

GRADUATE SCHOOL OPTION OVERVIEW

By selecting the Graduate School for (Active) Service Option, officers are guaranteed up to 24 months fully-funded attendance in any domestic graduate program, all while continuing to serve on Active Duty.

Selection to the rank of Captain validates the officer's continued eligibility for the option. Once the officer elects to exercise their graduate school option, they must be scheduled to attend school between their 6th and 11th years of commissioned service. Attendance incurs a 3 month active duty service obligation for each month of graduate school, to a maximum ADSO of 72 months.

ADSO WAIVERS

In rare instances, release from the CSP ADSO may be appropriate. Waivers are granted on a case-by-case basis, either due to compelling circumstances or to meet the needs of the Army.

Waiver requests must be submitted within one year of the end of the Officer's commissioning ADSO, as determined by source of commission. Waivers are processed through HRC assignments officers and approved solely by the Army G1.

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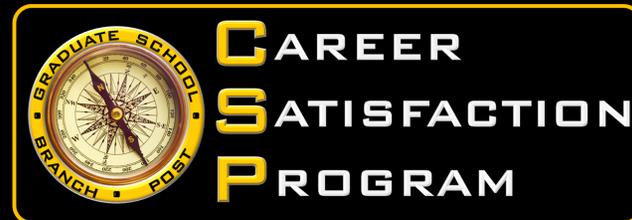
REFERENCES

DA PAM 600-3
AR 621-108
AR 350-100
10 U.S.C. § 2005 Chapter 101

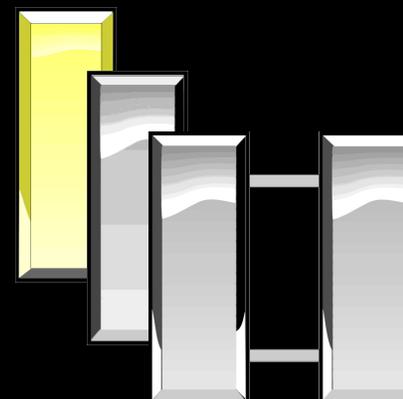
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<http://www.career-satisfaction.army.mil>

ASSIGNMENT OFFICER'S GUIDE TO THE



GRADUATE SCHOOL OPTION



**INCORPORATING
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ROLE OF THE ASSIGNMENT OFFICER

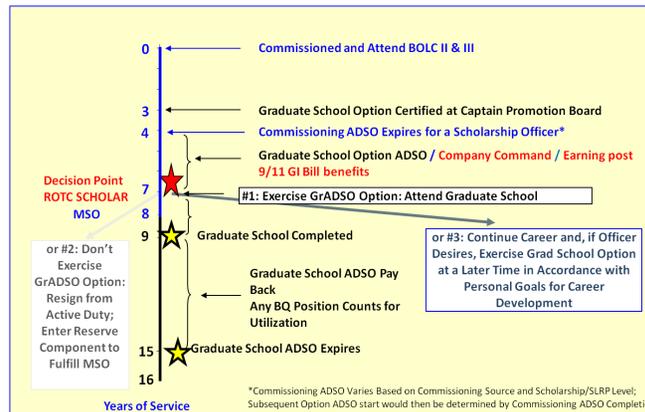
1. Manage individual preferences generated through the Career Satisfaction Program to maximize officer retention.
2. Assess each officer's intent to attend school. Counsel the officer on career progression, Army needs and determine a timeframe for graduate school attendance that meets officer requirements. Provide an annual list of those who waive the option.
3. Plan for a 2-year unavailability of each officer in graduate school (between sixth and eleventh year of active commissioned service).

NOTE: In some cases the Assignment Officer may ask the officer to accelerate graduate school by attending prior to the 6th year of service.

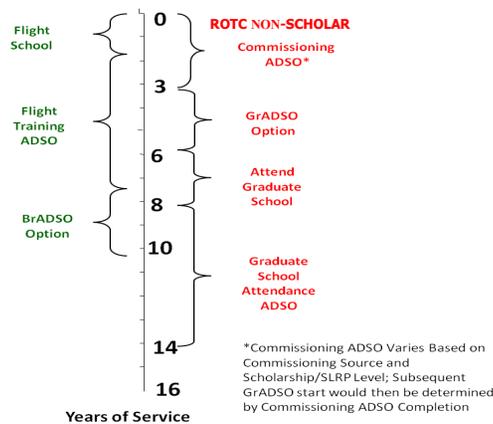
4. Annually validate individual officers' continued eligibility for graduate school. Ensure they are not flagged, remain eligible for favorable actions, and have no derogatory information that would preclude graduate school attendance.
5. Provide an annual slate of graduate school attendees to G-1, DMPM, NLT 30 June of each year.
6. In most cases, Graduate School attendance will follow completion of a key and developmental (KD) assignment (company command). In rare instances where company grade KD completion occurs after the 11th year of active commissioned service, the officer may request deferment of graduate school attendance beyond their 11th year of service. Deferment requests are reviewed thru the G1 on a case-by-case basis and granted only when not inimical to the needs of the Army

NOTE: Deferring the start of graduate school after the 11th year of service requires serving longer than 16 years on active duty in order to satisfy the graduate school ADSO.

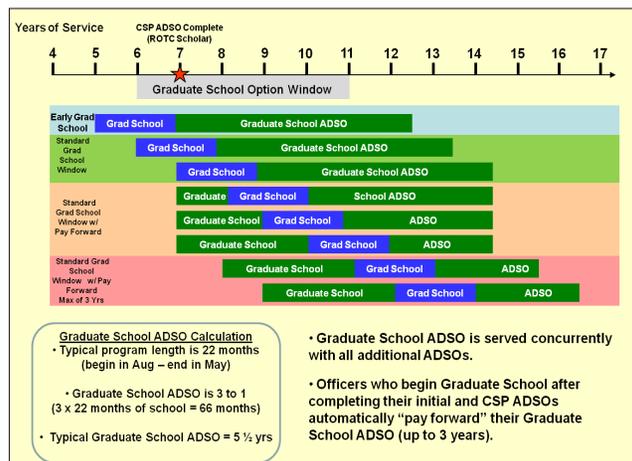
Sample Timeline for Scholarship Officers



Sample Timeline for Aviation Officers



Graduate School Option Timeline (ROTC)



CONSIDERATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

1. There is no cost cap to the graduate school selected.
2. There is no utilization tour incurred when attending Graduate School via this option.
3. Commissioning ADSOs vary based upon Commissioning Source and Scholarship / SLRP Level:
 - Non or 2 Year Scholar ADSO
 - 3 or 4 Year Scholar ADSO
 - USMA ADSO
 - SLRP ADSO
4. **LIFECYCLE / STOP-LOSTED UNITS:** Officer must secure a letter of release from the 1st O-8 (MG) in their chain of command in order to break stabilization.
5. **DEPLOYMENTS:** Officer must secure a letter of release from the Theater Commander (normally a four-star) to leave theater early.
6. **REDEPLOYING OFFICERS WHO WILL PCS WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RETURN:** Officer must submit a DA Form 4187 requesting waiver of the HRC-directed 90-day stabilization, approved by the first O-6 in their chain of command and routed through that chain to HRC.
7. **POST 9/11 GI BILL:** The Post - 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 became effective on August 1, 2009. Officers must serve 36 months after completing commissioning ADSO to be fully eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

NOTE: The GI Bill educational benefit is transferrable to dependents.