

**SUBJECT: Extending for Lifecycle Manned Units**

1. The 3 February 2004 RETAIN Software Release added the extension reason code "A6". This extension reason code will be used for Soldiers extending to meet the Lifecycle of a Force Stabilized unit.
2. Soldiers assigned or on orders to a Force Stabilized unit that can not meet the lifecycle end date, that are qualified and desire extension, will be extended under paragraph 4-9a, AR 601-280.
3. As an exception, Soldiers in the reenlistment window desiring to extend to meet the lifecycle of a Force Stabilized unit are authorized to extend anytime prior to 3 months before ETS.
4. As an exception to paragraph 4-8a, Soldiers may extend for a maximum of 47 months to meet unit lifecycle. Career Counselors are reminded that the maximum combined total of all extension on an enlistment can not exceed 48 months.
5. Point of contact this message is SGM Dodd, DSN: 221-6949.

**END Policy Message 04-06**

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