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# OFFICER PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION (PME) SUMMARY

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REF/A/MCO P1553.4B//

REF/B/DOC/MARADMIN 391-07//

REF/C/CJCSI 1800.01C//

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NARR/REF A IS THE MARINE CORPS ORDER ON PROFESSIONAL MILITARY  
EDUCATION (PME). REF B ANNOUNCED CHANGES TO ENLISTED PME PER REF A.

REF C IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF INSTRUCTION  
(CJCSI) 1800.01C OFFICER PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION POLICY  
(OPMEP).//

GENTEXT/REMARKS/

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MARADMIN IS TO SUMMARIZE  
OFFICER PME CRITERIA AS ESTABLISH IN REF A AND ANNOUNCE CHANGES TO  
PME POLICY SINCE THE PROMULGATION OF REF A.

A. CWO - EFFECTIVE WITH THE PROMULGATION OF REF A (25 JAN 2008) THE  
PME CRITERIA FOR CHIEF WARRANT OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS-

(1) THERE IS NO PME REQUIREMENT FOR WO-1 AND CWO-2. CWO-2S ARE  
ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN THE EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE SCHOOL DISTANCE  
EDUCATION PROGRAM (EWSDEP).

(2) THE PME CRITERIA FOR CWO-3 IS THE EWSDEP. ONCE COMPLETE WITH  
THE EWSDEP, CWO-3S ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN THE COMMAND AND STAFF  
COLLEGE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM (CSCDEP).

(3) THE PME CRITERIA FOR CWO-4 IS THE CSCDEP.

(4) THERE ARE NO PME REQUIREMENTS FOR CWO-5.

B. LIEUTENANTS - THERE ARE NO PME REQUIREMENTS FOR LIEUTENANTS. FIRST LIEUTENANTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN THE EWSDEP SEMINAR. SECOND LIEUTENANTS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ENROLL IN THE EWSDEP SEMINAR.

C. CAPTAINS - THE PME CRITERIA FOR CAPTAINS REMAINS EITHER THE USMC EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE SCHOOL (EWS) RESIDENT COURSE, THE EWSDEP, OR AN IDENTIFIED ARMY TYPE II CAREER LEVEL SCHOOL (CLS) EQUIVALENT. THESE SCHOOLS WILL BE IDENTIFIED VIA ANNUAL M&RA SELECTION BOARD CONVENING MARADMINS.

D. MAJORS - THE INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL SCHOOL (ILS) PME CRITERIA FOR MAJORS IS EITHER AN INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL SERVICE COLLEGE RESIDENT COURSE, AN APPROVED INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL FOREIGN COLLEGE RESIDENT COURSE, OR AN INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL SERVICE COLLEGE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM. WHILE OTHER SERVICE DEPS MEET THE PME CRITERIA, MARINES ARE ENCOURAGED TO CHOOSE USMC PROGRAMS OVER OTHER SERVICE PROGRAMS AND SEMINAR BASED PROGRAMS OVER SELF-PACED (ONLINE OR "BOX OF BOOKS") PROGRAMS. ADDITIONALLY, AFTER REF A WAS PROMULGATED, THE PRESIDENT OF MCU HAS GRANTED PME EQUIVALENCY FOR THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION (WHINSEC) INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL COURSE. THIS EQUIVALENCY IS GRANDFATHERED TO STUDENTS GRADUATING CLASS OF AY05-06 AND LATER. ALL APPROVED ILS PME (AND JPME PHASE I) RESIDENT COURSES ARE LISTED EACH YEAR IN THE ILS BOARD CONVENING MARADMIN.

E. LIEUTENANT COLONELS AND COLONELS - THE TOP-LEVEL SCHOOL PME CRITERIA FOR LIEUTENANT COLONELS AND COLONELS IS EITHER A SENIOR-LEVEL SERVICE COLLEGE RESIDENT COURSE, A SENIOR-LEVEL SERVICE COLLEGE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM, A SENIOR-LEVEL FOREIGN COLLEGE RESIDENT COURSE, OR A RECOGNIZED SENIOR-LEVEL PME EQUIVALENT FELLOWSHIP. ANNUAL FOREIGN COLLEGE AND FELLOWSHIP INFORMATION IS ANNOUNCED VIA THE ANNUAL TLS BOARD CONVENING MARADMIN.

F. RESERVE AND LIMITED DUTY OFFICERS (LDO) SHOULD COMPLETE THE SAME PME CRITERIA IDENTIFIED FOR ACTIVE DUTY AND UNRESTRICTED OFFICERS OF EQUITABLE GRADE.

G. ALL OFFICER PME RESIDENT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (CLS, ILS, AND TLS) IS DETERMINED BY A BOARD SELECTION PROCESS. FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING EACH PME BOARD SELECTION PROCESS IS PROMULGATED ANNUALLY WITH THE M&RA MARADMIN ANNOUNCING THE CONVENING OF THE PME SELECTION BOARD FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

H. USMC POLICY IS THAT FOR PURPOSES OF "PME COMPLETE" THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PME ATTAINED THROUGH THE RESIDENT PROGRAM AND PME ATTAINED THROUGH THE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM. ENROLLMENT AND

PARTICIPATION IN APPROPRIATE LEVEL DEPS AS SOON AS ELIGIBLE IS ENCOURAGED AS IT DOES NOT IMPACT THE OFFICER'S ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION TO ATTEND THE EQUIVALENT RESIDENT PROGRAM.

2. THE COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF ALL MARINE CORPS EWS, AND CSC NON-RESIDENT EDUCATION. CCE OFFERS FACULTY-LED SEMINARS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE THROUGH A NETWORK OF REGIONAL COORDINATORS. SEMINAR SCHEDULES, WAIVER INFORMATION, AND REGIONAL COORDINATOR/SATELLITE CAMPUSES CONTACT INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: [WWW.TECOM.USMC.MIL/CCE](http://WWW.TECOM.USMC.MIL/CCE).

3. JOINT PME (JPME) POLICIES, PROCEDURES, OBJECTIVES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE DIRECTED BY REF C, OFFICER PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION POLICY (OPMEP). UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THE ANNUAL SELECTION BOARD CONVENING MESSAGES, ALL APPROVED PME SCHOOLS ARE ALSO JPME ACCREDITED.

4. MCU HAS COORDINATED WITH MMSB AND MMPR TO ENSURE PME CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN UPDATED.

5. MCU PRESIDENT IS THE PME ADVOCATE FOR THE MARINE CORPS.

6. RELEASE AUTHORIZED BY SES DONALD R. GARDNER, PRESIDENT, MARINE CORPS UNIVERSITY.//