

# ARMY TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA)

## **Authority:**

TA is authorized for voluntary off-duty education under section 2007, title 10, U.S. Code provisions (10 USC 2007) and DoDD 1322.8 and DoD Instruction 1322.25. TA shall be provided only for courses offered by postsecondary institutions accredited by a **national or regional accrediting body** recognized by the Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (or a successor organization).

## **Personnel eligible for TA:**

- † Soldiers on active duty, including enlisted soldiers and officers of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve on active duty pursuant to title 10 or title 32.
- † Active duty members of other Services who are supported by an Army Education Center (AEC) under provisions of an Interservice Support Agreement (ISSA).
- † Members of the Selected Reserves based on availability of RC funds.

## **Personnel not eligible for TA:**

- † Soldiers of the Army National Guard and Army Reserves who are on active duty for training (ADT) or special duty (SD).
- † Commissioned officers and warrant officers attending school under provisions of AR 621-1 unless they are enrolled in the Training With Industry (TWI) program.
- † Soldiers flagged under provisions of AR 600-8-2, paragraph 1-12. This includes soldiers interned in domestic or foreign prisons.
- † Military personnel on terminal leave except when potential recoupment is within the control of the AEC; for example, course completion date is prior to final outprocessing date.

## **TA is authorized for:**

- ☒ Off-duty classroom and alternative delivery courses that support a soldier's **educational goal**.
- ☒ One credential each at the diploma, certificate, associate, baccalaureate or graduate level with no more than one license or certification in an area of specialization.
- ☒ Enlisted soldiers with a postsecondary credential may receive TA for courses required for licensure or certification in their MOS.
- ☒ Off-duty courses leading to a state education credential (teaching, administration or supervision and support services) **regardless of the degree level the soldier has attained**.
- ☒ Undergraduate prerequisite courses for enrolling in a baccalaureate or masters degree. (Written document that additional undergraduate work is necessary must be provided.)
- ☒☒ College preparatory courses when the soldier is working toward an undergraduate degree.

## **TA is not authorized for:**

- ✍ Courses that lead to a lower or lateral postsecondary credential (except for soldiers pursuing licensure or certification in their MOS or pursuing a state education credential). [First professional degrees or certificates and graduate degrees or certificates will be considered equivalent.]
- ✍ Courses or programs beyond the master's degree.
- ✍ Courses which award continuing education units (CEUs) in lieu of credit unless required for soldiers pursuing or renewing teaching certification.
- ✍ All courses or labs involving flight training and air time unless they are required as part of a degree program.
- ✍ **Classroom and alternative delivery courses not approved on DA Form 2171 before the end of the institution's late registration period.**
- ✍ Audited or repeated courses.
- ✍ Miscellaneous fees levied by institutions to maintain student registration in degree programs.
- ✍ Fees covering such items as books, equipment, parking privileges, student activity cards, medical services, matriculation, assessment of experiential learning and graduation fees.

### **TA recoupment:**

Soldiers agree to reimbursement the Army upon signing the DA 2171 when any of the following actions occurs:

- \$ The soldier withdraws from or fails to complete a course for **personal reasons**.
- \$ The soldier receives an **academic failure due to nonattendance**.
- \$ The soldier fails to make up an incomplete "I" grade within the time limits stipulated by the institution or 120 days after the completion of the class, whichever comes first.
- \$ A commissioned officer or RC commissioned officer fails to complete the service commitment.
- \$ The soldier withdraws because of official separation, confinement, or similar administrative action by the commander for disciplinary or fraudulent causes.

### **Service commitment:**

- † Enlisted soldiers and warrant officers must have sufficient time remaining at their current duty station and in their term of service to complete the course before PCS/ETS unless involuntarily separated with an honorable discharge.
- † Commissioned officers must agree to remain on active duty for at least 2 years after completion of the course for which TA is provided unless separated by the Army before that time. [See AR 621-5 for complete information.]
- † Reserve Component commissioned officers must have at least 4 years of Selected Reserve service remaining from the date of completion of the course for which TA is provided. [See AR 621-5 for complete information.]

[Reference: AR 621-5; DoDD 1322.8 and DoD Instruction 1322.25]