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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 1542.1

Subj: OBLIGATED SERVICE RESULTING FROM AIRCRAFT TRANSITION

Ref: (a) Training and Education Manual, COMDTINST M1500.10 (series), Article  
2-A-2d

1. PURPOSE. To increase the obligated service requirement for aviators completing aircraft transition training and publish the applicable guidelines.
2. ACTION. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, commanding officers of headquarters units, assistant commandants for directorates, Chief Counsel, and special staff offices at Headquarters shall inform all officers potentially affected by this policy.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. Reference (a) will be corrected to reflect this change.
4. DISCUSSION. To realize a reasonable return on the significant investment incurred to transition aviators into different aircraft, the Coast Guard must retain qualified officers on active duty for a significant period after training is completed.
5. POLICY. A member must accept, in writing, six years of obligated service before Commander, Coast Guard Personnel Command (CGPC-opm-2) will issue him or her orders to receive an aircraft transition. The following guidelines govern application of obligated service requirements: a. Aviators who request and receive aircraft transition training will incur a six-year obligated service requirement with the exception of the following:
  - (1) Flight students receiving their initial qualification.

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- (2) Direct Commission Aviators assigned to a Coast Guard air station for their initial operational tour.
- (3) Aviators ordered to Navy training commands to serve as instructor pilots.
- (4) Aviators assigned to command cadre.
- (5) Aviators who receive transition training as a result of Service direction, i.e., those who transfer to a unit that does not have an aircraft in which the aviator is currently qualified. This does not apply if the individual specifically requests to transfer to a unit that does not have an aircraft that he or she is currently qualified in.
  - b. The six-year obligation incurred in conjunction with aircraft transition training will be applied in addition to all other obligated service.
  - c. Send all requests for aircraft transition training in writing to Commander, Coast Guard Personnel Command (CGPC-opm-2). The request must include a statement indicating agreement to accept the six-year obligated service requirement on completion of training.

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