

Policy Message 05-20

22 April 2005

**SUBJECT: Current Station Stabilization Option (E-2)**

1. References:

- A. AR 601-280, Army Retention Program, 31 Mar 99
- B. Policy Message 05-19, Lifecycle Manning Procedures, 26 Mar 05
- C. Policy Message 05-12, Out of the Window Reenlistments for Deployed Soldiers, 18 Jan 05
- D. Policy Message 05-01, FY 05 Retention Policy, 4 Oct 04

2. This message announces interim guidance in support of the FY05 Army Retention Program. **These changes take effect 25 April 2005.**

3. In addition to option eligibility criteria in Table E-2, AR 601-280 **Soldiers must also be 6 months or more from ETS, DEROS, or life cycle E-date.**

A. Stabilization will commence on the date of reenlistment for CONUS Soldiers and on DEROS for OCONUS soldiers.

B. Soldiers assigned to a unit identified to be Life Cycle Manned will be stabilized for a minimum of 12 months from ETS or DEROS up to the unit's life cycle end date. Soldiers must reenlist for a minimum of 4 years and meet or exceed unit's life cycle end date. The following entry will be placed on line 2 of Part II of the DA Form 3286 "**Guaranteed a minimum of 12 months stabilization from ETS or DEROS up to unit's life cycle end date**".

4. Soldiers within 6 months of ETS, DEROS, or life cycle E-date desiring to reenlist for Option E-2 must request an exception to policy. Submit request to hotline category "Option Exception" and use the "Exception" Hot form.

5. Point of contact this message is SGM Carpenter, RMD Policy, venus.carpenter@hoffman.army.mil, DSN: 221-6807.

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