

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Eligibility for Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) and “Kicker” Incentive Benefits for ROTC/SMP Cadets

PART I Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

1. References:

a. Interim Guidance DRAFT AR 621-202, Army Educational Incentives and Entitlements, as of 12 Dec 2011.

b. Army Regulation 135-7, Incentive Programs, Chapter 8, Educational Assistance Program for Members of the Selected Reserve (Selected Reserve Montgomery GI Bill), 15 Apr 96.

c. Army Regulation 135-200, Active Duty for Missions, Projects, and for Reserve Component Soldiers, Chapter 5, Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT), 30 Jun 99.

d. Army Regulation 601-210, Regular Army and Army Reserve Enlistment Program, Paragraph 9-14d(7)(b), Reserve Officers' Training Corps/Simultaneous Membership Program (ROTC/SMP), 8 Feb 11.

2. Reference 1b, paragraph 8-3: Soldiers that contract for the ROTC/SMP program must first complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) as an enlisted member in order to qualify for benefits under Chapter 1606 (Educational Assistance for Members of the Selected Reserve).

3. Reference 1c, paragraph 5-3, defines IADT as “...the period required to qualify in the selected MOS, or training sufficient to be deployed.” Non-prior service (NPS) enlisted personnel will be ordered to IADT for this required period to become qualified in basic soldiering skills and in the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) for which enlisted (paragraph 5-3b).

4. Reference 1d, governs the ROTC/SMP Program. Paragraph 9-14d(7)(b), provides specific guidance concerning “Montgomery GI Bill for Selected Reserve Service” (MGIB-SR) entitlement for ROTC/SMP cadets. Paragraph 9-14d(7)(b)1 states in order to enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill, potential participants must complete IET and be awarded an MOS. ROTC/SMP Participants who have completed BT and have been coded as 09R are not eligible for AR MGIB.

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5. **Special Reporting Code** (09R) is NOT by definition, a Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) and does not serve as verification the Soldier/Cadet has completed Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) (both Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training). DA Pamphlet 611-21, Chapter 14, contains a listing of all Special Reporting Codes and descriptions are found in paragraph 14b. Military occupation specialty codes (MOSC) are contained in DA Pam 611-21, Chapter 9, paragraph 9-6.

6. A Non-Prior Service (NPS) enlisted Soldier must obtain (be awarded) a valid MOS in order to receive Chapter 1606 Basic Benefits. If a NPS applicant enlists at MEPS as a SMP cadet, the Soldier IS NOT eligible for Chapter 1606.

7. Please note ROTC Basic and Advance Camps DO NOT qualify as IADT.

PART II ROTC/SMP MGIB Kicker

1. In order for a Cadet to be eligible for the ROTC/SMP Kicker, the Soldier must first be eligible for the Chapter 1606 Basic Benefit (see paragraph 2 above).

2. The authorized amount for the ROTC/SMP MGIB Kicker is \$350.00. A Soldier already receiving a MOS Kicker (\$100-\$200) can receive the increased amount of the ROTC/SMP Kicker upon contracting to become a Cadet. However, if the Soldier received a \$350 kicker upon enlistment, the kicker amount will not be increased.

3. Once it is determined that a Soldier is now a ROTC/SMP Cadet, the ROTC/SMP **Kicker data must be updated in Reserve Component Manpower System (RCMS) MGIB Eligibility application**. A copy of the "MGIB Kicker Eligibility Checklist" must be scanned and emailed to: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-mgib-support@mail.mil

4. Documents required for ROTC/SMP MGIB Kicker:

a. DD Form 214 (course completion certificate for completion of MOS producing course; order awarding MOS). These documents should be filed in the Soldier's Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) / iPERMS.

The following documents are not permanent, are not maintained in the OMPF/iPERMS, and are not required to be sent to HRC-Ft. Knox Education Incentives Branch (EIB) GI Bill Team:

- b. DA Form 4824-R
- c. DA Form 597
- d. DA Form 5435-1-R

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5. Cadets who voluntarily leave or do not successfully complete the ROTC/SMP Program, may continue to receive a kicker at a lower rate (\$100/200) as long as they return to a MOS qualified status in a kicker eligible position or unit. Kicker payments erroneously received while a participating member of the ROTC/SMP Program are subject to recoupment.

6. For further information, contact the HRC Ft. Knox GI Bill Team at: 1-800-872-8272 or usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-mgib-support@mail.mil