

ALARACT 049/2016

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SUBJ/ALARACT 049/2016 - TUITION ASSISTANCE GUIDANCE

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1. REFERENCES:

1.A. AR 621-5, ARMY CONTINUING EDUCATION SYSTEM, RAPID ACTION REVISION, 6 SEP 09

1.B. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSTRUCTION 1322.25, VOLUNTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS, 15 MAR 11, INCORPORATING CHANGE 3, 7 JUL 14

2. PURPOSE. TO ANNOUNCE TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA) GUIDANCE.

3. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED:

3.A. THIS MESSAGE IS APPLICABLE TO ALL SOLDIERS, REGARDLESS OF COMPONENT, WHO APPLY FOR TA.

3.B. THIS MESSAGE REISSUES TUITION ASSISTANCE GUIDANCE FOUND IN EXPIRED ALARACT MESSAGES 317/13 AND 052/2015. GUIDANCE TOOK EFFECT 1 JAN 14.

3.C. SOLDIERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR TA UPON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING ONE YEAR OF SERVICE FOLLOWING GRADUATION FROM ADVANCED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING.

3.D. SOLDIERS MAY USE TA FOR A SECOND, HIGHER-LEVEL DEGREE (POST BACHELOR'S) ONCE THEY HAVE 10 YEARS OF SERVICE, IF ANY PORTION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE WAS FUNDED WITH TA. THERE IS NO 10-YEAR REQUIREMENT IF TA DID NOT FUND ANY PORTION OF UNDERGRADUATE WORK.

3.E. SOLDIERS MAY TAKE UP TO 16 SEMESTER HOURS (SH) PER FISCAL YEAR AT THE RATE OF \$250/SH EACH YEAR.

3.F. SOLDIERS MAY USE TA FOR 130 SH FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND 39 SH FOR A MASTER'S DEGREE.

3.G. THIS LEVEL OF FUNDING PERMITS SOLDIERS TO COMPLETE ONE DEGREE AT EACH LEVEL AS PART OF AN APPROVED DEGREE PLAN.

3.H. AS OTHER FULLY FUNDED PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FIRST PROFESSIONAL DEGREES (PHD, MD, JD), TA IS NOT AUTHORIZED FOR FIRST PROFESSIONAL DEGREES.

3.I. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TA, SOLDIERS MUST MEET ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST AND HEIGHT/WEIGHT STANDARDS AND NOT BE UNDER SUSPENSION OF FAVORABLE PERSONNEL ACTION IAW AR 600-8-2.

4. THE PROCEDURES WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL SUPERSEDED OR RESCINDED.

5. POINT OF CONTACT: U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND, ARMY CONTINUING EDUCATION DIVISION, 1-800-817-9990 (GOARMYED HELP DESK); EMAIL: USARMY.KNOX.HRC.MBX.TAGD-ACES@MAIL.MIL.

6. THIS MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE 22 MARCH 2017. GUIDANCE WILL BE REISSUED ANNUALLY.