1. If I have over 13 years of active federal service, can I still get a waiver?

No. MOS 51C is looking for NCOs with less than 10 years of service, but can grant a waiver up to 13 years. Once the NCO goes over 13 years, they do not qualify. (13 years, 1 day). The TIS is calculated by the reclassification board date in which you are applying.

2. If my GT score is less than 110, can I get a waiver?

No. We do not waive for GT score. You must have a 110 or higher.

3. Do I need 24 hours of business or a Bachelor’s degree to apply for the MOS?

No. But you will need to complete your Bachelor’s degree in business, or obtain the credits in a required time period. For this reason, we consider your civilian education as a selection consideration.

4. How long does it take to get a training seat?

It typically takes 6-9 months to obtain the training seat. It depends on the Soldiers’ situation; pending deployment, DEROS, special assignment, how long at current duty station, etc.

5. Where are the school locations?

The majority of NCOs attend the Mission Ready Airman’s Course (MRAC) at Lackland, Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas lasting eight weeks.

The other NCO training location is the Acquisition Center of Excellence, located on the University of Alabama Huntsville campus in Huntsville, Alabama lasting seven weeks.

6. Do I get ALC credit for attending training?

Yes. According the SMAPP MILPER message, NCOs must complete the Forces Command online common core class for phase 1 credit. The contracting class will count as phase 2 credit.

7. Do I need to take the common core class if I took ALC in my previous MOS?

No. You do not need to retake the class, but you will still take the contracting class for MOS conversion.

8. Do I have to have four NCOERS?

No. You must have at least one and:
An E5 with 48 months Time in Service (TIS) and Time in Grade (TIG) of 10 months who has completed Warrior Leaders Course (WLC) is eligible. A Soldier that meets these requirements will be eligible, however; they need to submit at least one noncommissioned officer evaluation report (NCOER) before their packet can be submitted to the board.

9. Can a soldier submit a packet if he/she is on assignment?

No. If the current line on the Enlisted Record Brief (ERB) indicates the Soldier is on assignment he/she will need to contact their Branch Manager and ask for the assignment to be removed, or the Branch Manager needs to type a memorandum stating that the soldier will be removed from assignment if he/she is selected for MOS 51C.

10. Am I supposed to reenlist when I complete training as a 51C to meet the service remaining requirement?

If you are in the current reenlistment window you have to reenlist to fulfill the 5 year Service Remaining Requirement for the MOS 51C; this must be done BEFORE going to school according to AR 614-200. Once you have completed the 51C course, it is possible you may be eligible for the MOS Conversion Bonus.

11. Do I have to reenlist to submit a packet?

No. You will be required to reenlist prior to attending school.

12. I am National Guard/Army Reserves/ or another military service interested in joining the Active Army component, do I qualify?

No. MOS 51C is not an initial entry MOS so you cannot come into the Army as a 51C.

13. Do I need to have the DAWIA training completed to apply for the MOS?

No. We give you all the training up front when you attend contracting training.

14. Is 51C open to any MOS?

Yes. As long as your MOS is balanced or over strength, you may apply.

15. What if I have a profile?

If your PULHES is 222222 or less, you may apply but you will be required to submit a copy of the profile. You must be worldwide deployable. You must be able to carry 40 pounds regularly and 80 pounds occasionally. If you have a 3 in your PULHES, you do not qualify.

16. Can I reenlist for MOS 51C?

No. You must submit a reclassification packet through the proponent office and be selected for reclassification.
17. What is the promotion potential for MOS 51C?

We have promotions all the way to SGM/E-9.

18. Where can I be assigned?

We have 117 different locations within the Army Contracting Commands, and the US Army Corps of Engineers. Contracting teams are located at almost every duty station in the Army, some Air Force bases, and a select few are located away from traditional Army installations.

19. Do I need to be promotable to apply?

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20. If I have something derogatory in my record, can I still apply or is there a waiver?

No. If you have something derogatory in your records, you do not qualify. We check records and you must submit a memorandum signed, stating you have nothing in your records.

21. I do not have a LTC/O-5 for my letter of recommendation. Can I still apply?

Yes. Have the MAJ/O-4 or acting commander sign and turn in a copy of the assumption of command orders.

22. Does my LTC/O-5 need to sign my DA 4187?

No. Your company commander can sign the 4187.

23. Can I resubmit my packet for a second board review if I’m not selected the first time?

Yes, you can resubmit. Our suggestion is not to resubmit the same packet as it was deficient in some way. Resubmitted packets should demonstrate an improvement in performance, education, awards, etc. To resubmit, follow the same procedures outlined in the instructions.

24. After an active duty Soldier is selected, do they then wait for a class date or take the online classes and then attend class?

No need to take the online courses. We provide all the necessary training at school.

25. For the E-5 Soldiers, what happens as far as the promotion, is it after the class and the Soldier has been awarded the new MOS?

SGTs are promoted to SSG on the 1st of the month after you graduate.