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CREDENTIALING ASSISTANCE



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ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

WHAT IS IT?

The Credentialing Assistance (CA) Program provides Soldiers with funding for more than 2,100 credentials listed on https://www.cool.osd.mil/army/index.html

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

- E1-E9 and WO1-WO5
- Be currently serving in good standing in the ARNG and have a Common Access Card (CAC)
- Not be flagged
- Have an ETS or MRD 31+ days remaining in service after completion of CA- funded course(s)/exam(s)

NEW CHANGES:

- Command approval is required for all CA requests (within 5 days after Soldier submission)
- Commissioned officers (O1-O10) are no longer eligible for CA
- Soldiers with TWO unsuccessful grades in the same fiscal year will be suspended from requesting FTA and/or CA for 12 months.

WHAT DO I GET?

- One credential up to $2,000/fiscal year (three credentials over 10 years of service)
- Maximum of $1,000/year to pay for select aviation related credentials
- Pays expenses for course training,materials, supplies, textbooks, and exam (exams must be taken for all CA funded training)
- Can be used for any credential listed on www.cool.osd.mil/army and does not have to be related to the Soldier's MOS
- All expenses are paid prior to course/exam start date (Soldiers who pay out of pocket will not be reimbursed)
- Soldiers must take the associated exam for the credential listed in the CA education goal
  - Soldiers have 180 days to submit a CA request for the associated exam
  - Soldiers will be recouped for the training, books and supplies if they do not pass the exam or fail to submit an exam request within 180 days of the completion of the training

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Contact your State ESO/ESS to discuss the CA application process and verify eligibility
- Ensure your credential is listed on Army COOL at: https://www.cool.osd.mil/army/credsearch/index.html
- Establish your account and apply online at: https://armyignited.cce.af.mil/student/account/login
- Soldiers requesting CA for the first time are required to complete:
  - MilGears decision support tool: https://milgears.osd.mil/ the Explore Careers, Quick Explorer tool, download their report and upload it to ArmyIgnitED
  - CA 101 training provided by the CA Virtual Counseling Cell: https://coolcontactus.com/ContactUs?service=R&subject=R

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Contact the Education Support Center: 866-ARNGEDU (276-4338) or ARNG.EDU@army.mill
- Visit us Online: www.nationalguard.com/education
- Contact your State Education Services Office: www.nationalguard.com/select- your-state

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