

## Information Paper

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SUBJECT: FA51 Basic Qualification Course (BQC)

1. Purpose. To provide background information and description of FA51 Basic Qualification Course (BQC).
2. Background. The Basic Qualification Course (BQC) is an extension to the Army Acquisition Basic Course (AABC) which replaced the Materiel Acquisition Management (MAM) course as the entry level course for newly accessed acquisition officers and selected civilians.
3. Facts.
  - a. FA51 BQC is focused on acquisition doctrine, lessons learned, leadership, and DAU equivalent training in support of certification in preparation for newly accessed acquisition officers' initial assignments under regionalization.
  - b. The intent of FA51 BQC is to ensure that every newly accessed acquisition officer will receive Level I DAU equivalent training in Contracting, Test, Information Systems Management, Life-Cycle Logistics, and Systems, Planning, Research, and Development – Science and Technology. Also they will receive Contingency Contracting training and Level II DAU equivalent training in Program Management.
  - c. The FA51 BQC consists of AABC plus a Logistics module (formerly called Army Intermediate Logistics Course) or a Contracting module (formally called Army Intermediate Contracting Course), both consist of Level II DAU equivalent training.
  - d. Civilians may attend FA51 BQC, although the Army Logistics Management College (ALMC) –Huntsville staff expect civilians to only attend the AABC portion due to travel and Temporary Duty (TDY) time constraints. They must be within grades GS7 – GS13 and a member of the acquisition workforce to attend AABC portion of the course.

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