

## INFORMATION PAPER

Judge Advocate Recruiting Office

21 August 2013

### MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: ROTC Educational Delay for Law School Attendance

1. Purpose. To provide information regarding the ROTC Educational Delay (Ed delay) Program for attending law school and the accession of ROTC Educational Delay officers into the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC).

2. Facts.

a. Educational Delay

(1) The law school Ed Delay program is designed to produce Active Duty (AD) Judge Advocates. Any senior year (MS IV) Cadet may apply for Ed delay to attend law school. Participation in Ed delay to attend law school does not guarantee that the Cadet will be selected for the JAGC.

(2) ROTC Cadets apply for the Ed delay program through their ROTC Battalion and Professor of Military Science.

(3) The ROTC Ed delay Board meets in October to consider ROTC MS IV Cadets for delay of active duty (AD) service for the purpose of attending law school.

(4) AR 601-25, paragraph 2-5, governs requests for delay in entry on AD. In addition to the requirements of AR 601-25, Cadets applying for Ed delay are required to include the following documents in their Ed delay application.

- A. Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score (mandatory)
- B. Any law school admissions letter (if available) in their application.
- C. Undergrad Transcripts
- D. One page essay entitled, "Why I want to be a Judge Advocate"
- E. Detailed letter of recommendation from a Professor of Military Science
- F. Other supporting documentation, such as a resume and letters of recommendation

(5) Cadets must present their LSAT scores to the Ed delay Board to be considered for Ed delay. Cadets should visit [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org) for more information on test dates and registration deadlines. To qualify for ROTC Ed Delay, Cadets must attend a law school accredited by the American Bar Association.

(6) Educational Delay officers must keep JARO up to date regarding contact information. Specifically, it is each Ed delay officer's personal responsibility to ensure that JARO has a current mailing address, email address, and telephone number at all times. Educational Delay officers must also immediately inform JARO of any changes or potential changes to their status. The Judge

Advocate Recruiting Office point of contact is CPT Vivian Leavens at (703) 693-0957 or at [vivian.m.leavens.mil@mail.mil](mailto:vivian.m.leavens.mil@mail.mil).

(7) Educational Delay officers must also keep in contact with the Human Resources Command Human Resource Specialist for Accessions, Mr. Bradley T. Smith at 502-613-6356 or [Bradley.t.smith6.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Bradley.t.smith6.civ@mail.mil). Mr. Smith is your primary POC with the Army while in an Ed delay status.

(8) Educational Delay officers must ensure their Ed Delay paperwork has been processed with Cadet Command and Human Resources Command once they earn their undergraduate degree and commission. The Cadet Command Point of Contact is Ms. Lee Adams at 502-624-5877 or [lee.adams.civ@mail.mil](mailto:lee.adams.civ@mail.mil).

b. Accessions

(1) The Judge Advocate General's Corps conducts one accession board annually. The application deadline for the board is 1 November.

(2) The Judge Advocate accessions board chooses the best-qualified applicants. To determine best-qualified applicants, the board evaluates an applicant's grades, work ethic, communication skills, physical fitness, leadership skills, and character.

(3) Educational Delay officers in the first semester of their third year of law school (3L) must apply to the JAGC by the 1 November deadline. As part of the application, Ed delay officer applicants must interview with an active duty Judge Advocate Field Screening Officer who submits a report to the board upon completion of the interview. Educational Delay officers may arrange for the interview through their law school's Career Service Director or by contacting the Field Screening Officer directly.

(4) The JAGC strives for a mix of officers from different commissioning sources. The JAGC desires ROTC Ed delay officers because they are trained Soldiers familiar with the Army and its values. It is important to note, however, ROTC Ed delay officers' files compete with those who are applying for a direct commission. Consequently, in order to be competitive for selection to active duty, Ed delay officers are strongly encouraged to work hard and excel academically, participate in law school organizations, and maintain your physical fitness.

3. Points of Contact. For questions regarding the ROTC Ed delay program, Cadets should contact Cadet Command. For more information about the JAG Corps, Cadets should contact JARO at (866) ARMY-JAG or refer to [www.jagcnet.army.mil/jaro](http://www.jagcnet.army.mil/jaro).

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