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MEMORANDUM FOR NG J1 RRF (All-Entire RRF)

SUBJECT: SMOM 17-031, Prescreen Internet Based Computerized Adaptive Test (PiCAT) Procedures (UPDATE)

1. References:

a. SMOM 13-021, Prescreen ASVAB Internet-based Computerized Adaptive Testing (PiCAT) Pilot, dated 28 February 2013.

b. SMOM 14-003, Prescreen Internet-based Computerized Adaptive Testing (PiCAT) Availability, dated 15 November 2013.

c. SMOM 16-013, Prescreen Internet-based Computerized Adaptive Testing (PiCAT).

2. The purpose of the memorandum is to rescind References 1a, 1b and 1c above, and to provide updated guidance concerning PiCAT.

3. Updates:

a. Test history reset - PiCAT can be taken if two or more years have elapsed.

b. PiCAT-AR release which increased the length of time an applicant has to complete a PiCAT, once the access code has been entered the first time. The applicant used to have 24 hours to finish, now they have 48 hours. Hopefully this will make it easier for applicants to finish the test when something unexpected occurs during the expected testing window, or there's a technical problem of some kind.

c. Access code registration token time release which increased the length of time to use the access code from 3 days to 31 days.

d. Examinee test window time release which increased the length of time to complete the test from 24 hours to 48 hours.

e. NO CHANGE to 30-day maximum window an applicant has between finishing PiCAT and starting Verification Test (vTest).

4. The PiCAT test can only be taken once. It is imperative that the correct SSN is entered during time of registration. Once a SSN is used, it cannot be used again. Incorrect SSNs

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will cause a mismatch thus taking away both that individual and the true SSN holder's ability to take and use the PiCAT.

5. All States/Territories are eligible to access PiCAT. Each Recruiting and Retention Battalion (RRB) will designate one site security manager (SSM) and one backup to create and manage user accounts for recruiting personnel. The SSMs are responsible for the adding, unlocking, and removing (PCS, ETS, Flag, etc.) of all PiCAT recruiters. The SSMs should be an Operations NCO or Information Support Specialist (ISS). Once a SSM has been identified they will request access by contacting a Project Officer (PO) and submitting a completed DD Form 2875. The ARNG PO's for PiCAT are Mr Ronnie Mitchum and Mr Russell Beausoleil from the Accessions Systems Branch.

6. A copy of the Prescreen ASVAB User's Guide is enclosed. This provides the user with all of the information needed to register Applicants for PiCAT.

7. Some PiCAT facts:

- a. PiCAT results are not valid if another ASVAB is taken prior.
- b. PiCAT can be taken anywhere, just not on a MAC or phone.
- c. Applicants are nominated by the RRNCO.
- d. RRNCO's get access via their SSM.
- e. PiCAT is not a proctored test. The Applicant uses a code to access PiCAT from their home computer.
- f. Must project for PiCAT in RZ by selecting "Verification" (DO NOT select: Initial or Confirmation) and type "PiCAT Verification Test" in the remarks section of your test projection. PiCAT Verification Test must be annotated across the top of the UMF 680-3A-E. Applicant should be briefed to inform the test administrator they took a PiCAT and are there for the vTest.

8. Some PiCAT benefits:

- a. On-demand accurate predictor of aptitude ability.
- b. Save RRNCO time and resources.
 - (1) Determine applicant aptitude earlier in process.
 - (2) Prevents unnecessary pre-accession paperwork.

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(3) Prevents unnecessary RRNCO transportation.

(4) Provides opportunity to discuss potential jobs with qualified applicants prior to going to the MEPS.

9. PiCAT going forward:

a. DMDC has made changes and increased the accuracy of the vTest.

b. Majority of those passing the vTest are NOT required to take the full-length proctored iCAT following the vTest. NOTE: Applicants will be randomly chosen to take a full length ASVAB in addition to the vTest in order to continually validate the testing algorithms. It is only for research purposes and is not to be used for enlistment. Report any test discrepancies immediately to ARNG PiCAT Project Officers (PO) in order to attempt a resolution with MEPCOM.

c. For passed proctored vTest, average test time is about 22 minutes.

d. For failed vTest, the full-length proctored iCAT following vTest will be required, and test time will be about 90 minutes.

10. The POC for this operational message is the ARNG PiCAT Project Officers (PO) Mr Ronnie Mitchum at (502) 626-4361 or ronnie.l.mitchum2.civ@mail.mil, or Mr Russell Beausoleil at (502) 626-1117 or russell.e.beausoleil.civ@mail.mil.



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