Soldier 2014 GoArmyEd TA Eligibility Change
Questions and Answers

Q1. What will happen to the classes I am currently enrolled in through GoArmyEd that start after 18 May 2014? Will I be able to continue?
A. If you enrolled in a class in error or a counselor approved your TA request in error prior to automated checks in GoArmyEd enforcing eligibility you will be allowed to continue if cancellation of the class would otherwise result in penalties to you or the Army.

Q2. Can I start using TA for my master's degree as soon as I graduate from AIT, WOBC or BOLC since I already had a bachelor's when I joined?
A. If you already had a baccalaureate degree when you entered the military, you may begin working on a master’s degree once you have met the one-year service requirement from the end of Advanced Individual Training (AIT) for Enlisted personnel and Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) or Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) for Officers).

Q3. If I have prior service, do I still have to wait 10 years?
A. Any prior military service completed with an honorable discharge will count towards the 10-year time requirement.

Q4. If TA pays for my bachelor’s degree do I have to meet the 10-year requirement to pursue a certificate/diploma?
A. No, the 10-year service requirement does not apply to certificates/diplomas.

Q5. Can I continue to work on my graduate degree even though I do not have 10 years?
A. You can continue to work on your graduate degree using funds other than TA as TA cannot be used for graduate level classes until the 10-year time requirement has been met (unless you did not use TA to earn your bachelor’s). Soldiers who completed at least two graduate classes that began prior to 1 January 2014 have been granted a special extension to this hold until 1 October 2014. Beginning 1 October, these Soldiers will be placed on hold if they have not yet met their 10-year service requirement for graduate TA.

Q6. Is 10 years of service counted from the date I completed my bachelor's or from the time I joined the Army?
A. The 10-year service requirement for a graduate degree is based on when you entered the Service and not on when you completed your bachelor’s degree.

Q7. If TA only paid for one class to complete my bachelor's degree do I still have to wait until I have 10 years in service to start my master’s?
A. Yes, the 10-year window for a second degree (post-bachelor’s) TA-funded degree applies if TA paid for any portion of your bachelor’s degree.

Q8. If I use TA to earn an associate’s degree do I have to wait 10 years to be eligible for TA?
A. No, the 10-year service requirement for a second degree applies to the transition from an undergraduate to a graduate degree, not from an associate’s to a bachelor’s degree.
Q9. Will the 10-year service requirement for a second TA-funded degree be counted the same way for Active Duty and for Reserve Component Soldiers?
A. The 10-year service requirement for a second degree (post-bachelor’s) will be based on a Soldier’s PEBD.

Q10: How does prior service impact the one year after AIT/WOBC/BOLC rule?
A: Prior service, regardless of Service, will be used to establish the one year eligibility date for Army TA. TA used while a member of another branch of Service does not have any impact on the use of Army TA.

Q11: What determines the eligibility for meeting the one-year rule?
A: Eligibility for Federal TA will be based on one year of service from the completion of initial military training (AIT for Enlisted personnel and WOBC or BOLC for Officers).

Q12: What is the impact of the FY14 TA Policy on “host nation language” courses?
A: Soldiers stationed OCONUS may continue to use TA for host nation language courses even if they have not yet met the one year service requirement for TA use. No other courses may be taken until the one year service requirement is met.

Q13: How does prior service impact the ten year rule?
A: All prior service years, regardless of the military branch, will be used / counted toward the establishment of the ten year service requirement.

Q14: How does the FY14 TA policy impact the special programs such as courses for establishing initial teacher certification, prerequisite courses for the AMEDD Enlisted Commissioning Program (AECP) and the Inter-service Physician’s Assistant Program (IPAP), DOD Strategic Languages courses and courses for a Specialized Chaplain Certificate?
A: All Soldiers must meet the one year after completion AIT/WOBC/BOLC requirement. Courses for the special programs are exempt from the ten year service requirement and the applicable undergraduate / graduate semester hour limit.

Q15: When do the Warrant Officer candidates in the high school to flight school program become eligible for TA?
A: The high school to Warrant Officers Flight Training (WOFT) will be eligible for TA one year after the completion of flight school.

Q16: If GAE paid for a certificate course, will the Soldier still have to serve ten years before GAE pays for a master's degree?
A: No, the ten year service requirement is for any Soldier who had used TA for any portion of their bachelors’ degree.

Q17: If a Soldier completed a bachelor’s degree, does the ten year restriction still apply if they want to pursue a certificate program?
A: No, however the number of semester hours for the certificate program will count towards the 39 semester hour graduate limit.
Q18: What is the TA eligibility status for 09R / 09S?
A: Not eligible (must meet the one year after completing Initial Entry Training rule.) Note – If Soldiers have prior service (any branch) and meet the one year after AIT/WOBC/BOLC rule, Soldiers can use TA provided they are not on any type of ROTC Scholarship.

Q19: What is the recommended guidance for requesting TA at “flat-rate” tuition school (example: tuition cost remains the same for 12-18 semester hours)?
A: The Soldier should request TA for 12 SH through GoArmyEd, take the approved Non-LOI TA Request form to the school and then enroll for the additional SHs directly with the school. That way the Soldier will still have 4 SH to use in the next term.

Q20: If a Soldier is under the 16 SH limit but the next enrollment would take the total above 16 SH, will TA pay for the SH that do not go over the 16 SH limit?
A: No, the entire course cost must be student funded.

Q21. I have already used 6 semester hours of TA since October. Do I have 16 more starting 1 January 2014 or only 10 more?
A. If you used TA for classes that started between 1 October and 31 December 2013, those semester hours will count towards your FY14 16 semester hour total.

Q22. Do 16 semester hours of TA-funded classes start at the beginning of the calendar year or at the beginning of the academic year?
A. The 16 semester hour is based on the fiscal year, 1 October to 30 September. TA is associated with the class start date within a fiscal year.

Q23. Can I take more than 16 semester hours a year if my classes are less than $250 per credit?
A. No, the credit-hour cost of your tuition will not change the 16 semester hours of TA-funded classes for which you are eligible.

Q24. Will remedial college classes count towards the 16 semester hour limit?
A. Yes, the semester hours used for remedial classes will count towards your 16 semester hour fiscal year total.

Q25. Will classes dropped for personal reasons count towards the 16 semester hour limit?
A. Yes, classes dropped after the start date in which there is a cost to the Army will count towards your 16 semester hour fiscal year total.

Q26. Will classes dropped for military reasons count towards the 16 semester hour limit?
A. If you have to drop a class due to unforeseen military reasons, those semester hours will not count towards your 16 semester hour fiscal year total. Note: Military withdrawal must be approved by a Soldier’s Education Services Officer to be valid.