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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (M&RA)

SUBJECT: Uniform Tuition Assistance Policy: Foreign Language Proficiency

The DoD Instruction 1322.25, "*Voluntary Education Programs*," implements policy and establishes guidelines for the DoD tuition assistance policy. The Defense Language Transformation Roadmap, January 2005, mandates increased opportunities for foreign language education as a matter of strategic interest and national security. The following provision is added:

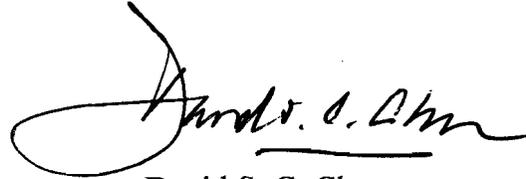
Tuition assistance under section 2007 of Title 10, United States Code may be used for foreign language education courses during members' off-duty periods.

- (a) Foreign language courses permitted under this provision are limited to those identified by the Under Secretary of Defense (Plans) as a strategic stronghold or immediate investment language. Dominant-in-the-force languages and languages deemed by the Department as already having sufficient strategic capability will not be funded under section 2007.
- (b) Courses must be offered by postsecondary institutions accredited by a nationally or regionally accredited body recognized by the Department of Education. Non-academic language training and immersion learning on CD from vendors will not be funded under this provision.
- (c) Foreign language courses do not have to be part of a postsecondary degree plan.
- (d) Tuition assistance will not exceed, and shall be provided in accordance with current DoD Uniform Tuition Assistance Policy caps and ceilings. All course work will be included in a Service member's annual ceiling.
- (e) All commissioned officers on active duty or full time National Guard duty will incur the active duty service obligation mandated under section 2007 of Title 10, United States Code and as currently set forth in DoD policy, Assistant Secretary of Defense memorandum Subject: "Uniform Tuition Assistance Policy", November 2001.



These provisions are effective immediately and will be incorporated into Department of Defense Instruction 1322.25 within 180 days from the date of this memorandum. Please take steps to ensure full implementation.

Your continuing support of the off-duty, voluntary education program is appreciated.

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David S. C. Chu