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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Discontinuance of Automatic Grace Period Extension Regarding Contracting Accreditation**

**1. References:**

a. Memorandum, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, 4 November 2015, subject: Director, Acquisition Career Management Memorandum – Fiscal Year 2016 Army Acquisition Workforce Standards.

b. Department of the Army Pamphlet 611-21 (Military Occupational Classification and Structure), 30 August 2016.

**2. Purpose.** To discontinue the practice of automatically granting a 36-month position waiver for noncommissioned officers (NCOs) granted contracting accreditation.

**3. Contracting accreditation** has been used as a temporary tool to bridge the gap in the disparate levels of civilian education possessed by 51C NCOs in the infancy of the institution of the military occupational specialty (MOS). NCOs in the 51C MOS have evolved to possess a higher level of civilian education over time. The reclassification process for NCOs coming from other MOSs has also developed to accept NCOs who are much further along in their civilian education. Considering the temporary "stop-gap" nature of the contracting accreditation and the new state of 51C NCO education, granting an automatic 36-month position waiver to 51C NCOs who are granted contracting accreditation is discontinued effective 1 January 2017. Previous versions will remain in effect, as of their date. However, accreditations granted on or after 1 January 2017 will not automatically grant a 36-month position waiver.

**4. As of 1 October 2016, NCOs in MOS 51C are expected to possess Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Certification in contracting commensurate with their grade (in accordance with DA Pam 611-21), be within**

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their 24-month certification grace period, or have an approved temporary position waiver utilizing a DD Form 2905 approved by the Deputy Director of Acquisition Career Management. MOS 51C NCOs not meeting certification standards as stated above will be considered non-MOS qualified as per DA Pam 611-21.

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1. Memo, ASA(ALT), 4 Nov 15
2. Excerpt, DA Pam 611-21

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