

Army TA Policy Update 19 July 2018

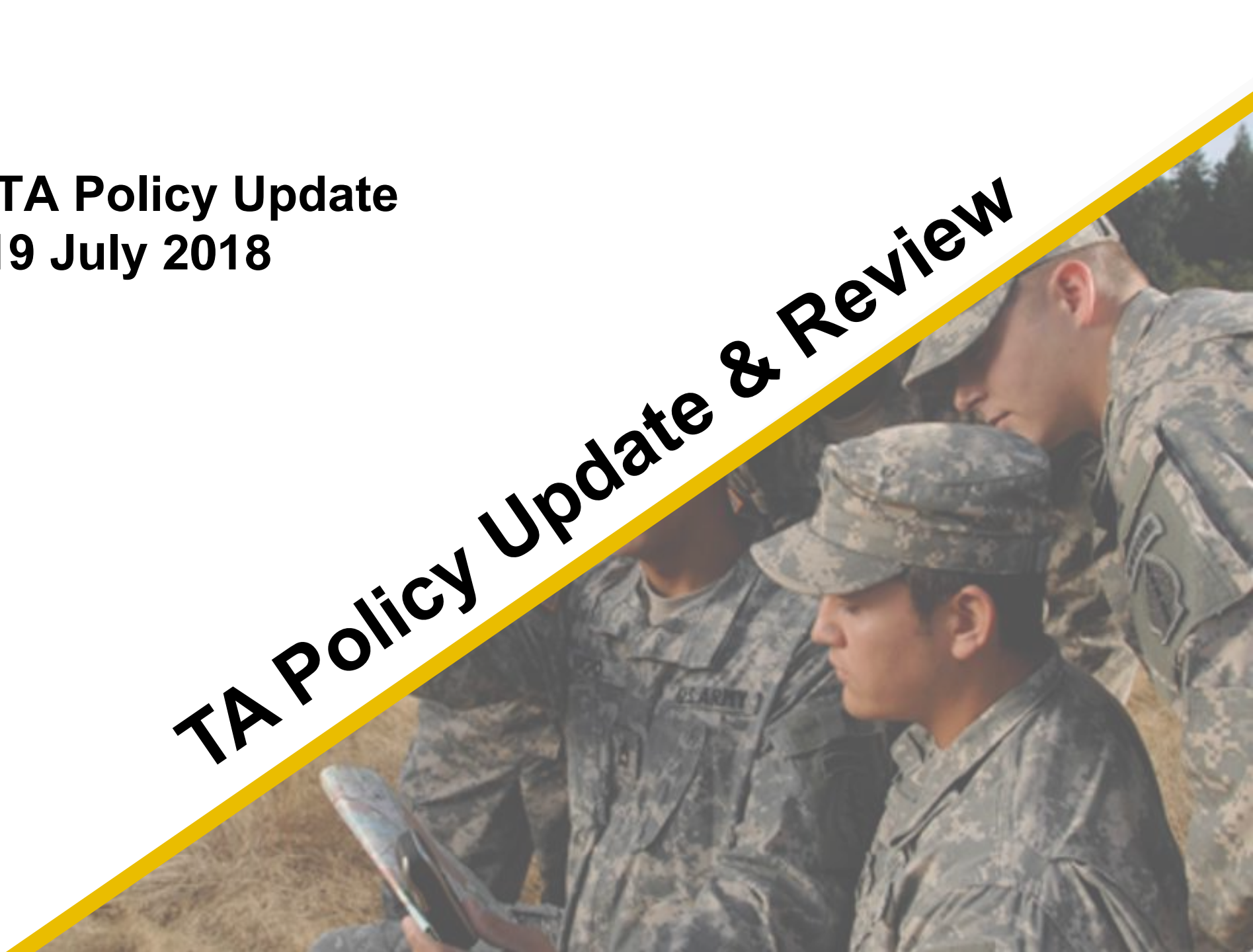
TA Policy Update & Review

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Agenda

- 1) Army TA Policy Update
- 2) Upcoming Changes to TA Policy (Army Directive 2018-09)
- 3) Discussion / Q & A



The information provided in this portion of the training is based on Army Directive 2018-09, dated 6 June 2018 with effective date of 5 August 2018. This document is posted to GoArmyEd under Education Policy Documents and is releasable to the public.

AD 2018-09 Changes to TA Policy



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Effective 5 August 2018 the Secretary of the Army is eliminating the 1-year and 10-year TA eligibility waiting periods. In addition to basic TA eligibility requirements, the new TA policy requires that all Soldiers complete specified military training / education to establish and maintain TA eligibility.

Deployability and completion of Structured Self-Development courses are NOT included in this policy revision.

Basic TA Eligibility



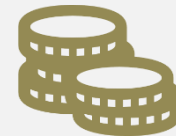
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Military Education Level



TA Eligible





In December 2013 DoD and the Army implemented several changes to voluntary education and TA policy. Among these, the Army implemented the following changes:



Imposed a one-year waiting period after completion of AIT, Basic Officers Leader Course, or Warrant Officer Basic Course for Soldiers to use TA for the first time.



Required Soldiers who previously used TA for any portion of their undergraduate degree to accrue a total of 10 years time-in-service to use TA toward a master's degree.



Major Changes to TA Policy effective 5 August 2018 are...



Rescinds 1-year and 10-year time-in-service TA waiting periods.



“First Time” (“Tier 1”) TA Users: Soldiers may start using TA upon achieving military training / education requirements:

- **Graduated Advanced Individual Training; Basic Officer Leaders Course (BOLC); or Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC).**



Soldiers who used TA toward any portion of their undergraduate degree (“Tier 2”) must complete Advanced Leader’s Course (ALC); Captains Career Course (CCC); or Warrant Officer Advanced Course (WOAC) to use TA toward a master’s degree.



AD 2018-09 Terminology

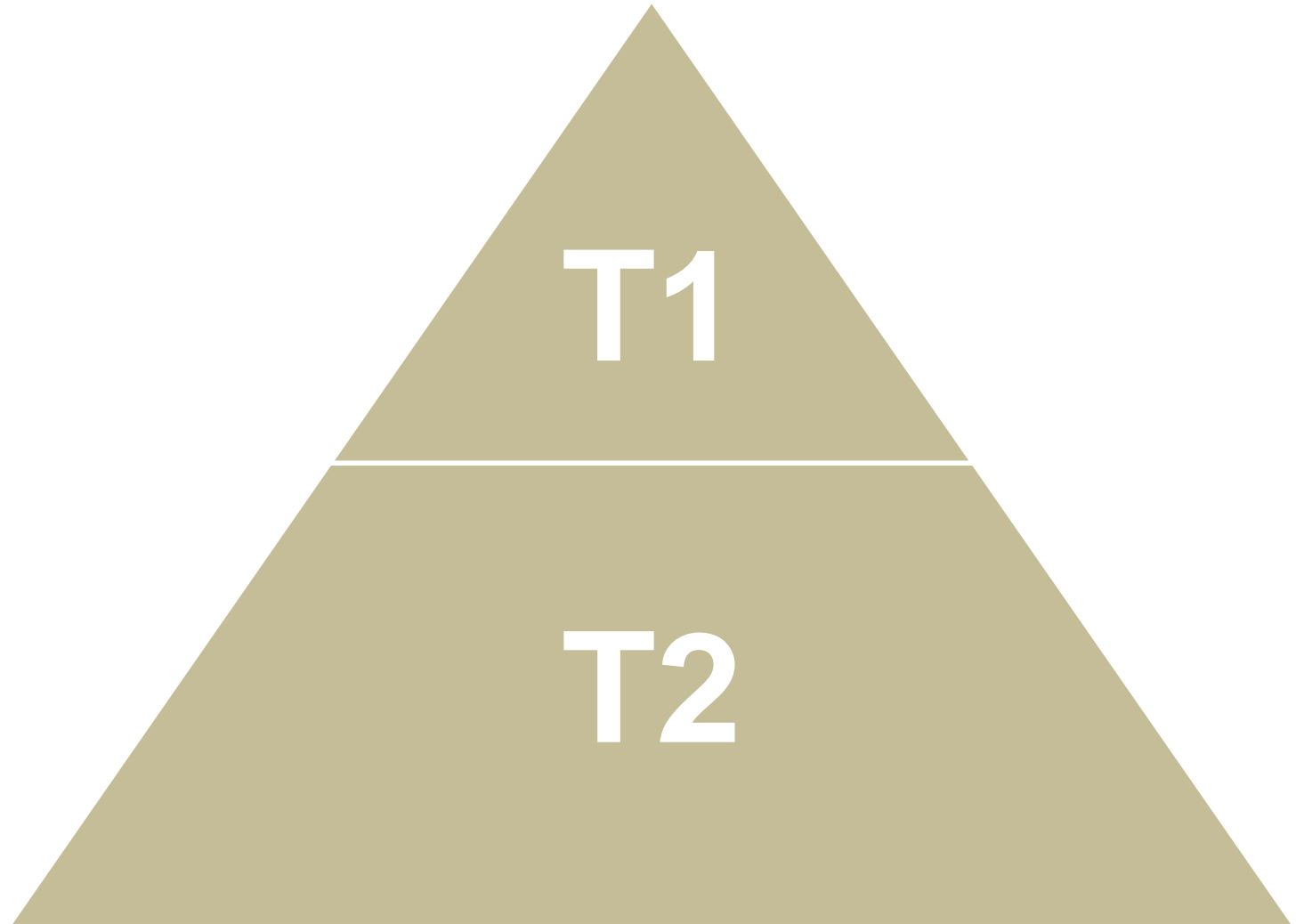


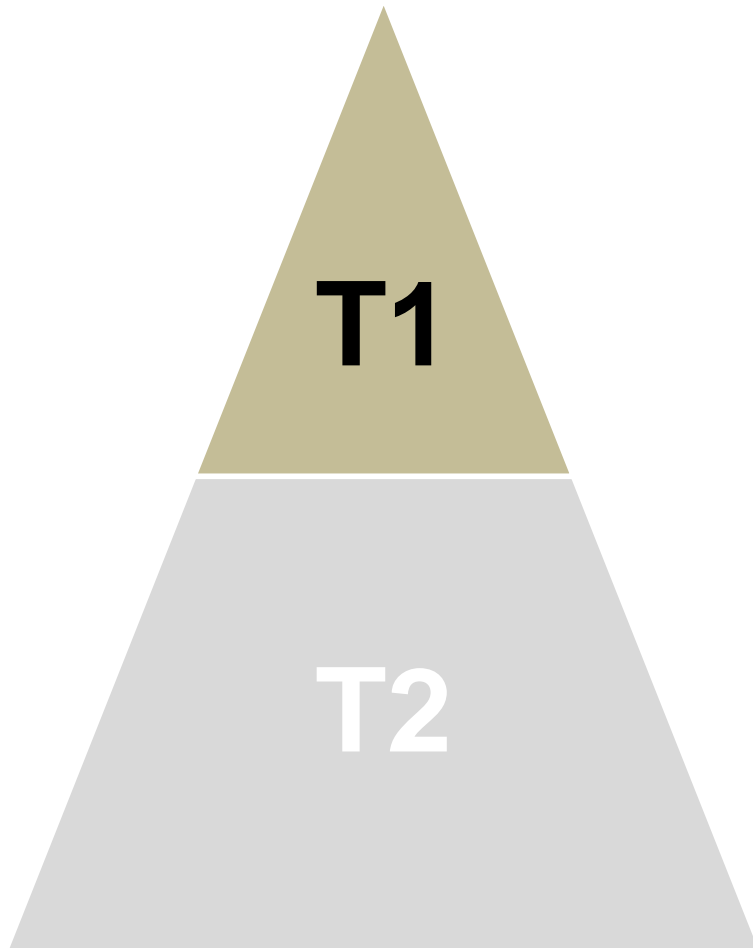
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Definition: A tier level designation (**T1 or T2**) is used to identify the specified training and education requirements a Soldier must complete to meet military education level (MEL) eligibility criteria. A Soldier's tier level is based on that Soldier's current civilian degree(s) held, prior use of TA, and the academic degree the Soldier desires to pursue:





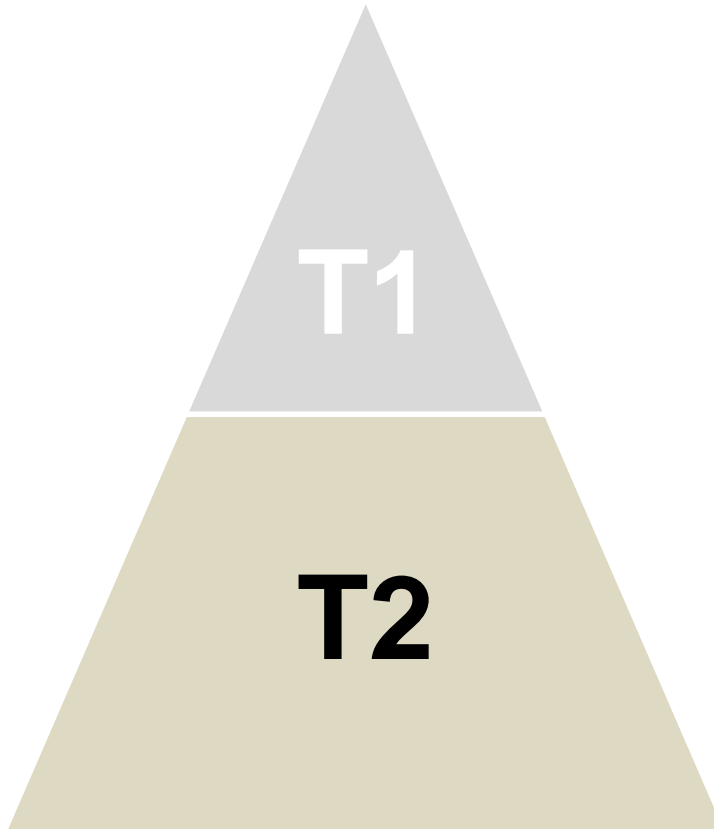
Tier 1:

- Soldiers who have not attained a bachelor's degree (regardless of prior TA usage) and wish to pursue a certificate / diploma, associate, or bachelor's degree, or;
- Soldiers who have attained a bachelor's degree using TA and wish to pursue a certificate / diploma, or;
- Soldiers who have previously attained a bachelor's degree or higher without the use of TA and wish to pursue a certificate / diploma or master's degree, if eligible.

Tier 1 (First-Time TA Users):

- **Enlisted Soldiers:** Graduated Advanced Individual Training
- **Warrant Officers:** Graduated Warrant Officer Basic Course.
- **Officers:** Graduated Basic Officer Leaders Course.





Tier 2:

- Soldiers who previously used TA for any portion of their undergraduate degree, have attained a bachelor's degree, and wish to pursue a master's degree.

Tier 2 (Previous Undergrad TA Users – Master's Degree):

- Enlisted Soldiers: Graduated Advanced Leaders Course (or equivalent)
- Warrant Officers: Graduated Warrant Officer Advanced Course.
- Commissioned Officers: Graduated Captains Career Course.



Determining Soldier's Tier Level



<u>Certificate /Diploma</u>	Have you earned a certificate or diploma in the past 5 years?	No	Tier 1				
		Yes	Ineligible				
<u>Associate Degree</u>	Have you already earned an associate degree or higher?	No	Tier 1				
		Yes	Ineligible				
<u>Bachelor's Degree</u>	Have you already earned a bachelor's degree or higher?	No	Tier 1				
		Yes	Ineligible				
<u>Master's Degree</u>	Have you already earned a master's degree or higher?	Yes	Ineligible				
		No	Have you already earned a bachelor's degree?	No	Ineligible		
				Yes	Did you use TA for any portion of your undergraduate degree?	No	Tier 1
						Yes	Tier 2



Putting it All Together



All Soldiers must meet basic TA eligibility requirements, plus must meet the following training / education requirements:

	Tier 1	Tier 2
Enlisted Soldiers	Graduated Advanced Individual Training	Graduated Advanced Leaders Course
Warrant Officers	Graduated Warrant Officer Basic Course	Graduated Warrant Officer Advanced Course
Commissioned Officers	Graduated Basic Officer Leaders Course	Graduated Captains Career Course



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The following slides contain the questions and answers fielded from participants during the DCS training sessions.

Questions & Discussion



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