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**SUBJECT: Department of the Army Acquisition Corps Functional Area 51 Officer Intermediate Qualification Course Waiver Policy and Procedures**

**1. References:**

- a. Army Regulation 350-1, Army Training and Leader Development, 4 August 2011
- b. Department of the Army Pamphlet 600-3, Commissioned Officer Professional Development and Career Management, 1 February 2010
- c. Department of the Army Regulation 600-3, The Army Personnel Development System, 26 February 2009
- d. Department of the Army Regulation 350-1, Army Training and Leader Development, 18 December 2009

**2. Purpose.** This policy outlines the eligibility criterion for the Acquisition Intermediate Qualification Course (IQC) waiver.

**3. Applicability and Scope.** This policy applies only to Acquisition Corps Officers centrally selected to attend the 10-month resident Command and General Staff College, Intermediate Level Education (ILE) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. This policy does not pertain to officers selected to attend ILE residence courses at satellite locations (Fort Gordon, Fort Lee, and Fort Belvoir) or via Distance Learning.

**4. Policy:**

- a. Acquisition IQC attendance is mandatory for Military Education Level (MEL) 4 and Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) 1 equivalency. However, Acquisition Corps Officers selected to attend the 10-month resident Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth will automatically receive a waiver for the IQC.

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b. ILE is the Army's formal education program for Majors. It is a tailored resident education program designed to prepare new field-grade officers for their next 10 years of service.

(1) It produces field-grade officers with a warrior ethos and joint, expeditionary mindset, who are grounded in Warfighting doctrine, and who have the technical, tactical, and leadership competencies to be successful at more senior levels in their respective branch or functional area.

(2) ILE consists of two components, (a) the Command and General Staff Officer Course Common Core Course, and (b) a tailored education phase (qualification course) tied to the technical requirements of the officer's branch or functional area. Students complete these courses in an experiential learning environment which yields adaptive, self-aware, field-grade leaders of character and competence who are capable of shaping the joint operational environment.

c. IQC provides officers the technical preparation for assignments in their respective Functional Areas (FA).

d. Completion of the Intermediate Level Education common core and the respective branch or FA qualification course qualifies officers to receive certification for MEL 4/JPME 1 and to be coded as a Command and General Staff College graduate.

e. All Year Group (YG) 1994 and officers in later year groups should complete the common core ILE and the follow-on Acquisition IQC no later than their 15<sup>th</sup> year of active Federal commissioned service. Officers should meet the statutory and Professional Military Education requirements prior to selection to Lieutenant Colonel.

f. The 10-month resident Intermediate Level Education/Command and General Staff College course provides IQC equivalent training, therefore, an IQC waiver is granted for Acquisition officers selected to attend.

#### 5. Responsibilities:

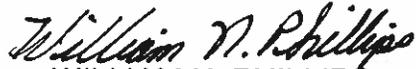
a. The Deputy Director, Acquisition Career Management has oversight and management of the IQC Waiver Policy. The proponent agency of this policy is the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center.

b. The FA51 Officer is responsible for coordination with their assignment officer to ensure their Officer Record Brief reflects MEL 4/JPME I achievement upon completing resident ILE CGSC.

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6. Effective Date and Implementation. This document is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded.



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