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MOS CONVERSION BONUS PROGRAM
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A. MILPER MESSAGE 10-043, AHRC-EPF-R, ISSUED 4 FEBRUARY 2010, SUBJECT: MOS CONVERSION BONUS PROGRAM, IS RESCINDED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

1. THIS MILPER MESSAGE IS EFFECTIVE UPON RELEASE AND WILL EXPIRE NLT 31 DECEMBER 2010.

2. THIS MSG WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF ALL COMMANDERS, REENLISTMENT OFFICES, RECRUITERS, AND FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICES. THIS MESSAGE ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO THE REGULAR ARMY, ACTIVE COMPONENT MOS CONVERSION BONUS PROGRAM.

3. **THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO ATTRACT HIGHLY QUALIFIED SOLDIERS IN THE RANK OF SSG AND BELOW, WHO ARE SERVING IN OVERSTRENGTH/BALANCED MOS TO MIGRATE INTO A SHORTAGE MOS.** SOLDIERS WHO ARE APPROVED FOR THIS PROGRAM ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A LUMP SUM BONUS UPON COMPLETION OF TRAINING AND AWARDING OF THE NEW MOS AS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 5. SOLDIERS WHO ARE AWARDED THE NEW MOS WITH ASI OF "4A" ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THIS BONUS UNTIL THE ASI OF "4A" IS REMOVED.

4. SOLDIERS WHO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS PROGRAM MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING:

A. PURSUANT TO U.S. CODE TITLE 37, SECTION 326, SOLDIERS MUST:

(1) BE A STAFF SERGEANT (NONPROMOTABLE) WITH LESS THAN 10 YEARS OF TOTAL SERVICE AT TIME OF APPROVED RECLASSIFICATION.

(2) BE A SERGEANT OR BELOW REGARDLESS OF YEARS OF SERVICE.

B. MEET ALL QUALIFICATIONS FOR REQUESTED MOS.

C. AGREE TO SERVE IN THE NEW MOS FOR 36 CONTINUOUS MONTHS UPON AWARD OF THE NEW MOS.

D. ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MOS CONVERSION BONUS IS BASED UPON THE RANK HELD WHEN THE REQUEST FOR RECLASSIFICATION IS APPROVED. IF THE SOLDIER IS SUBSEQUENTLY PROMOTED OR THE BONUS IS LATER CHANGED, THE SOLDIER WILL RETAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR THE BONUS ENTITLEMENT IN EFFECT AT THE TIME THE REQUEST FOR RECLASSIFICATION WAS APPROVED. AS AN EXCEPTION, AN MOS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 5 WHICH IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE SPECIAL MOS ALIGNMENT PROMOTION PROGRAM (SMAPP), AS OF THE DATE OF RECLASS APPROVAL, ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE MOS CONVERSION BONUS BASED ON THE GRADE TO WHICH THEY ARE PROMOTED TO UPON COURSE COMPLETION. VERIFICATION OF THE RECLASS APPROVAL DATE FOR THE CONVERSION BONUS MOS CAN BE FOUND IN RETAIN.

E. SOLDIERS MUST CONTACT THEIR LOCAL CAREER COUNSELOR TO COMPLETE THE REQUEST FOR MOS CONVERSION BONUS AGREEMENT DOCUMENT. THIS DOCUMENT IS USED FOR PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MOS CONVERSION BONUS PROGRAM. THE LOCAL CAREER COUNSELOR WILL FORWARD MOS ORDERS AND THE CONVERSION BONUS AGREEMENT/REQUEST DOCUMENT TO HRC, ATTN: AHRC-EPF, VIA THE CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CMS). ONCE RECEIVED, APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED THROUGH HRC FOR FINAL APPROVAL DETERMINATION.

F. SOLDIERS APPROVED FOR THE MOS CONVERSION PROGRAM WILL HAVE 90 DAYS FROM COMPLETION OF TRAINING, OR RECLASS APPROVAL DATE IF NO TRAINING IS REQUIRED, TO APPLY FOR THE MOS CONVERSION BONUS.

5. THE FOLLOWING MOS AND RANK ARE AUTHORIZED THE CONVERSION BONUS AMOUNT BELOW:

MOS/TITLE	SGT	SSG
25E ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM MANAGER	\$4,000	\$4,000
35L COUNTER INTELLIGENCE AGENT	\$4,000	\$0
51C AL&T CONTRACTING NCO	\$0	\$2,000
79R RECRUITER	\$2,000	\$2,000

6. ONCE APPROVED FOR THIS PROGRAM, ANY SOLDIER WHO RECEIVES A BONUS AND WHO, VOLUNTARILY, INVOLUNTARILY, OR BECAUSE OF MISCONDUCT, FAILS TO SERVE IN SUCH PMOS FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF TRAINING SHALL REFUND TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AN AMOUNT THAT BEARS THE SAME RATIO TO THE BONUS AMOUNT PAID TO THE SOLDIER AS THE UNSERVED PART OF SUCH PERIOD BEARS TO THE TOTAL PERIOD AGREED TO BE SERVED.

7. UPON AWARD OF THE MOS, THE SOLDIER WILL PROVIDE THE LOCAL FINANCE OFFICE A COPY OF THE MOS ORDERS, HRC (AHRC-EPF-R) APPROVAL MEMORANDUM, AND THE AGREEMENT/REQUEST MOS CONVERSION BONUS DOCUMENT. THE LOCAL FINANCE OFFICE WILL USE THESE DOCUMENTS TO PAY THE SOLDIER AS OUTLINED IN THE APPROVAL MEMORANDUM FROM HRC (AHRC-EPF-R).

8. SOLDIERS WITH QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE CONVERSION BONUS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ADDRESSED IN THIS MESSAGE SHOULD CONTACT THEIR SERVICING CAREER COUNSELORS. CAREER COUNSELORS WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MESSAGE WILL CONTACT THEIR APPROPRIATE ACOM RETENTION OFFICE FOR CLARIFICATION. HRC POC IS MR WHITEHOUSE, DSN 221-6951.