

**SUBJECT: Qualification of a Soldier for Discharge for the Purpose of Immediate Reenlistment**

References:

- a. AR 601-280, Army Retention Program.
  - b. Policy Message 09-01(C2).
1. **Effective 1 April 2009**, Regular Army *Soldiers within 3 months of their contractual ETS cannot be discharged for the purpose of immediate reenlistment without an exception to policy approved by Commander, HRC-Alexandria, Retention and Reclassification Branch (AHRC-EPF-R)*.
  2. Rescind, effective date of 1 June 2009, on Policy Message 09-01(C2).
  3. The following exceptions apply:
    - a. **Soldiers promoted to SGT or SSG within 3 months of their contractual ETS** may, with unit commander approval, reenlist for any option for which qualified.
    - b. **Soldiers notified of selection for direct appointment or commission or attendance at an officer training program** such as Officer Candidate School or Warrant Officer Flight Training, will be processed under the provisions of AR 601-280, paragraphs 4-2d and 4-6c(3).
    - c. **Soldiers scheduled to separate from the Army prior to 1 October 2009 or are currently serving beyond their contractual ETS UP Stop-Loss, will have until 30 June 2009 to reenlist**, if otherwise qualified. Effective 1 July 2009, these Soldiers are subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 of this message, which requires an exception to policy to reenlist.
    - d. **Soldiers whose ETS was or will be administratively adjusted by HRC using delayed separation reason code "S" (Stop-Loss) and have a contractual ETS greater than 30 June 2009, are eligible to reenlist, if otherwise qualified. The reenlistment must be executed prior to the Soldier exceeding his/her contractual ETS.** However, once a Soldier begins serving UP Stop-Loss (day after contractual ETS), he/she is subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 of this message, which requires an exception to policy to reenlist.
  4. Requests for exceptions to policy must be forwarded through command channels to the first Colonel (O6) in the Soldier's chain of command. If approval is supported, commanders will provide his/her comments, attached as an endorsement to the DA Form 3340-R, through the Senior Career Counselor to Commander, HRC-Alexandria, AHRC-EPF-R, via RETAIN. Any commander that feels the exception to policy is unwarranted may disapprove the request and no further action is required.
  5. This policy change will be incorporated into a future Rapid Action Revision of AR 601-280.
  6. Point of contact for this message is SGM Stone, RRB SGM, DSN: 221-6933.