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SUBJECT: FY14 TUITION ASSISTANCE POLICY

1. REFERENCES:

A. AR621-5, ARMY CONTINUING EDUCATION SYSTEM, RAPID ACTION REVISION, 6 SEP 09

B. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, INSTRUCTION 1322.25 VOLUNTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS, 15 MAR 11, INCORPORATING CHANGE 1, 6 DEC 12

2. PURPOSE. TO ANNOUNCE FY14 TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA) POLICY.

3. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED:

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

B. THIS MESSAGE CLARIFIES CHANGES TO THE TA POLICY FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY14. THESE CHANGES TAKE EFFECT 1 JAN 2014.

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

D. SOLDIERS CAN 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.

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

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

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

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

I. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TA, SOLDIERS MUST MEET ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST (APFT) AND HEIGHT/WEIGHT STANDARDS AND NOT HAVE A DA ADVERSE ACTION FLAG.

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 THE PROCEDURES WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL SUPERSEDED OR RESCINDED.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. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.