Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) Policy Changes

What Changed?

► The new FTA policy eliminates the one-year wait after AIT/BOLC and the ten-year service requirement to use FTA for a master’s degree.

► Soldiers must complete Advanced Leaders Course (ALC), Captain’s Career Course (CCC) or Warrant Officer Advanced Course (WOAC) to use FTA towards a master’s degree (*only if you used FTA towards your undergraduate degree).

IMPORTANT! These changes become effective on 5 August 2018!

What are Tiers?

Tier 1:

Soldiers establish Tier 1 FTA eligibility as follows:

- Completed Advanced Individual Training, Warrant Officer Basic Course or Basic Officer Leaders Course.
- Have not attained a bachelor's degree and wish to pursue an undergraduate academic certificate, or associate’s or bachelor's degree or
- Have attained a bachelor's degree without the use of FTA and wish to pursue an undergraduate or graduate academic certificate or master’s degree.

Tier 2:

Soldiers establish Tier 2 FTA eligibility as follows:

- Completed Advanced Leaders Course, Captain’s Career Course, Warrant Officer Advanced Course or equivalent.
- Have attained a bachelor's degree and wish to pursue a graduate academic certificate, or a master’s degree and
- Used FTA for any portion of their undergraduate degree.

Note: Soldiers must still meet all other eligibility requirements to qualify for FTA, see your ESO/ESS for details.