

Effective 6 November 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2019 Reenlistment Options and Eligibility Window

1. References:

- a. AR 601-280, Army Retention Program, 1 April 2016
- b. FY19 Retention and Transition Mission and Guidance memorandum, 1 October 2018

PART I Reenlistment Opportunity Window

2. Effective 1 October 2018, a Soldier's individual reenlistment opportunity window (ROW) opens 15 months from their ETS and continues through to their ETS. The 90 day window restriction has been suspended and may be reinstated without future notice.

No Soldier with an FY21 ETS Date (e.g. ETS of 1 October 2020 and later) will enter the ROW at any time during this fiscal year.

This message applies to Soldiers in their ROW beginning 1 October 2018 and ending 30 September 2019. Career Counselors must ensure they continue to counsel Soldiers and prepare retention packets, IAW AR 601-280.

PART II Option Restrictions

3. Reenlistment Options are only available, if otherwise qualified, to those Soldiers at the rank of Private First Class (PFC) or above, who are considered in the ROW; processing may vary. The eligibility for reenlistment options are as follows:

Table 1: Initial Term Soldiers (A Soldier serving on an initial term of active Federal military service, or a Soldier who has previously served less than 180 cumulative days on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces.):

Option	Shortage- Y/N	Balanced- N/N	Over Strength- N/Y
Regular Army	Yes	Yes	Yes
Current Station Stabilization	Yes	Yes	Yes
Army Training	*Yes	Yes	Yes
Conus Station-of-Choice	Yes	Yes	Yes
OCONUS Station-of-Choice	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Initial Term Soldiers in a Shortage MOS (Y/N) requesting Army Training must submit a request to HRC for a strength management decision. Career Counselors will process the request in accordance with the most current RMT Message.

Table 2: Mid-Career Soldiers (A Soldier on a second or subsequent period of active Federal military service who will have 10 or less years of active Federal military service on his or her separation date or at ETS.):

Option	Shortage- Y/N	Balanced- N/N	*Over Strength- N/Y
Regular Army	Yes	Yes	Yes
Current Station Stabilization	Yes	Yes	Yes
Army Training	No	Yes	Yes
Conus Station-of-Choice	Yes	Yes	No
OCONUS Station-of-Choice	Yes	Yes	No

* As an exception: Soldiers serving in an over strength MOS (N/Y) as listed in the current IN/OUT Calls MILPER Message, identified in paragraph 5 with a (3) are authorized to request Current Station Stabilization Reenlistment Option, Overseas Assignment Reenlistment Option, or CONUS Station-of-Choice Reenlistment Option if reenlisting for a valid airborne position.

** As an exception: Soldiers in Table 1 and Table 2 may elect to extend their contractual ETS in lieu of reenlisting as outlined in PART III Paragraph 4 (f) of this message. However, extensions do not guarantee any movement options associated above (e.g. station-of-choice, training). Soldiers must reenlist in order to qualify for one of the options above.

Table 3: Careerist Soldiers (Soldiers who will have more than 10 years active federal service at ETS):

Option	Shortage- Y/N	Balanced- N/N	Over Strength- N/Y
Regular Army	Yes	Yes	Yes
Army Training	No*	Yes	Yes

Notes: Regardless of strength, SSG (P) and above with less than 12 years of AFS on date of discharge are limited to the Regular Army Reenlistment Option. SSG and above, with 12 or more years of AFS on date of discharge must reenlist under the NCO Career Status Program.

* As an exception: Y/N Careerist Soldiers inside the ROW, including those reenlisting under the NCO Career Status Program, may request voluntary reclassification if the approved MOS is authorized a Tier 3 or higher bonus as published in the current Selective Retention Bonus (SRB) MILPER Message, the Soldier may be eligible to receive an SRB in conjunction with the reenlistment. These actions will be processed IAW applicable RPT messages e.g. voluntary reclass procedures.

** As an exception: Soldiers in Table 3 who have less than 12 years of AFS on date of discharge may elect to extend their contractual ETS in lieu of reenlisting as outlined in PART III Paragraph 4 (f) of this message. However, extensions do not guarantee any movement option associated above (e.g. training).

PART III Term Restrictions

4. Reenlistment Options:

a. Regular Army Reenlistment Option: All Soldiers who are within the ROW, and who incur an HQDA imposed Service Remaining Requirement (SRR) due to assignment instructions or service school attendance will be restricted to the Regular Army reenlistment option.

(1) Soldiers serving in an over strength (N/Y) MOS may reenlist for a 2 to 6 year term length if otherwise qualified.

(2) Soldiers serving in a balanced (N/N) or shortage (Y/N) MOS may reenlist for a 2 to 6 year term length, if otherwise qualified.

b. Current Station Stabilization Reenlistment Option: Soldiers may reenlist for a 2 to 6 year term length, if otherwise qualified.

(1) CONUS - Soldiers assigned to CONUS units who qualify for this option are guaranteed 1 to 18 months stabilization from date of reenlistment (Career Counselors will verify that AEA code and end dates are updated). Soldiers reenlisting for a Location specific SRB will be stabilized for a minimum of 24 months. Soldiers who reenlist for 2 years are authorized 1-9 months stabilization and those who reenlist for 3 or more years are authorized 1-18 months stabilization.

(2) OCONUS - Soldiers assigned to OCONUS units who qualify for this option are guaranteed 1 to 18 months stabilization from DEROS (Career Counselors will verify that DEROS dates are updated). OCONUS ACOM/ASCC/DRU G1s must validate strengths prior to approving stabilization requests. Soldiers must reenlist at least 3 months prior to DEROS. Soldiers reenlisting for a location specific SRB will be stabilized for a minimum of 24 months for long tour areas and 12 months for short tour areas. Soldiers who reenlist for 2 years are authorized 1-9 months stabilization and those who reenlist for 3 or more years are authorized 1-18 months stabilization.

(3) Soldiers serving in a TDA unit are not authorized to exceed 48 months time on station (TOS) in conjunction with this stabilization. HRC may exempt MOSs from the TDA restriction, see the current RMT Message 19-05 for a listing of exempted MOSs.

(4) Soldiers assigned to an inactivating unit (per UICs published by RMT) are not eligible for this option. HRC will only restrict option 2 in RETAIN for specific units. As an exception (for units not restricted by HRC) installation-level Command Career Counselors may approve reenlistment under this option, on a case by case basis, after full coordination with appropriate installation-level agencies. An approval memorandum for each individual Soldier will include the personal signature of the installation level Command Career Counselor and will be retained in the residual file for historical/inspection purposes. Option exception hotlines are required for units who have Current Station Stabilization option restricted by HRC.

c. Army Training Reenlistment Option: Soldiers may reenlist for a 3 to 6 year term length, if otherwise qualified. Soldier must be available for movement at the requested training start date. Soldiers must have a minimum of 12 months' time on station and have met the minimum SRR for the current unit/assignment requirements (example Airborne 36 months, Drill Sergeant 24 months) before departing the installation. Additional training processing guidance and procedures are outlined below.

(1) Soldiers assigned to OCONUS units: Training will not be scheduled prior to a Soldier's DEROS or movement availability date, whichever is greater.

(2) Soldiers with an SMSC code of "A", "F", or "I" are authorized to request training. Training start date will be no earlier than the stop move end date and no later than 180 days prior to the unit's next LAD. As an exception, Soldiers assigned to units identified for a Security Force Assistance Advisor Team (SFAAT) not directly supporting an operational requirement are exempt from this restriction.

(3) Soldiers who are requesting to change their MOS and are offered this option, must select an MOS that is listed as Y/N and or N/N in the current In/Out Call Milper Message.

d. Overseas Assignment Reenlistment Option: Soldiers may reenlist for a 4 to 6 year term length for long tour areas or for a 3 to 6 year term length for short tour areas, if otherwise qualified. Soldiers assigned to current TDA units who reenlist for Option 4 must reenlist for an MTO&E unit; they are not authorized to reenlist for another TDA location. Report dates and TOS requirements are IAW RRB messages.

e. CONUS Station-of-Choice Reenlistment Option: Soldiers may reenlist for a 3 to 6 year term length, if otherwise qualified. As an exception, Soldiers assigned to OCONUS units are authorized to reenlist for a 2 year term length. Soldiers who reenlist for a 2 year term length must be within 10 months of DEROS and have a minimum of 12 months remaining to ETS upon arrival at the gaining installation. Soldiers assigned to current TDA units who reenlist for Option 5 must reenlist for an MTO&E unit; they are not authorized to reenlist for another TDA location. Report dates and TOS requirements are IAW RRB messages.

f. ROW Extensions: Soldiers inside the ROW may elect to extend past their contractual ETS for a minimum of 12 months not to exceed 23 months. If a Soldier extended previously, the total extensions will not exceed 48 months. Career Counselors must use extension reason code "W" when processing the extension in RETAIN. The extension reason on DA Form 1695 and DA Form 3340 must state, "Continued Service". Soldiers who would otherwise be qualified for a Selective Retention Bonus (SRB) and have elected to extend past their contractual ETS in lieu of reenlisting, will have the following statement added in the "Remarks" section of the DA 1695: "SOLDIER HAS BEEN COUNSELED ON SRB ELIGIBILITY."

(1) Soldiers who elect to extend may be stabilized as outlined below:

Extension Term	Stabilization Period
12-22 Months	6 Months
23 Months	9 Months

Note 1: Stabilization period starts on date the extension is executed for CONUS based Soldiers and date of DEROS for OCONUS based Soldiers, not extension start date. Soldiers who elect to stabilize will have the following statement added in the "Remarks" section of the DA 1695: "I ELECT TO STABILIZE FOR (INPUT MONTHS HERE) MONTHS". Soldier may elect to waive the stabilization at a later date IAW RMT MSG 19-21.

Note 2: Normal extension rules apply IAW AR 601-280, e.g. Extensions are considered prior obligated service for bonus computation purposes once the extension has commenced. Soldiers whose extensions have not commenced by the date of discharge will be forgiven up to 24 months of the extension.

(2) OCONUS ACOM/ASCC/DRU G1s must validate strengths prior to approving stabilization requests. Soldiers must extend at least 3 months prior to DEROS. Soldiers serving in a TDA unit are not authorized to exceed 48 months time on station (TOS) in conjunction with this stabilization.

PART IV Additional Instructions

5. Deployed or deploying units: reenlistment options that result in a Soldiers movement out of the unit (report dates and training start dates) must be accomplished prior to LAD minus 180 days or must be after the 60 or 90 day stabilization

period following redeployment. Movement options for Soldiers assigned to OCONUS units remains driven by their DEROS date. DEROS adjustments may be accomplished IAW AR 614-30 for Soldiers who have a DEROS between LAD minus 90 and LAD minus 180 days and desire to reenlist for a movement option to move prior to LAD -180. As an exception, Soldiers assigned to units identified for a Security Force Assistance Advisor Team (SFAAT) mission are exempt from this requirement.

6. This message will change appropriately in order to support strategic initiatives impacting the program and the total force.

7. This message is approved for public release.

8. POC for this message is MSG Godinez at DSN 225-7557 or SFC Aldana at DSN 225-7643.

End of Policy Message 19-02 (C2)

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