

"A" PROFICIENCY DESIGNATOR

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SUBJECT: THE AWARD OF THE "A" PROFICIENCY DESIGNATOR/FY03

1. TO CONSIDER CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR THE AWARD OF THE "A" PROFICIENCY DESIGNATOR. A BOARD WILL BE CONDUCTED BY EACH OF THE AMEDD CORPS, AND SELECTED NOMINATIONS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE SURGEON GENERAL FOR APPROVAL.

2. NOMINATING PROCEDURES:

A. CORPS CHIEFS, CONSULTANTS (CONSULTANT WITHIN THE SAME SPECIALTY AS THE NOMINEE), CHIEFS OF ASSIGNMENT BRANCHES, HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, PERSCOM, AND COMMANDERS MAY NOMINATE INDIVIDUALS FOR AWARD OF THE "A" PROFICIENCY DESIGNATOR FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE

BOARDS. NOMINATIONS WILL BE FORWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

AN: CDR, PERSCOM, ATTN: TAPC-OPH-AN, ROOM 9N47, 200 STOVALL STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22332-0417, DSN 221-2330/2331.

DC: ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING, 1750 GREELEY ROAD, ATTN: MCCS-HED, SUITE 205, FT SAM HOUSTON, TX 78234-5075, DSN 471-0079.

MC: CDR, MEDCOM, ATTN: MCHO-CL-C, SUITE 10, 2050 WORTH ROAD,

FT SAM HOUSTON, TX 78234-6010, DSN 471-7987.

MS: CHIEF, MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS, ATTN: MCCS-CM, SUITE 276A,
2250 STANLEY ROAD, FT SAM HOUSTON, TX 78234-6170,
DSN 471-8622/8531.

SP: CHIEF ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS, ATTN: MCCS-CA, BLDG 2840,
2250 STANLEY ROAD, SUITE 276A, FT SAM HOUSTON, TX 78234-6100,
DSN 471-8306/8627.

VC: ATTN: DIR, DODVSA, 5109 LEESBURG PIKE, FALLS CHURCH, VA
22041-3258, DSN 761-3056/3057.

B. NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMY RESERVE COMPONENT
(USAR) NOT ON ACTIVE DUTY WILL BE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS

(1) MEMBERS OF TROOP PROGRAM UNITS MUST FORWARD THEIR
NOMINATIONS TO COMMANDER, USARC, ATTN: AFRC-MD, 1401 DRESHLER ST.
SW, FT MCPHERSON, GA 30330-2000.

(2) MEMBERS OF THE INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE (IRR) AND
INDIVIDUAL MOBILIZATION AUGMENTEES (IMA) MUST FORWARD THEIR
NOMINATIONS TO CDR, ARPERSCOM, ATTN: ARPC-HSPMD-HS, 1 RESERVE WAY,
ST. LOUIS, MO 63132-5000.

(3) MEMBERS OF THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD MUST FORWARD THEIR
NOMINATIONS THROUGH THEIR STATE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND THE CHIEF,
NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, ATTN: NGB-ARS, 111 SOUTH GEORGE MASON
DRIVE, ARLINGTON, VA 22204-1382. ALL RC NOMINATIONS WILL BE FORWARDED
FROM THE ABOVE AGENCIES TO THE RC CONTROL OFFICE, HQDA, OTSG, ATTN:
DASG-HCR, 5109 LEESBURG PIKE, FALLS CHURCH, VA 22041-3258. RESERVE
COMPONENT NOMINATIONS MUST BE FORWARDED SO AS TO ARRIVE NLT 19
APR 03. RC CONTROL OFFICE, HQDA, OTSG WILL FORWARD NOMINATIONS TO
APPROPRIATE AMEDD CORPS. POINTS OF CONTACT FOR THE ARMY NATIONAL
GUARD AND U.S. ARMY RESERVE ARE LISTED BELOW:

AGENCY	TELEPHONE
ARPERSCOM	(314)592-0441, DSN 892
USARC	(404)464-8214, DSN 367 (800) 359-8483, EXT 4648214
NGB	(703) 607-7140, DSN 327

C. FORMAT FOR EACH NOMINATION MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION. IF THE INFORMATION DOES NOT APPLY, REPORT "N/A" IN PLACE
OF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION:

NAME:

RANK:

PRIMARY AOC/MFA:

DOB:

SSN:

EAD: (CURRENT ACTIVE DUTY OFFICERS ONLY)

NUMBER OF YEARS HOLDING OR QUALIFIED FOR "B":

NUMBER OF YEARS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

NUMBER OF YEARS/MONTHS OF ACTIVE DUTY:

NUMBER OF YEARS OF OTHER QUALIFYING DUTY (GOOD RETIREMENT YEARS EXCLUSIVE OF ACTIVE DUTY):

EDUCATION (SCHOOLS, LOCATION, DEGREE, DATE):

BOARD CERTIFICATION (ORGANIZATION, DATE):

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS (ACADEMIC RANK, INSTITUTION, DATE):

CONSULTANT POSITIONS (TITLE, LOCATION, DATES):

AFFILIATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS:

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS (MILITARY AND/OR PROFESSIONAL AWARDS):

PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH (TITLE, AUTHORSHIP, WHERE PUBLISHED):

KEY ASSIGNMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION (A SHORT NARRATIVE RECOMMENDATION):

ENCLOSURES AS APPROPRIATE:

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY (ALL USAR/NGB OFFICERS)

CURRICULUM VITAE (ALL MC OFFICERS--ACTIVE COMPONENT/USAR/NG)

3. SELECTION CRITERIA. THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE ESTABLISHED CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF DA PAM 611-21. ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, THESE CRITERIA MAY BE WAIVED WHEN THEY ARE CLEARLY NOT APPLICABLE TO A PARTICULAR AREA OF CONCENTRATION (AOC). ALL REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS MUST BE FULLY JUSTIFIED AND ACCOMPANY THE NOMINATION TO THE SURGEON GENERAL. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY (UNLESS SPECIFICALLY STATED OTHERWISE):

A. MUST BE CONSIDERED EMINENTLY QUALIFIED TO CHAIR A DEPARTMENT, DIVISION OR SERVICE, OR HAVE ATTAINED FULL PROFESSIONAL STATUS, AND HAVE OBTAINED NATIONAL PROMINENCE IN HIS/HER FIELD.

B. AN, MS, SP OFFICERS MUST HAVE HELD OR HAVE BEEN QUALIFIED FOR THE "B" PROFICIENCY DESIGNATOR FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 5 YEARS. MC, DC, VC OFFICERS MUST HOLD THE "B" PROFICIENCY DESIGNATOR AND HAVE NOT LESS THAN 3 YEARS TIME IN GRADE AS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL AS OF 1 OCT OF THE YEAR IN WHICH CONSIDERED.

C. MUST HAVE A TOTAL OF NOT LESS THAN 15 YEARS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE; AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF WHICH MUST HAVE BEEN ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT AS OF 1 OCT OF THE YEAR CONSIDERED. THE 15 YEAR PERIOD AND ACTIVE DUTY REQUIREMENTS MAY BE RECOMMENDED FOR WAIVER UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES BY THE UNANIMOUS DECISION OF ALL BOARD MEMBERS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CORPS CHIEF AND TSG, WHERE IT IS DETERMINED THAT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE INDIVIDUAL HAVE BEEN OF SUCH OVERRIDING SIGNIFICANCE TO MERIT EARLY PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION. MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPONENT, NOT ON ACTIVE DUTY, MAY MEET THE 10-YEAR ACTIVE DUTY REQUIREMENT WITH ACTIVE DUTY, ACTIVE RESERVE COMPONENT AFFILIATION WITH THE ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF.

D. MUST HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO POSITIONS REQUIRING THEIR PRIMARY AOC AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF ACTIVE DUTY TIME FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE "B" PROFICIENCY DESIGNATOR, OR ATTAINMENT OF THE QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE, AND HAVE PERFORMED IN AN OUTSTANDING MANNER IN THESE ASSIGNMENTS. THOSE WHO HAVE HAD ASSIGNMENTS OR CHANGE OF AOC TO FUNCTIONAL AREAS SUCH AS ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION OR RESEARCH SINCE RECEIPT OF THE "B" PROFICIENCY DESIGNATOR (OR ATTAINMENT OF THE QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE), MUST HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THESE AREAS AND PERFORMED IN A SINGULARLY OUTSTANDING MANNER IN THESE ASSIGNMENTS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPONENTS NOT ON ACTIVE DUTY, A MAJORITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CIVILIAN/MILITARY) MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE SPECIALTY IN WHICH A RECOMMENDATION IS BEING MADE.

E. MUST BE A LEADER IN THEIR SPECIALTY AND HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF KNOWLEDGE IN A PARTICULAR FIELD (I.E, PUBLICATION, ACTIVE NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP, ETC).

F. MUST BE A DISTINCT ASSET TO THE AMEDD, BOTH AS AN OFFICER AND AS A PROFESSIONAL SPECIALIST.

4. "PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE", "YEARS OF EXPERIENCE", OR "YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS APPLIED TO THE ELIGIBILITY FOR 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATOR IN DA PAM 611-21, ARE TO BE INTERPRETED AS ACTUAL DUTY PERFORMANCE IN THE SPECIALTY AREA. THESE TERMS DO NOT INCLUDE ANY PERIOD OF FORMAL, FULL-TIME EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVOR IN

PURSUIT OF EITHER A DEGREE OR CERTIFICATION, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT FOR OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL, DENTAL, VETERINARY, MEDICAL SERVICE, AND ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS, POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP OR RESIDENCY EXPERIENCE IN THE SPECIALTY AREA IS CONSIDERED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AS ACTUAL PERFORMANCE IN THE SPECIALTY AREA. IN THE CASE OF THE MEDICAL OR DENTAL CORPS SUBSPECIALTY, EXPERIENCE IN THE PARENT SPECIALTY IS CONSIDERED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND MAY BE INCLUDED IN AN INDIVIDUAL'S YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.

5. THE APPLICATION DEADLINE TO EACH AMEDD CORPS CHIEF OFFICE IS 30 APR 03. THE INDIVIDUAL BOARDS WILL CONVENE SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPLICATION CUTOFF DATE. SPECIFIC DATES FOR THE BOARDS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE RESPECTIVE AMEDD CORPS CHIEF/DESIGNEE.