

Policy Message 06-11

4 August 2006

SUBJECT: Reenlistment Option Eligibility

1. References:

- A. AR 601-280, Army Retention Program, 31 Jan 06
- B. MILPER Message 05-041, MOS Conversion Bonus Program
- C. MILPER Message 06-002, Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) - Deployed Program
- D. MILPER Message 06-042, Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) - Inventory Program
- E. MILPER Message 06-043, Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) - Location Program

2. Due to your superb accomplishment of the retention mission so far this year, the Army is close to over executing its bonus budget. In an effort to achieve the Army's Retention mission in all categories and remain within budget constraints the additional guidance is announced in support of the FY06 Army Retention Program.

3. Effective 7 August 2006, the eligibility for reenlistment options are changed as shown below:

A. Initial Term Soldiers:

(1) Soldiers with a contractual ETS from ***1 October 2006 and beyond*** are restricted to the Regular Army Reenlistment Option. Soldiers may reenlist for 2 years only. New ETS must exceed current ETS.

(2) Soldiers with a contractual ETS ***prior to 1 October 2006*** are entitled to all reenlistment options otherwise qualified IAW AR 601-280.

(3) Soldiers that are ***currently deployed*** and will redeploy prior to 1 October 2006 (regardless of ETS date) or deployed and have a contractual ETS prior to 1 Oct 06 are entitled to all reenlistment options otherwise qualified IAW AR 601-280.

B. Mid-Career Soldiers:

(1) **Option 1** - No changes

(2) **Option 2** - Minimum reenlistment period is reduced to 2 years with up to 12 months of stabilization guaranteed. Additionally, Soldiers between 18 and 24 months from ETS are now eligible for this option. CONUS based Soldiers stabilization will start on date of reenlistment; OCONUS Soldiers stabilization will start on DEROS. Counselor must update the stabilization months when confirming the reenlistment.

(3) **Option 3** - Soldiers in balanced(N/N) or overstength(N/Y) MOS may reenlist for a period of 3 years. However, Soldiers must meet minimum SRR for new MOS and follow-on assignment using a combination of reenlistment and extension; extension will not exceed 11 months.

(4) **Options 4 & 5** - Minimum reenlistment period to meet SRR for assignment using a combination of reenlistment and extension; extension will not exceed 11 months.

(5) The changes listed above, along with the provisions in Policy Message 06-09 remain in effect for Mid-Career Soldiers with an FY 06/07 ETS date.

C. Career Soldiers:

(1) Soldiers in the rank of SSG or above with a contractual ETS from 1 October 2006 and beyond are restricted to extensions only. Periods of extensions will not exceed 23 months.

(2) Soldiers in the rank of SPC(P) or SGT with a contractual ETS from 1 October 2006 and beyond are restricted to the Regular Army Reenlistment Option. Soldiers may reenlist for 2 years only. New ETS must exceed current ETS.

(3) Soldiers that are currently deployed and will redeploy prior to 1 October 2006 (regardless of ETS date) or deployed and have a contractual ETS prior to 1 October 2006 are entitled to all reenlistment options otherwise qualified IAW AR 601-280.

4. Soldiers participating in the BEAR program and have completed training are entitled to reenlist and receive a SRB IAW their BEAR program agreement.

5. As an *exception to paragraphs 3A and 3C*, Initial Term and Career Soldiers who do not qualify for a bonus under the provisions of the references listed in paragraph 1 are entitled to all reenlistment options otherwise qualified IAW AR 601-280. In addition, all Soldiers with a DA imposed service remaining requirement for promotion or assignment, who must take action prior to 1 October 2006, may reenlist for the Regular Army Reenlistment Option and, if qualified under the provisions of references listed in paragraph 1, receive a SRB.

6. This message will expire on 30 September 2006.

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