NSTC INSTRUCTION 1533.10B

From: Commander, Naval Service Training Command

Subj: EXTENDED ENTITLEMENTS FOR NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS PARTICIPANTS

Ref: (a) Title 10 USC, Subtitle A, Part III, Chapter 103, Sections 2103a, 2104, and 2107(c)
(b) Title 37 USC, Chapter 3, Section 209
(c) DoDI 1215.08, Change 1, Section 3.2.d
(d) ASN (M&RA) memo of 15 Jan 2010
(e) CNP memo of 15 Jan 2010
(f) NSTCINST 1533.3A, Change 1
(g) NSTCINST 1550.1E

1. Purpose. To establish Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) policy regarding:

   a. Eligibility and selection of academic programs requiring more than four academic years for completion of baccalaureate degree requirements; and

   b. Extension, on a case-by-case basis, of financial assistance and subsistence allowance payments for the period of time that would allow a NROTC participant to obtain their baccalaureate degree.

2. Cancellation. NSTCINST 1533.10A.

3. Background

   a. Per references (a) through (c), the Secretary of the Navy may approve NROTC academic programs which require more than four academic years for completion of baccalaureate degree requirements, including elective requirements of the NROTC course. Financial assistance under this section may provide benefits during a fifth academic year or during a combination of a part of a fifth academic year and summer sessions.

   b. Per reference (d), Assistant, Secretary of the Navy (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) delegates authority to Commander, Naval Service Training Command (CNSTC) to identify academic programs requiring extended entitlements and approve participants’ requests for extended entitlements.

   c. Per reference (e), Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training & Education) (N1) provides guidance to CNSTC for awarding extended entitlements, on a case-by-
case basis, for Tier I or Tier II academic majors and Language, Regional Expertise, and Culture (LREC) academic majors listed in references (f) and (g), or versions applicable at the time.

4. Action

a. PNSs at each NROTC host unit shall:

(1) Identify annually which academic programs are qualified for extended entitlements by documenting their host institution’s specific requirements for academic program degree completion.

(2) Annually submit a list of academic programs to CNSTC for approval that fulfill the following criteria:

   (a) The number of academic course units, to include mandatory NROTC academic course units, averages greater than 18 units per semester while retaining the requirement to complete the academic program in 8 semesters or quarter system equivalent; or

   (b) Academic course sequencing, to include mandatory NROTC academic course units, does not permit completion of the academic program in 8 semesters or quarter system equivalent.

(3) Review and validate NROTC participant requests for extended entitlements.

(4) Approve NROTC participant requests for academic programs on the CNSTC-approved list.

(5) Endorse and forward requests for extended entitlements from NROTC participants who are not enrolled in an academic program on the CNSTC-approved list for extended entitlements.

(6) Forward the names and background information of NROTC participants who are enrolled in qualified academic programs on the CNSTC-approved list but disapproved for extended entitlements, to NROTC Operations, NSTC N9, for review.

b. NSTC N9 shall:

(1) Periodically convene the extended entitlements panel and provide a case-by-case recommendation to CNSTC. Panel recommendation reports will include the participant’s name, university, academic major, number of academic terms of required extended entitlements, NROTC option (Navy or Marine), and NSTC N9’s recommendation.

(2) Ensure extensions of active duty service obligations are properly annotated and executed for participants who accept extended entitlements.

c. CNSTC shall:
(1) Approve academic majors which require more than four academic years for completion of baccalaureate degree requirements, including elective requirements of the NROTC program.

(2) Approve on a case-by-case basis, the extension of financial assistance and subsistence allowance payments for the period of time that would allow an NROTC participant to obtain their baccalaureate degree.

5. Points of Contact

a. For additional information or clarification regarding this instruction or references, contact NSTC N3/5 at (847) 688-7600 ext. 203.

b. For additional information or clarification regarding the NROTC Program or extended entitlements, contact NSTC N9 at (850) 452-2823.

6. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

7. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, NSTC will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its effective date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DoD, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will automatically expire five years after effective date unless reissued or canceled prior to the five-year anniversary date, or an extension has been granted.

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