

INSTRUCTIONS

This form MAY be submitted at any time an officer desires to change his assignment preference. It MUST be submitted at the following specific times:

- (1) By newly appointed officers and officers recalled to active duty at the time the Officers Qualification Record (DA Form 66) is prepared.
- (2) For officers assigned overseas or on stabilized tours within the CONUS, 9 months prior to completion of overseas or CONUS stabilized tour.
- (3) For officers assigned to a nonstabilized CONUS assignment, approximately one year after reporting to CONUS station.
- (4) For student officers, within 60 days after commencement of a CONUS PCS Service School or civilian institution.

Submission of a new Officers Assignment Preference Statement voids any previous statement. Your latest assignment preference statement is consulted by Headquarters, Department of the Army assignment agencies each time you are considered for reassignment. It is YOUR responsibility to keep your preference statement up to date.

Items are self-explanatory except those indicated below:

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8a. First indicate with a P (Primary) or S (Secondary) in the heavy outlined blocks opposite the sub-headings, whether your DUTY preferences or your AREA preferences should be given principal consideration. Indicate under heading titled DUTY your preference for duties commencing with 1. Officers who desire duties in the various functional fields of the Technical and Administrative Services (i.e. Post Engineer, Research and development, Finance and Accounting) may add such duty in the blank space provided. Appropriate MOS should be entered in space provided when staff duty is desired. Indicate under heading ARMY AREA your preferences by inserting numbers 1 through 7 in boxes provided. If assignment to specific duty stations or States within the CONUS is desired, list on line of appropriate Army area and indicate priority. List under SPECIAL MILITARY SCHOOLS those schools for which you are qualified and desire to attend in the order of priority. (See DA Pamphlet 350-10.) All eligible officers are considered for Branch and Senior Service Schools each year in which they are available for assignment. Therefore, it is unnecessary for you to indicate preference for attendance at Branch or Senior Service Schools.

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8b. First indicate with a P (Primary) or S (Secondary) in the heavy outlined blocks opposite the sub-headings,

whether the duty or area preference should be given principal consideration. Then, within the duty preferences, indicate your priority preferences commencing with number 1. Within the area preferences, indicate your preferences for geographical locations beginning with number 1. Indicate area and duty preferences for BOTH long and short tour areas. (See AR 614-30 for definition and listing of long and short tour areas.) Officers selected for assignment to Attaché duty must be in grade of Captain or higher (see AR 611-60). Appropriate MOS should be entered in space provided when staff duty is desired.

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8c. If information is available at time of submission of this preference statement, indicate leave address and telephone number where you may be reached during delay en route while in PCS travel status.

9. CAREER PREFERENCES. Using DA Pamphlet 600-3, "Career Planning for Army Officers", as a guide, indicate how Department of the Army can assist you in your career development. This is particularly important for field-grade officers in that, starting at mid-career, the proportion of branch immaterial positions requiring competence in functional areas and in specialist fields increases as compared with branch material jobs. State the type(s) of duty for which you feel best qualified by experience, formal training, natural aptitude or interest. In addition, if you desire to specialize in a specific type of work (i.e., teaching at a service school, planning or political-military type duty, or Information or Intelligence activities) state your preference. If there is insufficient space for your statement, continue on a separate sheet and attach to the form.

10b. If Regular Army officer with over 25 years' service or other than Regular Army within four years of eligibility for retirement, indicate contemplated home of selection for retirement (see paragraph 4158, JTR). This information is for planning purposes only and does not constitute a commitment on the part of the officer.

10c. OTHER. Indicate any personal considerations not covered elsewhere on the preference statement. Include any family requirements for special medical or educational facilities, information about language qualifications of dependents, information about length of involuntary family separation(s) caused by PCS overseas assignment since 1 June 1950, or other information that you feel should be considered in your assignment(s).