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**MEMORANDUM FOR See Distribution**

**SUBJECT: Enlistment of Non-High School Graduates (Tier III) under the Army National Guard (ARNG) GED Plus Program (NGB-ARH Policy memo # 06-018)**

1. Purpose. The "Army National Guard GED Plus Program" is designed to enable applicants who currently do not possess an education credential (Tier III) the opportunity to acquire a GED prior to enlistment in the Army National Guard and prior to shipment to Initial Entry Training (IET).

2. Eligibility. Applicants enlisting under this program must meet the standards as set forth in the current ECM, along with the following additional requirements:

a. Achieve a minimum score of 31 or higher on the AFQT.

b. Provide a certified transcript showing completion of at least the ninth grade.

c. Be withdrawn from high school or be otherwise ineligible to return to high school for completion of a high school diploma program.

3. Educational Reporting.

a. The following applicants will count as Non-High School Graduates (Tier III):

(1) Applicants scoring 31-49.

(2) Applicants scoring 50 or higher on the ASVAB, but who fail the TTAS

b. Applicants who score 50 or higher on the ASVAB and pass TTAS are classified as GED holders (Tier II), and are excluded from the Tier I quality benchmark calculations, of up to 5% exemption of the NPS accessions.

4. Initial Entry Training. Non-High School Graduate applicants may not participate in the Split Training Option (STO), and may not be shipped for Initial Entry Training (IET) until they complete their GED / alternate high school education. ARNG GED Plus applicants will not be scheduled for IET prior to May 2006 to allow sufficient time to implement the required NGB sponsored GED education program.

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5. The GED Plus Training Program. The GED Plus training program will be established at the Professional Education Center and will be posted to ATRRS. Until the class is posted in ATRRS, guidance counselors must contact the ROC and obtain a control number for enlistment of all GED Plus applicants. An annex to the enlistment contract must be executed at the time of enlistment, in which the new Soldier must acknowledge the requirement to achieve GED / diploma prior to shipment to IET.

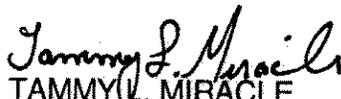
Note: Any ARNG GED Plus Soldier who presents an accredited GED completion certificate / diploma prior to attending IET shall be exempt from attending the ARNG GED Plus Training Program.

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