



# Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) Policy Changes



\*\*\*\*\*EFFECTIVE: 5 AUGUST 2018\*\*\*\*\*

- ★ 1. One-year wait after AIT/BOLC is rescinded
- ★ 2. Ten-year service requirement to use FTA towards a master's degree is rescinded
- ★ 3. Must complete ALC, CCC, or WOAC to use FTA towards a master's degree\*

## 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.*