UPDATE TO REGULAR ARMY RECLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY (MOS) 17C (CYBER OPERATIONS SPECIALIST)

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A. AR 614-200 (ENLISTED ASSIGNMENTS AND UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT), 26 FEB 09, (RAR 002, 11 OCT 11).

B. AR 601-280 (ARMY RETENTION PROGRAM), 31 JAN 06, (RAR 001 15 SEP 11).

C. DA PAM 611-21 (MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION AND STRUCTURE), 22 JAN 07 (RAR 26 APR 12).

D. MILPER MESSAGE 15-164, AHRC-EPF-R, SUBJECT: REGULAR ARMY RECLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR MOS 17C (CYBER OPERATIONS SPECIALIST) IS RESCINDED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS MESSAGE.

1. THIS MESSAGE IS EFFECTIVE 2 DEC 15, AND WILL EXPIRE NLT 1 DEC 16.

2. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR THE RECLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY (MOS) 17C IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ABOVE REFERENCES.

3. THE ARMY IS SEEKING A LIMITED NUMBER OF QUALIFIED SOLDIERS IN GRADES E1 THRU E5 TO BECOME CYBER OPERATIONS SPECIALISTS (MOS 17C). CYBER OPERATIONS SPECIALISTS EXECUTE OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE FULL RANGE OF MILITARY OPERATIONS BY ENABLING ACTIONS AND GENERATING EFFECTS ACROSS ALL DOMAINS. THE CYBER OPERATIONS SPECIALIST ENSURES THE FREEDOM OF MANEUVER WITHIN THE CYBERSPACE DOMAIN AND DENIES THE SAME TO ADVERSARIES. CYBER OPERATIONS SPECIALISTS WILL ENABLE OFFENSIVE CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS (OCO) INTENDED TO PROJECT POWER BY THE APPLICATION OF FORCE IN AND THROUGH CYBERSPACE BY TARGETING ENEMY AND HOSTILE ADVERSARY ACTIVITIES AND CAPABILITIES. CYBER OPERATIONS SPECIALISTS ALSO ENABLE DEFENSIVE CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS (DCO) IN ORDER TO PROTECT DATA, NETWORKS, NET-CENTRIC CAPABILITIES, AND OTHER DESIGNATED SYSTEMS BY DETECTING, IDENTIFYING, AND RESPONDING TO ATTACKS AGAINST FRIENDLY NETWORKS.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND (HRC) IS ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY RECLASSIFICATION REQUESTS INTO MOS 17C FROM SOLDIERS MEETING THE FOLLOWING PREREQUISITES FOR RECLASSIFICATION:

A. MUST BE SERGEANT NON-PROMOTABLE OR BELOW.

B. MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR RETENTION AND RECLASSIFICATION IAW REFERENCES A AND B ABOVE. SUBMIT AN APPLICATION PACKET FOR APPROVAL TO THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE CHIEF OF CYBER, U.S. ARMY CYBER SCHOOL, FORT GORDON, GA 30905-5300.

C. ALL SOLDIERS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:
(1) PHYSICAL DEMAND RATING OF MEDIUM.

(2) PHYSICAL PROFILE OF 222221.

(3) NORMAL COLOR VISION.

(4) A MINIMUM SCORE OF 110 IN APTITUDE AREA GENERAL TECHNICAL (GT) AND A MINIMUM SCORE OF 113 IN APTITUDE AREA SKILL TECHNICAL (ST) ON ASVAB TESTS ADMINISTERED ON AND AFTER 2 JAN 02, BUT PRIOR TO 1 APR 14.

(5) A MINIMUM SCORE OF 110 IN APTITUDE AREA FOR GT AND A MINIMUM SCORE OF 112 IN APTITUDE AREA ST ON ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY (ASVAB) TESTS ADMINISTERED ON AND AFTER 1 APR 14.

(6) AT A MINIMUM, SOLDIERS MUST POSSESS A SECRET CLEARANCE AT TIME OF APPLICATION AND AFTER RECLASSIFICATION APPROVAL SOLDIERS WILL BEGIN APPLICATION PROCESS TO RECEIVE INTERIM TOP SECRET CLEARANCE PRIOR TO ATTENDING TRAINING. SOLDIERS WILL REQUIRE A SECURITY CLEARANCE OF TOP SECRET WITH SENSITIVE COMPARTMENTED INFORMATION (SCI) ACCESS PRIOR TO BEING AWARDED THE MOS.

(7) SOLDIERS MUST HAVE NO ADVERSE INFORMATION IN THEIR OFFICIAL MILITARY PERSONNEL FILE, PROVOST MARSHALL RECORDS, OR LOCAL SECURITY OFFICE, AS WELL AS NO DISQUALIFYING INFORMATION IN THEIR MEDICAL RECORDS THAT WOULD PREVENT THE GRANTING OF A SECURITY CLEARANCE OR MEETING PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE AWARDED MOS 17C.

(8) SOLDIERS ARE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE AND PASS A COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SCOPE POLYGRAPH (CSP) PRIOR TO BEING AWARDED MOS 17C AND MUST CONTINUE TO PASS SUBSEQUENT CSP TO MAINTAIN MOS 17C. SOLDIERS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY FAILED A CSP PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THEIR APPLICATION WILL BE DENIED RECLASSIFICATION. SOLDIERS WHO ARE APPROVED FOR RECLASSIFICATION TO MOS 17C WILL RECEIVE A CSP DURING RECLASSIFICATION TRAINING.

(9) THE SERVICE REMAINING REQUIREMENT (SRR) IS 3 YEARS FOR RECLASSIFICATION INTO MOS 17C UPON COMPLETION OF TRAINING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 614-200, CHAPTER 4.

D. MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING RANK AND TIME IN SERVICE (TIS) REQUIREMENTS:

(1) SPECIALIST AND BELOW WITH LESS THAN 4 YEARS TIS.

(2) SERGEANT WITH LESS THAN 10 YEARS TIS.


5. RECLASSIFICATION PROCESSING PROCEDURES:

A. SOLDIERS WHO MEET THE PREREQUISITES IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE MAY REQUEST RECLASSIFICATION THROUGH THEIR SERVICING CAREER COUNSELOR. RECLASSIFICATION PACKET INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE U.S. ARMY CYBER SCHOOL WEBSITE AT HTTPS://USCYBERSCHOOL.ARMY.MIL. CAREER COUNSELORS WILL SUBMIT THE APPLICATION PACKET FOR APPROVAL BY THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CYBER, U.S. ARMY CYBER SCHOOL, FORT GORDON, GA 30905-5300, AT USARMY.GORDON.CYBER.COE.MBX.OCC.ENLISTED@MAIL.MIL.

B. UPON APPROVAL, CAREER COUNSELORS WILL FORWARD RE-CLASSIFICATION REQUESTS TO HRC VIA THE RETAIN SYSTEM. SOLDIERS APPROVED FOR RECLASSIFICATION BY HRC WILL BE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE MOS 17C PHASE 1 COURSE AT NAVAL AIR STATION PENSACOLA, FL, AND 17C PHASE 2 COURSE AT FORT GORDON, GA. COURSES WILL BE SCHEDULED BY HRC BASED ON AVAILABILITY OF SOLDIER AND COURSE DATES. SOLDIERS WILL BE ASSIGNED IAW THE NEEDS OF THE ARMY UPON COMPLETION OF TRAINING.
6. SOLDIERS MAY REQUEST RECLASSIFICATION INTO MOS 17C REGARDLESS OF THE IN/OUT CALLS FOR CURRENT MOS. HRC WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON RECLASSIFICATION APPROVAL BASED ON ARMY STRENGTHS.

7. SOLDIERS WHO RECEIVED AN ENLISTMENT OR REENLISTMENT BONUS FOR THEIR CURRENT TERM OF SERVICE WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO RECOUPMENT DUE TO THIS RECLASSIFICATION.

8. FOR QUESTIONS CONCERNING REENLISTMENT OR RECLASSIFICATION, SOLDIERS AND LEADERS SHOULD CONTACT THEIR SERVICING OR INSTALLATION CAREER COUNSELOR. CAREER COUNSELORS WITH QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THIS MESSAGE SHOULD CONTACT THE ENLISTED DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CYBER, U.S. ARMY CYBER SCHOOL, FORT GORDON, GA 30905-5300, AT USARMY.GORDON.CYBER-COE.MBX.OCC-ENLISTED@MAIL.MIL OR DSN: 780-6218, COMMERCIAL 706-791-6218.