

VOLUME 7A, CHAPTER 63: “ACCESSION AND CONTINUATION BONUSES FOR NURSE OFFICER CANDIDATES”

SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES

All changes are denoted by **blue font**.

Substantive revisions are denoted by an * symbol preceding the section, paragraph, table, or figure that includes the revision.

Unless otherwise noted, chapters referenced are contained in this volume.

Hyperlinks are denoted by ***bold, italic, blue, and underlined font***.

The previous version dated June 2012 is archived.

PARAGRAPH	EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION	PURPOSE
6306	Duration of Authority extended to December 31, 2013.	Update
Bibliography	Statutes updated.	Update

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CHAPTER 63

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CANDIDATES**

6301 AUTHORITY

The Secretaries concerned are authorized to provide financial assistance to full-time students enrolled in an accredited baccalaureate degree program in nursing to assist in the completion of degree requirements and acceptance of an appointment as a nurse officer.

6302 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

The Accession and Continuation Bonuses are authorized for nursing students who execute an agreement under the following conditions:

630201. Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps (SROTC)

The student is enrolled as a full-time student, in an accredited baccalaureate degree program in nursing at a civilian educational institution, that does not have a Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps (SROTC) program, established under [Title 10, United States Code \(U.S.C.\), 2102](#) by the Secretary concerned, or that has a SROTC for which the student is ineligible and will complete this nursing degree program.

630202. Baccalaureate Degree Program

The student has completed the second year of an accredited baccalaureate degree program in nursing and has more than 6 months of academic work remaining before graduation.

630203. Officer Appointment

The student meets the qualifications for appointment as an officer of a Reserve Component of the Army, Navy, or Air Force, as set forth in [10 U.S.C. 12201](#) and the regulations of the Military Department concerned.

6303 AGREEMENT

The student described in section 6302 will execute a written agreement in which the student agrees to the following 4 provisions:

630301. Degree Completion

The student will complete the nursing degree program as stated in paragraph 630201.

630302. Reserve Enlistment

The student will, upon acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary concerned, enlist in a Reserve Component of the Armed Forces.

630303. Officer Appointment

The student will accept an appointment as an officer in the Nurse Corps of the Army or the Navy or as an officer designated as a nurse officer in the Air Force, as the case may be, upon graduation from the nursing degree program.

630304. Active Duty Obligation

The member will serve on active duty as an officer as follows:

A. For a period of 4 years in the case of a person whose agreement was accepted by the Secretary concerned during that person's fourth year of the nursing degree program.

B. For a period of 5 years in the case of a person whose agreement was accepted by the Secretary concerned during that person's third year of the nursing degree program.

6304 AMOUNTS PAYABLE

630401. Accession Bonus

The Secretary concerned may, upon acceptance of the written agreement, pay an accession bonus to an eligible person in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. The bonus will be paid in periodic installments, as determined by the Secretary concerned at the time the agreement is accepted, except that the first installment may not exceed \$10,000.

630402. Continuation Bonus

In addition to the accession bonus, the student shall be entitled to a monthly continuation bonus of an amount not to exceed the stipend rate in effect under [10 U.S.C. 2121\(d\)](#) for each month that the individual is enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited baccalaureate degree program in nursing. The continuation bonus may be paid for not more than 24 months.

NOTE: The accession and continuation bonus is subject to Federal income tax withholding and is not subject to Federal Insurance Contribution Act.

6305 REPAYMENT

A person shall be subject to the repayment provisions of Chapter 2 under the following conditions:

630501. Withdraws from Program

The student does not complete a nursing degree program in which the student is enrolled in accordance with the agreement entered into under this chapter;

630502. Commissioning

Having completed a nursing degree program, the student does not become an officer in the Nurse Corps of the Army or the Navy or an officer designated as a nurse officer of the Air Force; or

630503. Fails to Complete Service Obligation

The member does not complete the period of obligated active service required under the agreement.

***6306 DURATION OF AUTHORITY**

Unless authorized by the Congress, no agreement under this section may be entered into after [December 31, 2013](#). The [National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013](#) reauthorized entering into agreements for this bonus effective [January 2](#) through [December 31, 2013](#). There is no authority to enter into an agreement for this bonus on [January 1, 2013](#).

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