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- o Adds provisions to reflect that officers assigned on a permanent change of station to a lifecycle unit will incur an active duty service obligation of 3 years upon reporting to the unit (para 2-6b).
- o Clarifies release from active duty/retirement procedures for officers in receipt of permanent change of station assignment instructions (para 2-6d).
- o Aligns the active duty service obligations requirements with rules 1 and 2 in table 3-3 (paras 2-8a and e).
- o Makes corrections to reflect the name change of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DCSPER) to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 (DSC, G-1) and the reorganization of the United States Army Personnel Command (PERSCOM) as the United States Army Human Resources Command (USA HRC) throughout the regulation.

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- o Changes the definition of assignment alerts and certain language dealing with officer assignments in an attempt to align all officer assignment regulations (para 2-6).
- o Changes the official name of several officer schools (para 2-7).

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- o Imposes a defined ADSO for no cost, or low cost, intercommand reassignments (para 2-6b).
- o Implements the establishment of ADSO for newly developed specialized training to enhance the force (paras 2-7, 2-8a,b, and d).
- o Deletes the requirement for ADSOs for officers who complete Senior Service College and Command and Staff College Corresponding Studies Course (para 2-7h).
- o Requires aviators assigned to the U.S. Parachute Team who have received special training in certain nonstandard aircraft to incur a 3-year ADSO effective on assignment to the unit (para 2-7o).
- o Includes information and ADSOs dealing with the Experimental Test Pilot Program and aviation continuation pay (para 2-11).

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History. This publication is a priority revision. The portions affected by this priority revision are listed in the summary of change.

Summary. This regulation establishes guidance on active duty service obligations for officers, defines how service obligations will be computed and served, and establishes how officers will be notified of service obligations.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all Army commissioned officers and warrant officers serving on the active duty

list. This regulation does not apply to officers serving on active duty for training or to those serving in Active Guard Reserve status. This publication has limited application during full mobilization.

Proponent and exception authority.

The proponent of this regulation is the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 (DCS, G-1). The proponent has the authority to approve exceptions or waivers to this regulation that are consistent with controlling law and regulations. The proponent may delegate this approval authority, in writing, to a division chief within the proponent agency or its direct reporting unit or field operating agency, in the grade of colonel or the civilian equivalent. Activities may request a waiver to this regulation by providing justification that includes a full analysis of the expected benefits and must include formal review by the activity's senior legal officer. All waiver requests will be endorsed by the commander or senior leader of the requesting activity and forwarded through their higher headquarters to the policy proponent. Refer to AR 25–30 for specific guidance.

Army management control process.

This regulation contains management control provisions and identifies key management controls that must be evaluated.

Supplementation. Supplementation of this regulation and establishment of command and local forms are prohibited without prior approval from HQDA (DAPE–MPO) 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310–0300.

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Glossary

Chapter 1

General

1-1. Purpose

This regulation establishes policies and procedures for the receipt, computation, and notice of active duty service obligations (ADSOs) for all Active Army officers. It also describes how active duty service obligations are served with precommission ADSOs.

1-2. References

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in appendix A.

1-3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms.

Abbreviations and terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

1-4. Responsibilities

a. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 (DCS, G-1) is responsible for developing policy pertinent to active duty service obligations.

b. Commanding General, U.S. Army Human Resources Command (USA HRC) will implement policy guidance received from the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 (ODCS, G-1) regarding officer active duty service obligations. CG, USA HRC will also receive requests for exception to policy according to paragraph 4-1.

1-5. Scope

This regulation governs all service obligation events begun after the effective date of this regulation. Those begun earlier will be governed by regulations in effect at that time. If there is a conflict between this regulation and other Army publications, the policies in this regulation take precedence.

1-6. Statutory authority

Active duty service obligations for officers are governed under sections 651, 2005, 2007, 2107, and 4348, of Title 10, United States Code.

1-7. Applicability

a. This regulation applies to all commissioned and warrant officers on the active duty list.

b. Specific policies on service obligations for Army Medical Department (AMEDD) officers are in AR 351-3. Policies on service obligations for JAGC officers taking part in The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program are contained in AR 27-1, chapter 14.

1-8. Purpose of active duty service obligations

a. ADSOs are intended to assist the Army in—

- (1) Effectively managing its resources.
- (2) Accomplishing its assigned mission.
- (3) Maintaining an experienced and well qualified officer force.
- (4) Ensuring a reasonable return to the Army following the expenditure of public funds.

b. Public funds are expended starting with the precommissioning phase, through training at the U.S. Military Academy, Army ROTC, and other commissioning programs. It continues when an officer enters active duty and enters training or education programs to qualify for a certain specialized classification skill.

c. There are other active duty service obligations that are not directly related to the investment of public funds. These are incurred because of promotion to certain grades, permanent changes of station (PCS), or by acceptance of career status. These ADSOs have been developed to ensure a reasonable degree of stability in the officer force.

d. For the career-oriented officer, service under an ADSO is not particularly significant, except that it may affect the date of retirement. Additional service, because of ADSOs, is more important since voluntary separation from active duty may be precluded until all ADSOs are fulfilled. Therefore, officers must thoroughly understand the system by which the Army determines ADSOs.

1-9. Who incurs active duty service obligations

a. Generally, officers who complete certain formal education or training programs, undergo a permanent change of station (PCS), or who accept career status or certain promotions incur an ADSO.

b. Officers must fulfill ADSOs before they are eligible for voluntary separation. ODCS, G-1 may grant nonstatutory exceptions.

c. Officers will not be further obligated beyond the dates voluntary ADSOs are fulfilled without their consent, either expressed or implied.

d. Officers who attend military and or civilian courses of instruction as stated in paragraphs 2–7 and 2–8 may incur an ADSO for up to 6-years on completion or termination from the course(s). Exceptions—

(1) Officers who attend civil schooling under AR 621–7 (acceptance of fellowships, scholarships, and grants) may exceed the 6-year maximum ADSO.

(2) Obligated officers directed to attend an active duty course, who have neither applied for, nor have been approved for career status according to AR 135–215, or AR 601–100, do not incur an obligation.

Chapter 2

Officer Service Obligation Policies

2–1. General

Officers entering military service must complete a total of 8 years military service obligation. Service will be on active duty or in the Reserve components, in either enlisted or officer status (10 USC 651). (See tables 3–1 through 3–4 for ADSOs.) Instructions for computing ADSOs are contained in paragraph 3–2.

2–2. Precommission

ADSOs will vary according to the program under which the officer was commissioned.

a. Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).

(1) ROTC scholarship graduates selected for active duty incur a 4-year ADSO.

(2) Nonscholarship ROTC graduates selected for active duty incur a 3-year ADSO.

b. United States Military Academy (USMA) graduates incur a 5-year ADSO (10 USC 4348).

c. Officer Candidate School (OCS) graduates incur a 3-year ADSO (see AR 350–51).

d. Direct appointment. Officers who receive a commission, with concurrent call to active duty, incur an ADSO according to AR 135–210, or AR 135–101 in the case of AMEDD officers. Direct accession AMEDD officers who attend Long Term Health Education Training as their initial assignment incur an ADSO according to AR 351–3.

2–3. Warrant officer appointment

Effective 1 October 1992, individuals appointed as warrant officers, with concurrent call to active duty, incur a 6-year ADSO.

2–4. Career status

Career status includes Voluntary Indefinite (VI) status service agreements for all USAR officers, and Conditional Voluntary Indefinite (CVI) for JAGC USAR officers. Obligated USAR officers on active duty who wish to remain on active duty in a career status may accept VI status if selected (see AR 135–215, chap 3).

a. USAR officers (except JAGC officers) approved for and accepting VI status will incur a 1-year ADSO beginning the day following completion of the obligated service agreement. (Note: Officers who accept an RA appointment incur no active duty service obligation on acceptance (see AR 601–100, para 2–4).

b. Obligated JAGC USAR officers may be selected for CVI, and later, VI. If selected for CVI, the officer will incur a 1-year ADSO to begin at the end of their existing obligation. If selected for VI, JAGC officers will incur a 1-year ADSO to begin on the date the results of the VI board are approved.

2–5. Promotion

a. A warrant officer who accepts a promotion to the grade of CW3, CW4, or CW5, incurs a 2 year ADSO. This ADSO begins on the date of promotion and must be served before voluntary retirement.

b. A commissioned officer who accepts a promotion does not incur an ADSO. However, an officer in the grade of lieutenant colonel or colonel must serve in that grade for not less than 3 years from the date of promotion to voluntarily retire in that grade unless waived under some other provision of law. An officer promoted to the grade of lieutenant, captain, or major must serve in that grade for not less than 6 months from the date of promotion to voluntarily retire in that grade.

2–6. Permanent change of station

a. Officers reassigned on a permanent change of station (PCS) to an overseas location must complete the current prescribed tour for the area of assignment according to AR 614–30.

b. Officers assigned to a lifecycle unit will incur an ADSO of 3 years, effective upon reporting to the unit. The ADSO is to be served concurrent with preexistent ADSOs.

c. Officers reassigned on PCS from an overseas location to CONUS or from a CONUS location to another CONUS location, incur a 1–year ADSO computed from the date arrival at the new duty station. Officers who move on a no-cost PCS on an intercommand PCS (for example, TRADOC to ARSTAF, FORSCOM unit to a TRADOC unit) will incur a

1-year ADSO. This is unless a greater ADSO is placed on the officer pursuant to regulation. Such ADSO is computed from the date of arrival at the new duty station.

d. If an officer receives permanent change of station (PCS) assignment instructions and does not wish to incur the additional ADSO, he or she may request a release from active duty (REFRAD), separation, or retirement (see AR 600-8-24, chaps 2, 3, 5, and 6). The officer's written request for REFRAD, separation, or retirement must be submitted within 30 days of the assignment alert. Failure to submit a request within 30 days implies consent to the assignment and the officer must comply with the orders.

(1) To be eligible to apply for retirement, an officer must have at least 19 years and 6 months of active Federal service at the time of assignment alert. Officers whose request for retirement under this provision is approved must retire within 6 months of the assignment alert.

(2) Officers whose request for REFRAD is approved must be released on the date their obligated period is completed.

e. See paragraph 2-7 regarding the follow-on PCS ADSO that results from attendance at any element of the Captains Career Course (CCC).

2-7. Military schooling

Officers who attend any military course of instruction of 60 days or more, producing an academic evaluation report, incur an ADSO through the scheduled school graduation date or through the date on which consecutively scheduled education is to be completed, whichever is later. Officers also incur an additional ADSO to start on the later date. If the officer is terminated from the military course on an earlier date, the ADSO and the additional ADSO will still apply. The ADSO equals three times the length of schooling, computed in days, but not more than 6 years. Exceptions are as follows:

a. Officers who attend a CCC will immediately incur a military schooling ADSO and an additional PCS ADSO, as described at paragraph 2-6 above, in connection with follow-on assignment. The ADSOs are incurred on the first day of attendance at any element of the consecutive specialized training required for the CCC, regardless of whether the officer completes the CCC or any such element. The military schooling ADSO ends and the PCS ADSO begins on the date of arrival at the new duty station, following completion or termination of the CCC, or on the scheduled completion date of consecutive specialized training required for CCC, whichever is later. An officer who does not wish to incur the additional ADSOs may submit a separation or resignation request (see para 2-6d, above) within 30 days of notification of selection for attendance at any element of the CCC.

b. Officers who attend a course listed below will incur a 24-month ADSO on completion or release from the course.

(1) Telecommunications Systems Engineer Course (TSEC, 20 weeks), ATRRS Course Number 4C-24A, at Ft Gordon, GA.

(2) Information System Management Course (ISM 19 weeks, 4 days), ATRRS Course Number 7E-53A, at Ft. Gordon, GA.

(3) Network Management or Information Systems Staff Officer Course at Keesler AFB, MS (Phase I-6 weeks) and (Phase II-24 weeks).

c. Officers who attend the Signal Officer Advanced Course followed by attendance at any of the courses listed in paragraphs 2-7b(1), (2), or (3), above incur a 36-month consecutive ADSO.

d. Officers who attend the Advanced Program Management Course at the Defense Systems Management College, Ft Belvoir, Virginia incur a 2-year ADSO on completion or release from the course.

e. Officers who attend initial entry flight training on or after 30 September 1990 will incur a 6-year ADSO on completion of the course or voluntary termination of attendance (see AR 611-110). Officers who entered into a service agreement before 1 October 1990, will be subject to the terms of said agreement, and will serve on active duty for the period specified in the agreement.

f. Officers receiving MOS or ASI training will incur the following ADSO on completion or removal from the following courses:

(1) Aircraft Qualification Courses:

(a) Rotary wing - 3 years, except that officers undergoing the A/MH-6, MH-60L/K, or MH-47D/E qualification course will incur 4 years.

(b) Initial Fixed Wing Multi Engine Qualification - 5 years.

(c) Fixed wing - 3 years, except that officers undergoing RC-7 ARL qualification will incur a one-year ADSO only on successful completion of course.

(2) All Instructor Pilot, Instrument Flight Examiner, and Maintenance Test Pilot Courses — 1 year.

(3) All Special Electronic Mission Aircraft systems — 1 year.

(4) All Armament Maintenance courses — 1 year.

(5) Aviation Safety Officer Course — 1 year.

(6) All officers who attend the Polygraph Examiner Training course (course number 7H-SQIK/832-ASIP8) will incur a 2-year ADSO on completion or termination from the course.

g. Officers of The Judge Advocate General Corps who accept an assignment in the Contract Law Internship Program will incur a 1-year ADSO on assumption of duties in the Contract Law Internship Program. Officers selected will be assigned to a contract law internship position for a 36-month stabilized tour. The 1-year ADSO will begin on completion of the program or reassignment from the program for any reason.

h. Officers who attend a Senior Service College, Command and Staff College level schooling (not including the respective corresponding studies courses for that level school), or equivalent foreign military schools, or equivalent training with the Department of Justice (DOJ) incur a 2-year ADSO.

i. Officers who attend The Judge Advocate General's Graduate Course will incur a 2-year ADSO.

j. Warrant officers who attend Army directed professional development courses, including Warrant Officer Advanced Course, Warrant Officer Staff Course, and Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course (WOAC, WOSC, WOSSC) do not incur a service obligation.

k. Officers who attend an Officer Basic Course (OBC) do not incur a service obligation.

l. Officers graduating from the Special Forces Detachment Officer Qualification Course (SFDOQC) will incur a 36-month ADSO to begin on completion or termination from the course.

m. Due to the requirement for special training on non-standard aircraft (the C-31 Fokker F-27 Friendship, the UV 18 DeHavilland-6 Twin Otter, and UV-20 Pilatus Porter, or other non-standard aircraft), aviators assigned to the U.S. Army Parachute Team (USAPT) incur a 3-year ADSO effective on assignment to the unit.

2-8. Civilian schooling

a. Officers who attend fully funded courses at civilian institutions including Training With Industry Program for more than 60 days will incur an ADSO on completion or termination of the education. The ADSO will equal 2 years or three times the length of schooling, computed in days, whichever is greater.

b. Officers who accept statutory fellowships and scholarships under AR 621-7 and section 2603 of Title 10, U.S. Code, incur an ADSO on completion or termination of the education. The ADSO will equal three times the length of schooling, computed in days, and may exceed 6 years.

c. Officers who accept nonstatutory fellowships and scholarships under AR 621-7 incur an ADSO on completion or termination of the education. The ADSO will equal three times the length of schooling, computed in days. Senior Service College Fellowship Program or other nonstatutory fellowships under the Army Senior Fellowship Program incur a 2-year ADSO on completion or termination of the education per AR 621-7.

d. Officers who accept tuition assistance (TA) under AR 621-5 incur an ADSO of 2 years on completion or termination of the education program.

e. Officers who participate in partially funded programs for more than 60 days under AR 621-1 incur an ADSO on completion or termination of the education. The ADSO will equal three times the length of schooling, computed in days. Partially funded programs include the Degree Completion Program and the Cooperative Degree Program.

2-9. Reserve Officer Training Corps instructors

Officers serving in ROTC detachments are required to complete a given ROTC academic year once it has begun. This service obligation applies to all voluntary retirements, resignations, requests for release from active duty and discharges submitted by officers serving in ROTC detachments. This policy does not affect established expiration of term of service (ETS) dates for Army National Guard officers, or USAR officers not managed by CG, USA HRC, The Judge Advocate General, The Surgeon General, or Chief of Chaplains. These officers are subject to involuntary reassignment based on tour management considerations.

2-10. Astronaut Candidate Program

All officers entering the Astronaut Program will incur a 3-year service obligation that begins when the officer is released from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for return to the Army for duty.

2-11. Experimental Test Pilot Program

All officers attending the Experimental Test Pilot Program will incur a service obligation of 4 years on completion, or termination of the education.

2-12. Aviation Continuation Pay (ACP)

All officers signing an ACP agreement will incur an ADSO through the end date of the bonus. The actual date will be specified in the agreement.

Chapter 3

Computation of Service Obligations

3-1. General

Officer active duty service obligations are computed as shown in paragraph 3-2, below. Officers may accumulate more than one ADSO because of multiple obligating events as described in paragraphs 3-3 and 3-4.

3-2. Procedures

When an officer incurs an ADSO, compute the ADSO using the rules in tables 3-1 through 3-4 as follows:

- a. Find the rule that applies to the event which has occurred.
- b. Determine if there are other conditions which must be considered.
- c. Determine the ADSO that applies to the event in a fixed period (such as 3, 4, or 5 years) or by numerical factor (such as 3 times the length of the training period). When the ADSO must be computed based on the length of the training period, compute it using the steps below. No ADSO is incurred for courses programmed for less than 60 days that do not produce an academic evaluation report, except as prescribed in AR 621-7.
 - (1) *Step 1.* To determine the length of training, count the number of calendar days the officer spent in the training course. (Use beginning and end dates of the course.)
 - (2) *Step 2.* Multiply the total length of training by 3 to get the total length of the ADSO in days.
 - (3) *Step 3.* Convert the total number of days to years (365 days equal 1 year). Convert any period of less than 365 days to a specific date. Use a Julian Calendar.
- d. Ensure that the supporting documents for each event have been reviewed and that they confirm the event.

3-3. Consecutive obligations

ADSOs resulting from more than one civilian education program are served consecutively. For example, an officer completing a graduate degree program followed by a Ph.D program will incur multiple ADSOs to be served consecutively. The time spent attending civilian school will not be credited toward fulfilling an existing civilian schooling ADSO. When a newly incurred ADSO is to be served consecutively with another, add the period of the new ADSO to the remaining portion of the existing ADSO. The compounded period may not exceed 6 years, except for officers attending civil schooling programs outlined in AR 621-7 or officers attending law school under The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program per AR 27-1, chapter 14.

3-4. Concurrent obligations

Multiple ADSOs resulting from career status, warrant officer promotion, PCS, and military schooling will be served concurrently. Additionally, these ADSOs will be served at the same time as those resulting from precommissioning and civilian schooling. The time spent at military and civilian schools will be credited toward fulfilling the ADSO resulting from career status, PCS, school, and warrant officer promotion. When a newly incurred ADSO is to be served concurrently with an existing ADSO, the obligated period will be equal to the length of the longest remaining obligation. The contractual agreement under which an officer enters a civilian education program may specify the order in which concurrent ADSOs are satisfied.

3-5. Notification of officers

Officers on active duty will be informed of ADSOs incurred under this regulation as indicated below.

- a. The length of service obligation incurred will be included in the course regulations, course description in DA Pam 351-4, and other Army publications that describe a program.
- b. Official orders that direct any event that results in an ADSO will contain the following statement: "Additional active duty service obligation of (give length) is incurred under provisions of (regulation)."

3-6. Verification of active duty service obligations

- a. The U.S. Army Human Resources Command will verify service obligations for OPMD managed officers only. Inquiries submitted by the servicing MPD or PSC must be addressed to the appropriate OPMD Career Management Division.
- b. To verify service obligations for JAGC officers, contact HQDA (DAJA-PT), Washington, DC 20310-0300.
- c. To verify service obligations for Chaplains, contact HQDA (DACH-PER), Washington, DC 20310-0300.

**Table 3-1
Active Duty Service Obligation for Accepting Commission/VI Status/Short Term Extension/Regular Army**

Rule	If officer is—	Program is—	Then ADSO is—	Remarks
1	USMA graduate	Class of 68 or later	5 years	10 USC 4348. Notes 1, 2
2	ROTC graduate	ROTC Scholarship ROTC Nonscholarship	4 years 3 years	10 USC 2107; AR 145-1. Notes 1, 2
3	OCS graduate	OCS	3 years	AR 350-51. Notes 1, 2, 3
4	Direct Appointment	Direct Appointment	3 years	AR 135-210. Notes 1, 2
5	OTRA and accepts RA Appointment	RA Appointment Program	None (Post DOPMA)	AR 601-100.
6	OTRA and accepts Voluntary Indefinite (VI)	Voluntary Indefinite Status	1 year	AR 135-215. Note 4
7	Is granted a short term extension (STE)	Short term extension (STE) program	Duration of the extension	AR 135-215.
8	Appointed as a Warrant Officer	Warrant Officer Appointment with concurrent call to active duty.	6 years	

Notes:

- ¹ ADSO is effective from the date of entry on active duty.
- ² ADSO is served concurrently with all ADSOs except for civilian schooling..
- ³ ADSO is effective from the date of appointment.
- ⁴ An extended ADSO starts the day after a current service agreement expires.

**Table 3-2
ADSO for PCS and Promotion**

Rule	If Officer is—	Then ADSO is—	Effective—	Remarks
1	Reassigned PCS from overseas	1 year	Date of arrival at CONUS station	AR 614-30. Note 1.
2	Reassigned PCS from CONUS to overseas	Equal to the prescribed tour length	Date of arrival at overseas station	AR 614-30. Note 1.
3	Reassigned PCS from CONUS to CONUS	1 year	Date of arrival at new CONUS station	AR 614-30.
4	Promoted to the AD grade of CW3, CW4, CW5	2 years	Date of promotion	DODD 1332-20. Note 2.

Notes:

- ¹ Retirement eligible officers serving overseas must serve the prescribed tour or 12 months, whichever is longer, before being allowed to retire (see AR 600-8-24).
- ² ADSO must be completed before the officer may voluntarily retire, unless waived as an exception to policy.

**Table 3-3
Active Duty Service Obligation for Civil Schooling**

Rule	If training is—	for a period of—	then ADSO is—	Remarks
1	Fully funded civil schooling/TWI	60 days or more	2 years or 3 x length of schooling whichever is greater	AR 621-1. Note 1
2	Partially funded civil schooling	60 days or more	3 x length of schooling in days	AR 621-1. Note 1
3	Short-course training	less than 20 weeks	None	AR 621-1. Note 5
4	Scholarship, Grant, or Fellowship	Length of course	3 x length of schooling in days	AR 621-7. Notes 2 and 6

**Table 3-3
Active Duty Service Obligation for Civil Schooling—Continued**

Rule	If training is—	for a period of—	then ADSO is—	Remarks
5	Tuition Assistance accepted	Varies by course	2 years	AR 621-5. Notes 3 and 4

Notes:

¹ Maximum obligation 6 years.

² No maximum obligation.

³ ADSO is effective on completion of, or termination from the course.

⁴ ADSO served concurrently with all other ADSOs.

⁵ Unprogrammed short course training or seminars not involving college or university studies.

⁶ Exception is SSC and AFSP fellowships that have a 2-year ADSO.

**Table 3-4
ADSO for Military Schooling**

Rule	If training is—	Then ADSO is—	Remarks
1	Senior Service College (SSC) or equivalent foreign military schools (including the Army War College Corresponding Studies Course (AWCCSC))	2 years	DA Pam 600-3. See note.
2	Command and Staff College (CSC) level schooling (including the Army Command and Staff Corresponding Studies Course)	2 years	DA Pam 600-3. See note.
3	Officer Advanced Course	1 year	DA Pam 600-3. See note.
4	Formal courses described in DA Pam 351-4	Varies	See DA Pam 351-4 for specific course. See note.
5	Special Forces training resulting in branch transfer to Special Forces	3 years	See DA Pam 351-4 for specific course information.
6	Officer receiving training in A/MH-60L/K; MH-47D/E	4 years	See DA Pam 351-4 for specific information

Notes:

¹ ADSO is effective on completion of, or termination from the course. It is served concurrently with all other ADSO.

Chapter 4 Waivers and Exceptions

4-1. Requests for waiver of active duty service obligations

a. Statutory service obligations will not be waived except for the convenience of the Government, personal hardship, or compassionate reasons. The authority provided by this regulation to grant waivers or exceptions to this regulation will be referenced in all contractual obligations, and when not expressly incorporated, will be implied to be present.

b. Requests for waiver of non-statutory active duty service obligations, and to the method and time of fulfillment incurred under this, and other Army regulations, will be forwarded through command channels to— Commander, USA HRC, ATTN: (Appropriate Career Management Division), 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22332-0400 for Army Competitive Category, AMEDD officers, and OPMD managed warrant officers. Chaplains will forward requests to HQDA (ATTN: DACH-PER) Washington, DC 20310-0300. JAGC commissioned and warrant officers will forward requests to HQDA (ATTN: DAJA-PT), Washington, DC 20310-0300.

4-2. Exceptions

Requests for imposing ADSOs not otherwise provided herein, will be sent through MACOMs to Commander, USA HRC (ATTN: AHRC-PDO-IP), 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0400, for staffing. Requests for imposition of an ADSO will include the cost of training, use of the officer after being trained, and the needs of the service (for example, shortage of the skill) in the impact statement.

Appendix A References

Section I Required Publications

AR 27-1

Legal Services, Judge Advocate Legal Service. (Cited in paras 1-7 and 3-3.)

AR 135-215

Officer Periods of Service on Active Duty. (Cited in paras 1-9, 2-4 and table 3-1.)

AR 351-3

Professional Education and Training Programs of the Army Medical Department. (Cited in paras 1-7 and 2-2.)

AR 601-100

Appointment of Commissioned and Warrant Officers in the Regular Army. (Cited in paras 1-9, 2-4, and tables 3-1 and 3-2.)

AR 614-30

Overseas Service. (Cited in para 2-6 and table 3-2.)

AR 621-5

Army Continuing Education System (ACES).(Cited in para 2-8 and table 3-3.)

AR 621-7

Army Fellowships and Scholarships. (Cited in paras 1-9, 2-8, 3-2, and 3-3, and table 3-3.)

DA Pam 351-4

U.S. Army Formal Schools Catalog. (Cited in para 3-5 and table 3-4.)

Section II Related Publications

A related publication is merely a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand this publication.

AR 37-104-4

Military Pay and Allowances Policy and Procedures-Active Component.

AR 135-91

Service Obligations, Methods of Fulfillment, Participation Requirements, and Enforcement Procedures.

AR 135-100

Appointment of Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the Army

AR 135-101

Appointment of Reserve Commissioned Officers for Assignment to Army Medical Department Branches.

AR 135-210

Order to Active Duty as Individuals For Other Than a Presidential Selected Reserve Call-Up, Partial, or Full Mobilization.

AR 350-20

Management of the Defense Foreign Language Program

AR 350-51

United States Army Officer Candidate School

AR 350-100

Officer Active Duty Service Obligations

AR 351-1

Individual Military Education and Training

AR 351-23

Advanced Management Training for Senior Officers

AR 600-8-24

Officer Transfers and Discharges

AR 601-25

Delay in Reporting for and Exemption from Active Duty, Initial Active Duty For Training, and Reserve Forces Duty

AR 601-141

U.S. Army Health Professions Scholarship Program

AR 611-6

Army Linguist Management

AR 611-85

Aviation Warrant Officer Training

AR 611-110

Selection and Training of Army Aviation Officers

AR 621-1

Training of Military Personnel at Civilian Institutions

DA Pam 351-4

U.S. Army Formal Schools Catalog

DA Pam 600-3

Commissioned Officer Development and Career Management

DODD 1332-20

Minimum Service in Grade for Non-Disability (Voluntary) Retirement (<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/>)

Title 10, Section 651, United States Code

.Ships' stores and commissary stores (<http://uscode.house.gov/usc.htm>)

Title 10, Section 2005, United States Code

Advanced education assistance: active duty agreement; reimbursement requirements (<http://uscode.house.gov/usc.htm>)

Title 10, Section 2007, United States Code

Payment of tuition for off-duty training or education (<http://uscode.house.gov/usc.htm>)

Title 10, Section 2101, United States Code

Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps; definitions (<http://uscode.house.gov/usc.htm>)

Title 10, Section 2603, United States Code

Acceptance of fellowships, scholarships, or grants (<http://uscode.house.gov/usc.htm>)

Title 10, Section 4348, United States Code

Cadets: agreement to serve as officer (<http://uscode.house.gov/usc.htm>)

Section III

Prescribed Forms

This section contains no entries.

Section IV Referenced Forms

This section contains no entries.

Appendix B Management Control Evaluation Checklist

B-1. Function

The function covered by this checklist is Monitoring Active Duty Service Obligations.

B-2. Purpose

The purpose of this checklist is to assist personnel managers in evaluating their key management controls. It is *not* intended to cover *all* controls.

B-3. Instructions

Answers must be based on the actual *testing* of key management controls such as document analysis, direct observation, interviewing, sampling, and simulation. Answers that indicate deficiencies must be explained and corrective action indicated in supporting documentation. These management controls *must* be evaluated at least once every 5 years. Certification that this evaluation has been conducted must be accomplished on DA Form 11-2-R (Management Control Evaluation Certification Statement).

B-4. Test questions

- a. If ADSO is not fulfilled, were valid waivers granted by proper authority (see AR 350-100, para 4-1)?
- b. Have officers indicated knowledge of the ADSO on education or training applications, redeployment packets, requests for reassignment., and so forth?
- c. Do official orders that direct events that will result in an ADSO contain the statement, "Additional Active Duty Service Obligation of (give length) is incurred under the provisions of (regulations)"?
- d. Do course regulations and descriptions indicate length of service obligations?
- e. Have officers completed ADSO incurred as a result of Voluntary Indefinite (VI) status or Short Term Extension (STE)?
- f. In cases where officers have requested voluntary retirement, is verification being made to ensure ADSOs are fulfilled? If not fulfilled, were valid waivers requested from proper authority (see AR 350-100, para 4-1)?
- g. Have officers completed ADSO incurred as a result of education/training?
- h. Did officers complete ADSO incurred as a result of PCS?

B-5. Supersession

This checklist replaces the checklist for AR 350-100, previously published in DA Circular 11-87-3. For assistance in responding to questions, contact the functional proponent.

B-6. Comments

Help make this a better tool for evaluating management controls. Submit comments to Commander, USA HRC, (AHRC-PDO-IP), 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0479.

Glossary

Section I Abbreviations

ACP

Army Continuation Pay

ADSO

active duty service obligation

AMEDD

Army Medical Department

ASI

additional skill identifier

CVI

conditional voluntary indefinite

DCS, G-1

Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1

DOJ

Department of Justice

ETS

expiration of term of service

JAGC

Judge Advocate General Corps

MEL

military education level

MOS

military occupational specialty

MPD

military personnel division

MSO

military service obligation

OBC

officer basic course

OCS

officer candidate school

OTRA

other than Regular Army

PCS

permanent change of station

PSC

personnel service company

RA

Regular Army

REFRAD

release from active duty

RFO

request for orders

ROTC

Reserve Officer Training Corps

TWI

training with industry

USA HRC

United States Army Human Resources Command

USMA

United States Military Academy

VI

voluntary indefinite

WOAC

Warrant Officer Advanced Course

WOSC

Warrant Officer Staff Course

WOSSC

Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course

Section II**Terms****Active duty**

Full time duty in the active military service of the United States.

Active duty service obligation (ADSO)

A specific period of active duty in the Active Army that an officer must serve before becoming eligible for voluntary separation or retirement.

Active duty course of instruction

Any course of instruction or training which may result in a specific ADSO.

Assignment alert

Assignment alert is the official notification of an impending assignment sent by writing, voice, e-mail or other medium from DA or USA HRC assignment officials to an officer. An assignment is considered "firm" when an officer has been selected to fill a valid requisition (that is, when and where the officer will be assigned).

Career status

Active duty with an unspecified termination date. The term includes—

- a. Officers who have accepted a Regular Army (RA) appointment either with or without a service obligation, and who have more than 5 years continuous active Federal service;
- b. Other Than Regular Army (OTRA) officers who are in a Voluntary Indefinite (VI) status; and
- c. For JAGC officers, the term also includes Conditional Voluntary Indefinite (CVI) status.

Concurrent service obligation

Two or more ADSOs served at the same time.

Consecutive service obligation

Two or more ADSOs served in succession.

Obligated officer

One who has an ADSO because of this or any other regulation.

Officers

All commissioned and warrant officers on active duty.

Precommission obligation

An ADSO established by statute, regulation, or agreement for a specific program from which an officer is commissioned and enters on active duty.

Special branches

The six corps of the Army Medical Department, The Judge Advocate General's Corps, and the Chaplain Corps.

Recoupment

Individuals who participated in certain education programs (includes officers participating in The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program under AR 27-1, chap 14), and who fail to complete their educational requirements, or active duty or Reserve component obligations, are subject to recoupment (10 USC 2005).

ROTC academic year

The beginning and ending dates of the school year as established by each educational facility.

Section III**Special Abbreviations and Terms**

This section contains no entries.

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