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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Reinforcement of Select, Train, Educate, Promote (STEP) Policy for Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Promotions and Limited Application of Temporary Promotions**

**1. References.**

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-19 (Enlisted Promotions and Reductions), 26 October 23.
- b. Memorandum, DAPE-ZA, Reinforcement of Select, Train, Educate, Promote (STEP) Policy for Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Promotions and Limited Application of Temporary Promotions, 12 September 2023.

**2. The reinforcement of STEP policy (ref 1b, para. 4) is suspended until further notice.**

**3. The previously announced limited application of temporary promotions (ref b, para 7c) is suspended until further notice. The Army will apply temporary promotions to all Soldiers who are unable to attend a requisite level of professional military education to qualify for promotion to all noncommissioned officer (NCO) ranks (Sergeant through Sergeant Major) as authorized in ref 1a, para. 1-35.**

**4. All other temporary promotion provisions previously established in ref 1b (paras. 8 through 10) remain in effect.**

**5. This will remain in effect for 12 months from the date of this memorandum, unless superseding guidance is published, or they are otherwise extended or rescinded.**

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