Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) Policy Changes

*****EFFECTIVE: 5 AUGUST 2018*****

1. One-year wait after AIT/BOLC is rescinded
2. Ten-year service requirement to use FTA towards a master’s degree is rescinded
3. Must complete ALC, CCC, or WOAC to use FTA towards a master’s degree*

What Changed?

The new FTA policy eliminates the one-year wait after AIT/BOLC and the ten-year service requirement to use FTA for a master’s degree.

Soldiers must complete Advanced Leaders Course (ALC), Captain Career Course (CCC), or Warrant Officer Advanced Course (WOAC) to use FTA for a master’s degree (*if you used FTA towards your undergraduate degree).

IMPORTANT! These changes become effective on 5 August 2018!

What are Tiers?

Tier 1: Soldiers establish Tier 1 FTA eligibility as follows:
- Have not attained a bachelor’s degree and wish to pursue an undergraduate academic certificate, associate’s or bachelor’s degree or
- Have attained a bachelor’s degree and wish to pursue a graduate academic certificate or
- Have attained a bachelor’s degree without the use of FTA and wish to pursue a master’s degree.
- Must complete Advanced Individual Training, Warrant Officer Basic Course, or Basic Officer Leaders Course.

Tier 2: Soldiers establish Tier 2 FTA eligibility as follows:
- Have attained a bachelor’s degree with the use of FTA and wish to pursue a master’s degree
- Must complete Advanced Leaders Course, Captain Career Course, Warrant Officer Advanced Course or equivalent.

Note: Soldiers must still meet all other eligibility requirements to qualify for FTA, see your ESO/ESS for details.