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### NSTC INSTRUCTION 1533.10

From: Commander, Naval Service Training Command

Subj: EXTENDED BENEFIT ENTITLEMENTS FOR NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS  
TRAINING CORPS PARTICIPANTS

Ref: (a) Title 10 United States Code, Subtitle A, Part III,  
Chapter 103, Sections 2103a, 2104, and 2107(c)  
(b) Title 37 United States Code, Chapter 3, Section 209  
(c) DoDI 1215.08, Section 6.3.3  
(d) ASN (M&RA) memo of 15 Jan 10  
(e) CNP memo of 15 Jan 10  
(f) NSTCINST 1533.2

1. Purpose. To establish Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) policy regarding eligibility and selection of academic programs requiring more than four academic years for completion of baccalaureate degree requirements and approve, on a case-by-case basis, extension of financial assistance and subsistence allowance payments for the period of time that would allow an NROTC participant to obtain their baccalaureate degree.

2. Background.

a. Per references (a) through (c), the Secretary of the Navy may approve midshipmen academic programs which require more than four academic years for completion of baccalaureate degree requirements, including elective requirements of the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps course. Financial assistance under this section may provide benefits during a fifth academic year or during a combination of a part of a fifth academic year and summer sessions.

b. Per reference (d), Assistant, Secretary of the Navy (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) delegates authority to Commander, Naval Service Training Command (CNSTC) to identify academic programs requiring extended benefit entitlements and approve midshipmen requests for extended benefit entitlements.

c. Per reference (e), Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training & Education)(N1) provides

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guidance for awarding extended benefit entitlements for Tier I or Tier II academic majors and Language, Regional Expertise, and Culture (LREC) academic majors.

d. Per reference (f), NSTC Officer Development (OD) convenes fifth year benefit panels periodically throughout the year and recommends approval or denial of extended benefit entitlements to CNSTC. Panel recommendation reports will include the midshipman's name, college/university, academic major, number of months of required extended benefit entitlements, NROTC Option (Navy or Marine Corps), and NSTC OD's recommendation.

e. CNSTC approval of extended benefit entitlements is the culmination of a process designed to ensure the best possible fit between the qualifications and desires of midshipmen and the needs of the Navy.

### 3. Action.

a. CNSTC is the approval authority for midshipmen academic programs' eligibility for extended benefit entitlements and all NROTC extended benefit entitlements requests.

b. In determining the need to provide extended benefit entitlements, NSTC OD will consider: amount of academic credits the academic institution requires to graduate in the academic major; the amount of credit given by the academic institution for NROTC courses; and overlapping requirements between courses required by the NROTC Program and those required to graduate from the academic institution. This determination is summarized by the following formula:

**credits necessary for the academic major  
+ mandatory NROTC credits  
- overlapping requirements (i.e. math/physics)**

**> 18 credit hours per semester, extended entitlements are appropriate.**

c. CNSTC will consider all other applications for extended benefit entitlements on a case-by-case basis.

d. Upon completion of extended benefit entitlement panels, NSTC OD will recommend approval or disapproval of extended benefit entitlements to CNSTC.

e. NSTC OD shall ensure that midshipmen who accept extended benefit entitlements execute amended contracts that extend their active duty service commitment in accordance with reference (c).

4. Points of Contact.

a. For additional information or clarification regarding this instruction, contact NSTC N7 at (847)688-7600, ext 203.

b. For additional information or clarification regarding the NROTC Program and scholarship programs, contact NSTC OD at (850)452-9437.



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