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ON

PALACE CHASE OFFICER AND ENLISTED PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

AFI 36-3205, Applying for the PALACE CHASE and Place Front programs, Table 1.1, Rule 2 [time in service restriction (for officers only)], Rule 5 [No DEROS curtailment required for allowable PCS waivers], Rule 11 [USAF Academy graduate on initial ADSC], and Rule 12 [be notified of an assignment] are waived for the duration of the FY 10/11 Force Management Program

- The Air Force will waive PALACE CHASE application timeline restrictions for the duration of the Force Management Program
- Applicants must have a second endorsement on Air Force Form 1288 completed with their ARC assignment before applying for a PALACE CHASE transfer
 - Requests to change previously approved PALACE CHASE applications to take advantage of the waivers authorized under this program will not be approved unless it is in the best interest of the Air Force
 - Regular commissioned officers applying to transfer to a Reserve unit must not request a separation date less than 90 days from the date of application
 - If approved for transfer, this will allow time for the member to be processed for conversion to a Reserve commission.
 - Applicants must have less than 18 years of Total Active Federal Military Service prior to the effective date of separation from active duty.
 - All other PALACE CHASE application requirements outlined in AFI 36-3205 still apply

Eligible Officer and Enlisted Air Force Specialties (AFS)

- Officers
 - Grades of O-1 to O-5 possessing a primary AFS listed below are eligible to apply under the expanded PALACE CHASE program: 13S, 15W, 21A, 21M, 21R, 33S, 38F, 52R (except Catholic Chaplains), 61A, 61B, 61C, 61D, 62E*, 63A, 65F and 71S (LtCol and below in AFS 62E are not eligible for tuition assistance waivers.
 - Officers in the grades of second lieutenant through captain in eligible Air Force Specialty codes may apply for transfer from March 25, 2010 through June 30, 2010
- Enlisted
 - Enlisted personnel in the grades of E-1 to E-8 possessing a primary AFS or CEM as listed below are eligible to apply under expanded PALACE CHASE program: 2A0X1P, 2A0X1S, 2A3X2, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 2W1X1, 3D0X4, 3D1X1, 3D1X2, 3D1X3, 3M0X1, 3S2X1, 4A0X1, and 4Y0X1

How To Apply

- Applicants can apply for the expanded PALACE CHASE program via the Virtual Military Personnel Flight's voluntary separation online application process by selecting "Apply for Voluntary Separation"
 - When prompted to "Select a Separation Provision," select PALACE CHASE
 - Applicants must state in the justification field of their online application that their request is for "Expanded FY 10 PALACE CHASE Program."
 - The request must be endorsed by the unit or squadron commander and wing commander electronically

- Application deadline for the expanded PALACE CHASE program will be accepted until June 30, 2010
 - Each application must include a requested separation date no later than Sept. 1, 2010