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MEMORANDUM FOR Army National Guard (ARNG) Recruiting and Retention Force (RRF)

SUBJECT: SMOM 20-032, Processing Waivers during COVID-19

1. References.

- a. Army Directive 2018-12, New Policy Regarding Waivers for Appointment and Enlistment Applicants, 30 July 2018.
- b. AR 601-210, Regular Army and Reserve Components Enlistment Program, 31 August 2016.
- c. AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, 25 May 2017.
- d. HQDA EXORD 144-20 Army Wide Preparedness and Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak, 28 February 2020 (with FRAGOs 1 through 16).
- e. Memorandum, ARNG-HRH, 2 Oct 19, subject: PPOM 19-047 Accession Options Criteria.
- f. Memorandum, DCS, G-1 and DCS, G-3/5/7, 30 March 2020, subject: Processing Procedures for Requests for Waivers for Enlistment during COVID-19 Travel Restrictions.

2. Effective immediately. In response to COVID-19 and additional processing restrictions waivers/exceptions listed below are modified and may be submitted for exception without regard to a MEPS physical. Additionally, the below exceptions may be submitted with a qualifying AFQT Predictor Test (APT) or the Pending Internet Computerized Adaptive Test (PiCAT) in the event the applicant has not already taken the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) nor the School ASVAB (SASVAB).

- a. Tattoo Exceptions
- b. Age Exceptions

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c. Conduct Waivers. Applicants who request waiver consideration for a drug and alcohol test (DAT) at the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) must have a valid PULHES.

d. Prior Service Separations

3. Medical Waivers remain unchanged and must have a MEPS physical prior to waiver submission.

4. Recruiting Battalions must ensure applicants with exception approvals have a valid MEPS physical prior to shipment to training.

5. This policy remains effective until rescinded by this office.

6. The point of contact for this action is SFC Smiley, (703) 604-8367 or javoris.b.smiley.mil@mail.mil.



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