

SSD-1 required for promotion to sergeant as of Jan. 1, 2014

Sept. 10, 2013

By **Spc. Glenn M. Anderson, U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs**

[Tweet](#)

WIESBADEN, Germany- Effective Jan. 1, 2014, U.S. Army active component and U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers must complete Structured Self Development level one, commonly referred to by the acronym 'SSD-1,' to be eligible for recommendation to the rank of sergeant.

This requirement also applies to promotable specialists and corporals already recommended for promotion to sergeant.

Soldiers who have not complied with this requirement (U.S. Army directive 2013-15) by Jan. 1, 2014 will be removed from the promotion list.

SSD courses are web-based training that enhances previously acquired skills, knowledge, behaviors and experience and is an important supplement to the Noncommissioned Officer Education System.

The courses are not specific for the different specialties and career fields of the Enlisted Personnel Management System but address issues that are common across the service, such as health and fitness, Army history, ethics, military writing, leadership and effective management.

Each of the four SSD levels requires 80 hours of study. Soldiers have three years to complete each level.

The training also contributes to personal development and increases the potential for progressively complex and higher-level assignments. SSD promotes lifelong learning and sets conditions for continuous growth as a warrior and warrior leader.

For more information contact your S-1 or personnel office.

Social Media
Facebook
Twitter
Flickr
YouTube

About us: U.S. Army Europe is uniquely positioned to advance American strategic interests across Eurasia and has unparalleled capability to prevent conflict, shape the environment and, if necessary, win decisively. The relationships we build during more than 1000 theater security cooperation events in more than 40 countries each year lead directly to support for multinational contingency operations around the world, strengthen regional partnerships, and enhance global security.