



FY25 FTA & CA Policy Changes

Effective 11 December 2024, the Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) and Credentialing Assistance (CA) programs will implement the following policy changes:

Federal Tuition Assistance Policy Changes:

Semester hours increased to 18 and up to \$4,500 per FY

The annual Semester Hour (SH) limit is increased from 16 to 18 for a maximum of \$4,500 per fiscal year. The \$250 SH cap still applies.

Career Path Decide (CPD) now required for First Time Users

In addition to completing ArmyIgnitED 101 training, Soldiers must also complete CPD prior to creating their education goal.

Credentialing Assistance Policy Changes:

Annual limit reduced to \$2,000 per FY

Soldiers are now limited to \$2,000 per fiscal year for CA. The \$2,000 still comes from the total \$4,500 TA limit.

MilGears now required for First Time Users

In addition to completing CA 101 training (provided by the CA Virtual Counseling Cell), Soldiers must now complete MilGears prior to creating their education goal.

One (1) Credential per FY

Soldiers are now limited to 1 credential per fiscal year. Recertifications of previously earned credentials do not count towards the 1 credential maximum.

Exams now required

Soldiers are now required to take the exam associated with the credential they are pursuing. If the Soldier does not take the exam within 180 days after completion of the training or fails the exam, they will be recouped.

Maximum of 3 credentials for 10 years of service

Soldiers are now limited to 3 credentials for their first 10 years of service. After completion of 10 years of service, Soldiers are eligible for another 3 credentials. Recertifications do not count towards the 3 credential maximum.

\$1,000 Limit for Aviation Credentials

All Army components are now limited to \$1,000 per FY for select Aviation Credentials

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