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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: (All States Log Number P97- 0048) Basic Life Support (BLS) Training in the Army National Guard (ARNG)

1. Purpose: This instruction supports the continued requirement of BLS Training in the ARNG.
2. References:
  - a. DODI 6010.2, dated 19 June 1991, Basic Life Support Training, (Encl).
  - b. Memorandum, NGB-ARP-HN, 16 May 1995 subject: Basic Life Support Training in the Army National Guard (ARNG).
3. Requirement: The ARNG health care personnel, including those assigned to non-medical units, who provide diagnostic or therapeutic patient care are required to be BLS trained (certified) and recertified at two year intervals.
4. Certification:
  - a. The BLS certification can be achieved by complying with either American Heart Association or American Red Cross standards.
  - b. Specifically, training and certification applies to all health care providers and all support personnel, who have contact or potential contact with the patient population, at medical and dental treatment facilities or wartime military operations.
  - c. Current certification in advanced cardiac life support fulfills the BLS requirement.
5. Responsibilities: The State Surgeon/Commander, STARC Medical Detachment or designee will ensure required BLS training is available, that all soldiers requiring BLS training are certified/recertified in a timely manner and the appropriate entries are made in each soldier's DA Form 2-1, block 11.

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6. Training:

a. Shall be provided only by personnel possessing an instructor rating in BLS from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

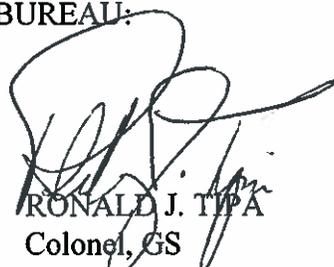
b. Shall be equivalent to the American Heart Association, BLS course C--"Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers"--or the American Red Cross "Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer".

7. This policy expires one year from the above date.

8. The point of contact for BLS is MSG Lansing at DSN: 327-7145 or commercial 703-607-7145.

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# Department of Defense INSTRUCTION

June 19, 1991  
NUMBER 6020.2

ASD(HA)

**SUBJECT:** Basic Life Support (BLS) Training

- References:**
- (a) DoD Instruction 6020.2, subject as above, April 13, 1987 (hereby canceled)
  - (b) Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, "Accreditation Manual for Hospitals", current edition<sup>1</sup>
  - (c) Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, "Ambulatory Healthcare Standards Manual," current edition<sup>2</sup>
  - (d) American Heart Association, "Basic Life Support," current curriculum<sup>3</sup>
  - (e) American Red Cross, "Basic Life Support," current curriculum<sup>4</sup>

## A. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Instruction reissues reference (a) to update policy, responsibilities, and procedures, in accordance with references (b) through (e) for BLS training requirements for healthcare personnel in DoD medical and dental treatment facilities (MTFs and DTFs).

## B. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This Instruction applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Military Departments. It covers DoD Health Care Personnel, as defined in this instruction, assigned to the MTFs and the DTFs.

## C. DEFINITIONS

1. Basic Life Support (BLS) Training. Training based on the specifications of the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

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<sup>1</sup>Available from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181

<sup>2</sup>Available from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181

<sup>3</sup>American Heart Association National Center, 7320 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75231

<sup>4</sup>American Red Cross National Headquarters, 17th and D Sts. NW, Washington, DC 20006

2. DoD Healthcare Personnel. Military (Active Duty and Selected Reserve Components), or civilian (Civil Service, foreign national hire, partners and contract) healthcare personnel assigned to, or subject to being assigned to provide direct patient care, either diagnostically or therapeutically in the military MTFs and DTFs.

#### D. POLICY

It is DoD policy that all DoD healthcare personnel shall be trained in BLS and registered for BLS training program completion. That training shall be completed and tested minimally at 2 year intervals. Successful completion of such training shall be registered in the MTFs and the DTFs. Those individuals who are registered as having completed BLS training shall be required to maintain current registration of completion of that training.

#### E. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) shall monitor the implementation of this Instruction.
2. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall ensure compliance with this Instruction and recommend changes or improvements in the BLS training program to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs).
3. The Surgeons General of the Military Departments shall ensure compliance with this Instruction in their respective medical departments.

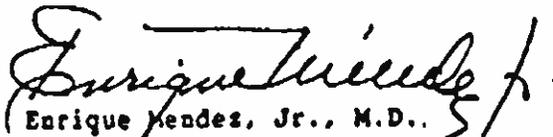
#### F. PROCEDURES

Each commander of a MTF and a DTF shall:

1. Have one designated individual responsible for maintaining and coordinating the BLS training program, who shall maintain a list of individuals who are currently trained and registered in the BLS training program.
2. Provide sufficient opportunities for DoD healthcare personnel to maintain current registration.
3. Maintain the instructor's rating in BLS from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

#### G. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Instruction is effective immediately. Forward one copy of implementing documents to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) within 120 days.

  
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