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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 **November 2015** is archived.

| PARAGRAPH | EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION | PURPOSE |
|------------------|---|----------------|
| 630401 | Updated the agreement cutoff date to December 31, 2016. | Revision |
| 630402 | Updated the monthly stipend amount not to exceed \$2,229.30 effective July 1, 2016. | Addition |
| 6306 | Removed the “Duration of Authority” section. | Deletion |
| Bibliography | Updated references. | Revision |

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CHAPTER 63

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

6301 GENERAL

630101. Purpose

The Secretary of the Military Department concerned is 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. For the purpose of this chapter, “continuation bonus” and “monthly stipend” are synonymous.

630102. Authoritative Guidance

The bibliography at the end of this chapter lists the authoritative references.

6302 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

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

630201. Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps

The student is enrolled full-time in an accredited nursing baccalaureate degree program at a civilian educational institution that either does not have a Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps (SROTC) program established by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned who is selecting the student or has a SROTC for which the student is ineligible.

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 (RC) of the Army, Navy, or Air Force as set forth in Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.) section 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 four provisions:

630301. Degree Completion

The student will complete the nursing degree program described in paragraphs 630201 and 630202.

630302. Reserve Enlistment

The student will, upon acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned, enlist in a RC 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 described in paragraph 630303 as follows:

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

6304 AMOUNTS PAYABLE

*630401. Accession Bonus (AB)

The Secretary of the Military Department concerned may, upon acceptance of a written agreement, pay an AB to an eligible person in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. The AB will be paid in periodic installments, as determined by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned at the time the agreement is accepted, except that the first installment may not exceed \$10,000. Unless authorized by the Congress, no agreement may be entered into after December 31, 2016.

*630402. Monthly Stipend

In addition to the AB, a person selected into the program shall be entitled to a monthly stipend in an amount not to exceed \$2,229.30 (effective July 1, 2016, for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 school year), for each month the individual is enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited baccalaureate degree program in nursing at a civilian educational institution by the

Secretary of the Military Department concerned who selected the individual. The continuation bonus may be paid for not more than 24 months.

NOTE: Accession and continuation bonuses are subject to Federal income tax withholding but not subject to Federal Insurance Contributions Act.

6305 REPAYMENT

A person will be subject to the repayment provisions of Chapter 2, section 0203 under any of 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 section 6303.

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.

630503. Fails to Complete Service Obligation

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

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6302 – ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

630203

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10 U.S.C. § 12201

6303 – AGREEMENT

10 U.S.C. § 2130a(c)

6304 – AMOUNTS PAYABLE

630401

10 U.S.C. § 2130a(a)(1)

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6305 – REPAYMENT

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