWING SELECTION

5-1. Assignment to flight training. *a.* An applicant selected to attend Army aviation flight training will be notified by special orders assigning him to a course. Those not selected will be informed with the return of their applications.

b. Active duty officers selected for Army aviation flight training will be ordered to the appropriate aviation training facility or facilities in a TDY status in conjunction with a PCS movement. Army National Guard and Army Reserve officers not on active duty or on active duty for training who are selected for this training will be attached in an active duty training status to the appropriate US Army aviation training facility. They will be ordered to active duty for training for a period necessary to accomplish directed training and travel incident thereto.

c. The Chief, National Guard Bureau is responsible for selection and assignment of Army National Guard applicants for Army aviation flight training.

5-2. Records. An officer ordered to Army aviation flight training will deliver the following records to the commandant of the appropriate training facility:

a. Twenty-five copies of orders assigning the officer to the course.

b. OTSG approved report of medical examination (SF 88 and 93).

c. DA Form 66 (Officer Qualification Record).

d. DD Form 722 (Health Record) and DD Form 722-1 (Health Record-Dental) with appropriate inclosures.

e. PHS 731 (International Certificate of Vaccination).

f. Pay records.

g. DA Form 201 (Military Personnel Records Jacket US Army).

5-3. Relief of students and assignment of graduates. *a.* Active Army officers who are eliminated from flight training will be reported by message to HQDA for (DAPO-OPD- (career branch)) or for MSC officers, to HQDA (DASG-

PTM), with a request for immediate reassignment instructions. Message will include—

- (1) Name, grade, branch, SSN.
- (2) Reason for and date of elimination.
- (3) Assignment preferences.
- (4) Days delay en route desired.

b. Officers of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve participating in an active duty for training status who are eliminated from flight training will be released from active duty and returned to their home station. A message report of elimination from flight training will be forwarded to the appropriate Reserve component unit commander. For ARNG officers, information copies will be forwarded to HQDA (NGB-ARO-S) WASH DC 20310 and appropriate State adjutant generals. For USAR officers, information copies will be forwarded to HQDA (DAAR-OT) WASH DC 20310 and Commanding General, RCPAC, ATTN: AGUZ-CMDOE, 9700 Page Boulevard, St Louis, MO 63132. The report will include the date of departure of the individual for his home station.

c. Upon completion of each rotary wing and fixed wing training class at any flight training center, the installation will forward to the US Army Behavioral Science Research Laboratory, ATTN: CRDBSRL-DOL3, Commonwealth Building, 1520 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209, the following information which may be in roster form:

- (1) Title of course.
- (2) Starting date of course or training phrase.
- (3) Name, grade or rank, and social security number of each class member with an indication of—
 - (a) Withdrawal or elimination—give reasons.
 - (b) Turn back—give new class number.
 - (c) Pass—give course grade.
 - (d) Other—describe any action which would change anticipated date of completion of training.



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