

Policy Message 09-11

22 July 2009

**SUBJECT: Exception to Policy**

1. This is a two part message which will expire on 1 November 2009
2. References:
  - A. AR 601-280, Army Retention Program, 31 Jan 06
  - B. Policy Message 09-02(C2), 17 Apr 09
  - C. Policy Message 09-10(C1), 25 June 09
  - D. Policy Message 09-08(C1), 31 March 09

**Part I: Soldier Option Opportunity**

a. Effective immediately, due to recent changes to Army end-strength, those Soldiers, who have a contractual ETS date greater than today's date but less than 7 January 2010 may reenlist for any option otherwise qualified for provided the reenlistment is completed between 1 October 2009 and 28 October 2009. In addition, the confirmation must be completed by 31 October 2009.

***Example:***

Soldier is qualified for a lock in of Option E-5 today (not within the 90 day window); however the Soldier falls within the 90 day window on 2 October (migrated).

This Soldier is authorized to receive the option, if qualified, reenlist by the NLT date listed above and receive an ETP on the confirmation within the 90 day window.

- b. Those Soldiers previously denied reenlistment due to implementation of Policy Message 09-10(C1) may be processed IAW the guidelines and this part of the message.
- c. This exception does not apply to Soldiers currently under the provisions of Stop Loss who have surpassed their contractual ETS. SL Soldiers must continue to process for an exception to policy IAW AR 601-280, paragraph 3-10, via RETAIN Hotline and RRB guidance.

**Part II: FY09 ETS Soldier Population**

a. Due to the recent changes in the current environment the Army is granting an automatic exception to policy for qualified Soldier's desiring to reenlist who have an FY09 ETS date.

b. FY09 ETSer's, who have not surpassed their contractual ETS date, are eligible to reenlist within the 90 day window for the option and term currently offered IAW Policy Message 09-10(C1), E-1 for 2 years unless Soldier meets one of the exceptions outlined in paragraph 3a of that message). Any request for a longer term or other option will require a HOTLINE sent to RRB, category OPT/EXCEP.

3. POC for this message is SGM Drummond, (703)695-7579 (DSN 221-7579).

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