

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 asterisk (*) 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 [September 2014](#) is archived.

PARAGRAPH	EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION	PURPOSE
630101 630102	Added paragraphs to further define the General Section.	Addition
630402	Modified Monthly Stipend to reflect current law.	Revision
6306	Extended Duration of Authority to December 31, 2015.	Revision
Bibliography	Updated Statutes and Public Law.	Revision

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CHAPTER 63**ACCESSION AND CONTINUATION BONUSES FOR NURSE OFFICER
CANDIDATES**

6301 GENERAL

***630101 Purpose**

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.

***630102 Authoritative Guidance**

The information contained in this chapter is in accordance with the references listed in the Bibliography.

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

Enrolled full-time; in an accredited nursing baccalaureate degree program; at a civilian educational institution that does not have a Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps (SROTC) program established by the Secretary selecting the student, or that has an 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, 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 four 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; or

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 a 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. Monthly Stipend

A member of the program shall be entitled to a stipend at a monthly rate established by the Secretary of Defense, but not to exceed a total of \$30,000 per year.

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

6305 REPAYMENT

A person will 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, 2015](#).

