

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) and is the entry level course for acquisition officers, non-commissioned officers (NCOs) and select 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/reclassified/hired acquisition workforce member's initial assignments.
 - b. The intent of FA51 BQC is to ensure that every attendee receives Level I DAU equivalent training in Program Management and Contracting.
 - c. The FA51 BQC has been changed as of FY10. It currently consists of AABC (five weeks), Army Intermediate Program Management course (AIPM) (three weeks), Army Intermediate Contracting Course (AICC) (four weeks), and the Army Intermediate Contracting Laboratory (AICL) (two weeks).
 - d. Officers will attend AABC, AIPM, AICC, and AICL for 14 consecutive weeks. Upon successful completion they will also receive Level II DAU equivalent training in both Program Management and Contracting.
 - e. NCOs will initially attend AABC and AICL. The contracting module has been recognized as the Advanced Leadership Course (formerly Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course (BNCOC)) for MOS 51C ALT NCOs. They will return later to complete their Senior Leadership Course (formerly Advanced NCO Course (ANCOC)) requirements.
 - f. Civilians may attend FA51 BQC, although the Army Logistics University – Huntsville, AL 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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