

ALARACT 060/2024

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SUBJ /ALARACT 060/2024 – IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHANGE TO OVERSEAS TOUR LENGTH REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES/AREAS OF CONCENTRATION IN LOCATIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WITH APPROVED ACCOMPANIED TOURS

THIS ALARACT MESSAGE HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED BY JSP ON BEHALF OF HEADQUARTERS, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1.

1. (U) REFERENCES:

1.A. (U) ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS (ASA (M&RA)) MEMORANDUM, DATED 30 MAY 2024, SUBJECT: EXCEPTION TO POLICY (ETP) TO THE PROVISIONS OF AR 614-30 TO INCREASE TIME SERVED IN KOREA BY REQUIRING SINGLE SOLDIERS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS ASSIGNED TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO SERVE THE ACCOMPANIED TOUR LENGTH (SEE ATTACHMENT)

1.B. (U) DODI 1315.18, PROCEDURES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS (AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://WWW.ESD.WHS.MIL/](https://www.esd.whs.mil/))

1.C. (U) JOINT TRAVEL REGULATIONS SUPPLEMENT, TOUR LENGTHS AND TOURS OF DUTY OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES (OCONUS) (AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://WWW.TRAVEL.DOD.MIL/](https://www.travel.dod.mil/))

1.D. (U) AR 600-8-11, REASSIGNMENT

1.E. (U) AR 614-30, OVERSEAS SERVICE

1.F. (U) AR 614-100, OFFICER ASSIGNMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1.G. (U) AR 614-200, ENLISTED ASSIGNMENTS AND UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT

2. (U) PURPOSE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS ALARACT MESSAGE IS TO INFORM SOLDIERS THAT THE ASA (M&RA) ISSUED AN ETP (REFERENCE 1.A.) THAT AUTHORIZES A CHANGE TO THE TOUR LENGTH REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES (MOS) AND AREAS OF CONCENTRATION (AOCS) IN LOCATIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WITH APPROVED ACCOMPANIED TOURS.

3. (U) APPLICABILITY: REFERENCE 1.A. APPLIES TO REGULAR ARMY (EXCEPT GENERAL OFFICERS) SOLDIERS. REFERENCE 1.A. DOES NOT AFFECT TOUR LENGTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLDIERS ASSIGNED TO THE DEFENSE ATTACHÉ SYSTEM OR SECURITY COOPERATION ORGANIZATIONS.

REFERENCE 1.A. DOES NOT APPLY TO ASSIGNMENTS TO LOCATIONS IN KOREA WITHOUT AN APPROVED ACCOMPANIED TOUR.

4. (U) INTENT: IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE READINESS IN SPECIFIC MOS AND AOCs THAT REQUIRE SOLDIERS TO UNDERGO EXTENSIVE TRAINING AND/OR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO BEING FULLY MISSION CAPABLE, SINGLE SOLDIERS WITH NO DEPENDENTS IN THE MOS/AOC LISTED IN REFERENCE 1.A. (SEE ENCLOSURE TO ETP) WILL SERVE THE 24-MONTH ACCOMPANIED TOUR IN LOCATIONS IN KOREA THAT HAVE AN EXISTING APPROVED ACCOMPANIED TOUR. THIS MESSAGE APPLIES TO PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION (PCS) ORDERS TRANSMITTED TO THE ASSIGNMENT COORDINATION AND TRACKING (ACT) FEATURE IN THE INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM-ARMY (IPPS-A) ON OR AFTER 1 AUGUST 2024.

5. (U) PROCEDURES:

5.A. (U) ALL SOLDIERS IN THE MOS/AOC LISTED IN THE ENCLOSURE TO REFERENCE 1.A. WHO ARE SINGLE AND HAVE NO DEPENDENTS AND ARE REASSIGNED TO LOCATIONS IN KOREA WITH AN EXISTING APPROVED ACCOMPANIED TOUR WITH PCS ORDERS TRANSMITTED TO THE ACT FEATURE IN IPPS-A ON OR AFTER 1 AUGUST 2024 WILL SERVE THE EXISTING 24-MONTH ACCOMPANIED TOUR. SOLDIERS ASSIGNED TO THE DESIGNATED LOCATIONS WITH PCS ORDERS TRANSMITTED TO THE ACT FEATURE IN IPPS-A PRIOR TO 1 AUGUST 2024 WILL SERVE THEIR ORIGINAL OVERSEAS TOUR LENGTH AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOLUNTARILY EXTEND TO 24 MONTHS.

5.B. (U) RETENTION PERSONNEL WILL COUNSEL AFFECTED SOLDIERS ON THE INCREASED TOUR LENGTH REQUIREMENT. UNIT COMMANDERS, COMMAND RETENTION PERSONNEL, S-1, AND MILITARY PERSONNEL DIVISIONS (MPDS) WILL ENSURE THAT SOLDIERS MEET THE AMENDED 24-MONTH SERVICE-REMAINING REQUIREMENT FOR THESE TOURS AT THE TIME OF INSTALLATION CLEARING.

5.C. (U) INITIAL MILITARY TRAINING (IMT) COMMANDS WILL NOTIFY AFFECTED IMT SOLDIERS OF THE AMENDED TOUR LENGTH REQUIREMENT.

5.D. (U) RETENTION AND S-1 PERSONNEL WILL ENCOURAGE SOLDIERS CURRENTLY SERVING IN 12-MONTH ASSIGNMENTS IN KOREA TO VOLUNTARILY EXTEND THEIR TOURS TO 24 MONTHS.

5.E. (U) LOSING MPD WILL ENSURE THAT POLICY REVISIONS ARE BRIEFED DURING OVERSEAS REASSIGNMENT BRIEFINGS OR SIMILAR COMMUNICATION AND WILL ADJUST THE TOUR LENGTH REQUIREMENT IN PAPER ORDERS AS NECESSARY.

5.F. (U) GAINING MPD AND UNIT S-1 WILL ENSURE THAT DATES ELIGIBLE TO RETURN FROM OVERSEAS ARE ACCURATE IN PERSONNEL SYSTEMS.

5.G. (U) THE GAINING COMMAND/MPD WILL ENSURE SINGLE SOLDIERS WITH NO DEPENDENTS IN AFFECTED MOS/AOC THAT ARE REASSIGNED TO LOCATIONS IN KOREA THAT HAVE AN EXISTING APPROVED ACCOMPANIED TOUR AND ARE THEREFORE REQUIRED TO SERVE THE ACCOMPANIED TOUR ARE NOT INVOLUNTARILY DIVERTED OR LATER REASSIGNED TO LOCATIONS WITHOUT AN EXISTING ACCOMPANIED TOUR. ADDITIONALLY, SINGLE SOLDIERS WITH NO DEPENDENTS IN AFFECTED MOS/AOC INITIALLY ASSIGNED TO A LOCATION WITHOUT AN EXISTING ACCOMPANIED TOUR WHO ARE LATER REASSIGNED TO LOCATIONS WITH AN EXISTING ACCOMPANIED TOUR WILL NOT BE INVOLUNTARILY REQUIRED TO SERVE THE ACCOMPANIED TOUR.

5.H. (U) THE LIST OF AFFECTED MOS/AOC WILL BE REVIEWED AT LEAST ANNUALLY BY UNITED STATES FORCES KOREA TO DETERMINE IF ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS ARE REQUIRED. ANY NECESSARY UPDATES TO THE LIST OF AFFECTED MOS/AOC WILL BE PUBLISHED VIA MILITARY PERSONNEL MESSAGE BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF (DCS), G-1.

5.I. (U) SOLDIERS WILL BE SELECTED FOR ASSIGNMENTS WITHOUT REGARD TO THEIR MARITAL STATUS, EXCEPT AS ALLOWED WITHIN REFERENCE 1.B.

6. (U) POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS ACTION IS DCS, G-1, PLANS AND OPERATIONS BRANCH, TOTAL ARMY READINESS DIVISION (DAPE-MPD-PO) AT 703-695-7787.

7. (U) THIS ALARACT MESSAGE EXPIRES ON 24 JULY 2025.

ATTACHMENT:

ASA (M&RA) ETP MEMORANDUM WITH ENCLOSURE



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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Exception to Policy (ETP) to the Provisions of AR 614-30 to Increase Time Served in Korea by Requiring Single Soldiers Without Dependents Assigned to the Republic of Korea to Serve the Accompanied Tour Length

1. References:

- a. The Joint Travel Regulations (JTR).
- b. Tour Lengths and Tours of Duty Outside the Continental United States (CONUS) (AP-TL-01); Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC).
- c. Department of Defense Instruction 1315.18 (Procedures for Military Personnel Assignments), October 28, 2015; Incorporating Change 3, June 24, 2019.
- d. Army Regulation (AR) 614-30 (Overseas Service), 22 December 2016.
- e. AR 600-8-11 (Reassignment), 1 May 2007.
- f. AR 614-100 (Officer Assignment Policies, Details, and Transfers), 3 December 2019.
- g. AR 614-200 (Enlisted Assignment and Utilizations Management), 25 January 2019.

2. This ETP to reference d above is issued pursuant to General Order 2020-01, paragraph 10a, and the Service Secretary overseas tour length authority established in reference c. It applies to PCS orders published after 1 April 2024.

3. Effective upon signature, Soldiers in select Military Occupational Specialties (MOS)/Area of Concentration (AOC) listed in the enclosure who have no dependents, are not married to other Service Members, and are placed on a permanent change of station (PCS) order to the Republic of Korea will serve the accompanied tour length of 24 months in locations that have the accompanied tour. This enclosure will be revisited on an annual basis or as determined by U.S. Forces Korea.

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4. To be eligible for an overseas assignment, Soldiers must have the remaining active duty service obligation required to complete the prescribed tour length. Soldiers with the selected MOS/AOC identified in the enclosure already assigned to units in Korea with an unaccompanied tour of 12 months or less remaining will maintain their current tour length but are encouraged to request a tour extension.

5. This ETP applies to the Regular Army (except general officers) and will be reviewed annually.

6. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 is the proponent for this policy and will publish implementing guidance.

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Policy Effective Date: 30 May 2024

PCS Order Publish Date: Applies to all orders published after 1 June 2024.

Policy: Soldiers in the select MOS/AOC who have no dependents, are not married to other Service Members, and are on a PCS order to the Republic of Korea will serve the accompanied tour length of 24 months.

MOS/AOC	TITLE/DESCRIPTION
15Q	Air Traffic Control Operator
15T	UH-60 Helicopter Repairer
31K	Working Military Dog Handler
31D	Criminal Investigations Special Agent
35L	Counterintelligence Agent
35N	Signal Intelligence Analyst
311A	CID Special Agent

Tour Length Reference: The Joint Travel Regulations, January 1, 2024, and AP-TL-01 (Tour Lengths and Tours of Duty Outside the Continental United States (OCONUS)); Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC); June 8, 2023.