

**PART 67—EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT OF RESERVE COMPONENT OFFICERS TO A GRADE ABOVE FIRST LIEUTENANT OR LIEUTENANT (JUNIOR GRADE)**

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**§ 67.1 Purpose.**

This part provides guidance for implementing policy, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes under 10 U.S.C. 12205 for identifying criteria for determining educational institutions that award baccalaureate degrees which satisfy the educational requirement for appointment of officers to a grade above First Lieutenant in the Army Reserve, Air Force Reserve, and Marine Corps Reserve, or Lieutenant (Junior Grade) in the Naval Reserve, or for officers to be federally recognized in a grade level above First Lieutenant as a member of the Army National Guard or Air National Guard.

**§ 67.2 Applicability.**

This part applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the Military Departments; the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs or Staff; and the Defense Agencies referred to collectively in this part as the "DoD Components"). The term "Military Departments," as used in this part, refers to the Departments of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force. The term "Secretary concerned" refers to the Secretaries of the Military Departments. The term "Military Services" refers to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps. The term "Reserve components" refers to the Army Reserve, Army National Guard of the United States, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard of the United States, Naval Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve.

**§ 67.3 Definitions.**

*Accredited educational institution.* An educational institution accredited by an agency recognized by the Secretary of Education.

*Qualifying educational institution.* An educational institution that is accredited, or an unaccredited educational institution that the Secretary of Defense designates pursuant to § 67.6(a) and § 67.6(b).

*Unaccredited educational institution.* An educational institution not accredited by an agency recognized by the Secretary of Education.

**§ 67.4 Policy**

(a) It is DoD policy under 10 U.S.C. 12205 to require Reserve component officers to have at least a baccalaureate degree from a qualifying educational institution before appointment to a grade above First Lieutenant in the Army Reserve, Air Force Reserve or Marine Corps Reserve, or Lieutenant (Junior Grade) in the Naval Reserve, or for officers to be federally recognized in a grade above First Lieutenant as a member of the Army National Guard or Air National Guard.

(b) Exempt from this policy is any officer who was:

(1) Appointed to or recognized in a higher grade for service in a health profession for which a baccalaureate degree is not a condition of original appointment or assignment.

(2) Appointed in the Naval Reserve or Marine Corps Reserve as a limited duty officer.

(3) Appointed in the Naval Reserve for service under the Naval Aviation Cadet (NAVCAD) program or the Seaman to Admiral program.

(4) Appointed to or recognized in a higher grade if appointed to, or federally recognized in, the grade of captain or, in the case of the Navy, lieutenant before October 1, 1995.

(5) Recognized in the grade of captain or major in the Alaska Army National Guard, who resides permanently at a location in Alaska that is more than 50 miles from each of the cities of Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau, Alaska, by paved road, and who is serving in a Scout unit or a Scout support unit.

(c) The Department of Defense will designate an unaccredited educational