

RMB Message 06-08

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SUBJECT: Reenlistment Exceptions to Policy

1. Career Counselors may request Exceptions to Policy for Soldiers who are fully qualified for reenlistment, but not offered a specific MOS or Option due to current retention policy.
2. Actions processed for exceptions are as follows:
 - a. Option E-1 and, in very rare cases, Option E-2 for non-deployed Soldiers in overstrength MOS.
 - b. Migration rules under reenlistment option 3 for reclassification into a balanced MOS, or a lower priority MOS. **Requests for migration into overstrength MOS will not be considered.**
 - c. Station of Choice under reenlistment option 4 or 5. This is not designed to circumvent the WAITLIST process. RMB will not process an Exception request for an Option 4 or 5 until the Career Counselor has submitted a hotline request through category WAITLIST and **received a disapproval for a specific location at least three times.**
3. Requests must be submitted to category "OPEXCEPT" using the "EXCEPTION" hotform. Requests will be sent from the servicing Career Counselor to their Installation/Division Retention Office, who will in turn send the request to the MACOM Retention Office. It is important to use the "REPLY" function when sending hotlines to the next level. Do not use the "forward" function. Requests received without a MACOM endorsement will be returned without action.
4. Exceptions should only be submitted after every effort has been made to sell what is available via RETAIN. All requests must contain a full and detailed justification. Requests that are not justified, or do not meet the goals of the Army Retention Program can be disapproved at either the Division/Installation or MACOM level.
5. **RMB cannot waive minimum qualifications (minqual) to attend training, or for the initial award of an MOS. Minqual exceptions must be processed through the appropriate proponent for approval.**
6. POC for this message is MSG Caccamo, DSN 221-6930

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