

**Financial Administration**  
**PARACHUTE DUTY POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS**

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**Summary.** This regulation establishes administrative procedures for validating parachute duty positions. It also provides guidelines for permissive parachute jumping.

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to those FORSCOM TDA/MTOE units supported by personnel spaces provided by the FORSCOM manpower allocations.

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**1. Purpose**

This regulation establishes policies and procedures for the authorization, distribution and management of paid parachute positions within FORSCOM TDA/MTOE units.

**2. References**

The **Appendix** contains a listing of required and related publications.

**3. Explanation of Abbreviations and Terms**

The **Glossary** contains abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation.

**4. Responsibilities**

a. Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (DCSOPS) will manage the paid parachute authorizations for FORSCOM. Force Management Branch, Plans Division will request, review, and validate installations/activities requirements. The FM Branch will request quotas from HQDA and distribute allocations to the FORSCOM Corps.

b. Commanders, Corps will---

(1) Ensure that only personnel occupying positions coded as airborne positions on approved TDA/MTOE documents receive hazardous duty pay.

(2) Recommend modification to positions on non-airborne TOE's and TDA's when it is determined that parachute jumping is an inherent and essential part of the duties of the positions.

(3) Review and validate parachute requirements for positions identified on units organized under nonairborne TOEs and TDAs on an annual basis and submit recommended changes to FORSCOM during the Command Plan Process.

(4) Ensure positions coded with standard personnel remark code of 86 do not receive hazardous duty pay. Code 86 denotes positions that require parachutist experience but are not authorized to receive hazardous duty pay.

(5) Ensure that the total paid parachute allocations do not exceed DA man year funded allocations.

**5. Policy**

a. The Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation Volume 7A, Chapter 24 and AR 37-104-4, Military Pay and Allowances Policy and Procedures – Active Component, Chapter 10, provides financial policies pertaining to the entitlement and performance requirements for Incentive Pay for Parachute Duty.

b. Authority to issue orders.

(1) Airborne units. Authority to issue orders requiring and releasing officers, warrant officers or enlisted soldiers assigned to an airborne or parachute unit, who hold a parachute rating, and are occupying a designated paid position is delegated to the following:

(a) Commanders of Major Army Commands (MACOMs).

(b) Commanders of parachute or airborne units.

(2) Units not organized under an airborne TOE. Authority to issue orders for any soldier to perform parachute duty with any MTOE/TDA organization not organized under an airborne TOE is delegated to the following:

(a) Commandant of TDA airborne and air assault schools teaching or conducting refresher airborne training.

(b) Commanders of MTOE organizations having positions designated as paid parachutist positions.

c. Designation of parachute positions in nonairborne units.

(1) Headquarters DA has not delegated authority to designate a position in a nonairborne unit as a parachute position.

(2) Designations.

(a) Designation of a position in a nonairborne unit as a parachute position will be accomplished when it is determined that parachute jumping is an inherent and essential part of the duties of the position. Requests will be submitted through command channels to HQDA for approval as part of the Command Plan Process. All requests must include sufficient justification to support the request and identify bill payers as required.

(b) Requests for positions to be designated as parachute positions for the purpose of permitting incumbents to maintain proficiency or to keep abreast of airborne matters will not be approved.

(c) The number of paid positions designated as parachute positions will not exceed maximum authorizations. However, when replacement practices necessitate that replacement personnel be directly placed on parachute duty for a short period prior to rotation of the incumbent, the maximum authorization may be exceeded for a period of not more than 30 days without written authorization.

d. All requests to move authorizations on an approved document or between UIC's must be submitted during the Command Plan Process.

e. Rotation of soldiers through vacant paid parachute positions for the purpose of permitting them to maintain jump proficiency and draw jump pay is unauthorized.

## **6. Skill Identifiers**

Parachute positions are identified by additional skill identifiers (ASI) and special qualification identifiers (SQI). For TDA organizations, these positions must also have a standard personnel remark code of "PA" to indicate it is a paid position or remark code 86 to indicate position is not paid. If a TDA has a parachute position without a remark code, the MACOM will assume the position is not paid and will add remark code 86.

## **7. Criteria**

A parachute duty position will receive an allocation for jump pay only when it has been unequivocally established that parachute jumping is an inherent and essential part of the duties required of the position. Therefore, all TDA parachute duty positions will be classified as administrative (without jump pay authorization) unless duties required of that position cannot be accomplished without the individual actually performing parachute jumps on a continuing basis.

## **8. Permissive Jumping**

a. General. Permissive parachute jumping is intended for the limited purpose of allowing experienced parachutists assigned to non-airborne duty to participate in U.S. and foreign military airborne operations in a non pay status when such activity serves the best interests of the Army.

b. Approval authority. The MACOM commanders are the approval authority of requests for permissive jump status from all soldiers subject to their command. This authority is delegated to subordinate commanders exercising general court martial authority over an individual.

c. Prerequisites. Requests for permissive jump status will not be approved unless:

(1) There is an articulable basis to support that the soldier's participation clearly serves the best interest of the Army.

(2) The soldier is medically qualified for parachute jumping under the provisions of AR 40-501.

(3) The soldier has passed the APFT and is in compliance with the Army's height and weight standard of fitness.

(4) The soldier has completed refresher training.

## **9. Permissive Jumping of Foreign Military Personnel**

a. General. Foreign military personnel requesting authorization to jump with U.S. units fall into two categories, the Personnel Exchange Program (PEP) and the Individual Military Education and Training (IMET) Program, which includes On the Job Training (OJT).

b. The PEP Program is a DA authorized program where U.S. and foreign military personnel exchange positions, usually for two or more years. Orders from the foreign government assigning the individual to the U.S. unit will authorize the individual to parachute with the U.S. unit. The individual will already be a fully qualified military parachutist and must undergo refresher training prior to parachuting. Under no circumstances will the individual attend basic airborne, jump master or air transportability training.

c. The IMET Program is a short term program designed to acquaint foreign military personnel from friendly foreign governments with U.S. units and equipment. Foreign military personnel requesting authorization to jump with U.S. units must have written orders from their government authorizing the individual to parachute with U.S. units, must be fully qualified military parachutists and must undergo refresher training with the U.S. unit to which they are assigned prior to participation in U.S. airborne operations. The MACOM commanders may approve permissive parachuting of foreign military personnel. The MACOM Commanders may also delegate this authority to subordinate commanders exercising general court martial authority.

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### **10. Procedures**

- a. Commanders must review and validate each documented paid parachutist position during the review phase of the Command Plan Process.
- b. All requests for changes to parachutist positions on TDA's and draft MTOE's must be approved by HQ FORSCOM (AFOP-PLF) prior to submission to HQDA for final approval.
- c. All requests must include:
  - (1) Document, paragraph and line number of position to be designated as a parachutist.
  - (2) Written explanation describing the duties of each position and why the duties cannot be performed without parachute jumping.
  - (3) Document, paragraph and line number of positions to be used as a bill payer to offset request.
  - (4) Under no circumstances will the number of allocated spaces exceed the FORSCOM established ceiling without HQDA approval.
- d. After validating position requests, HQ FORSCOM (AFOP-PLF) will consolidate requirements and send the list to HQDA (DAMO-FDF). This will normally occur two years from the effective date of the document. Specific timelines for submission of requests will be included in the Command Plan Guidance.
- e. In cases where allocations do not meet stated needs, HQ FORSCOM will request subordinate commanders provide a prioritized list of billpayers. The list should include document number, paragraph, line number and the number of positions to be reduced.
- f. Headquarters FORSCOM will provide subordinate commanders a UIC listing of approved documented paid parachute allocations to include a listing of all positions coded 86.

**APPENDIX**

*References*

**SECTION I**

*Required Publications*

<b>AR 37-104-4</b>	Military Pay and Allowances Policy and Procedures-Active Component
<b>AR 71-32</b>	Force Development and Documentation Consolidated Policies
<b>AR 611-1</b>	Military Occupational Classification Structure and Development
<b>AR 614-110</b>	Assignment of Airborne Officers and Processing Volunteers for Training
<b>AR 614- 200</b>	Enlisted Assignments and Utilization Management
<b>DOD Financial Management Regulation, Volume 7A, Chapter 24</b>	Parachute Duty, Flight Deck Duty, Demolition Duty, Experimental Stress Duty and Others Listed

**SECTION II**

*Related Publications*

<b>AR 25-400-2</b>	The Modern Army Recordkeeping System
<b>AR 310-10</b>	Military Orders
<b>AR 310-50</b>	Authorized Abbreviations and Brevity Codes
<b>AR 335-15</b>	Management Information Control Systems
<b>AR 750-32</b>	Airdrop, Parachute, and Aircraft Personnel Escape Systems

**SECTION III**

*Reference Form*

<b>DA Form 1307</b>	Individual Jump Record
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## **GLOSSARY**

### **SECTION I**

#### ***Abbreviations***

<b>ASI</b>	Additional Skill Identifier
<b>DA</b>	Department of the Army
<b>FORSCOM</b>	United States Army Forces Command
<b>HQDA</b>	Headquarters, Department of the Army
<b>MACOM</b>	Major Army Command
<b>MOS</b>	Military Occupational Specialty
<b>MTOE</b>	Modification Table of Organization and Equipment
<b>SQI</b>	Special Qualification Identifier
<b>TDA</b>	Table of Distribution and Allowance
<b>TOE</b>	Table of Organization and Equipment
<b>UIC</b>	Unit Identification Code

### **SECTION II**

#### ***Terms***

##### **Allotted Position**

A position with a paid parachute allocation to a unit in FORSCOM for use against a validated parachute duty position.

##### **Approved Position**

A DA approved position documented on a TDA/MTOE and authorized for fill.

##### **Filled Parachute Position**

A validated position to which an allocation has been used to allow the incumbent to be placed on parachute duty.

##### **Paid Parachute Ceiling**

Total number of allocations distributed to an installation/activity.

##### **Validated Position**

A position approved by requiring parachute jumping as an inherent and essential part of the duties required of that position.