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**Personnel**

**READMISSION OF FORMER USAF ACADEMY  
CADETS**

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This instruction implements AFD 36-20, *Accession of Air Force Military Personnel*, and establishes the readmission requirements of former USAF Academy cadets who were administratively separated for certain specified reasons. It applies to all USAF Academy activities involved in counseling former cadets concerning their readmission.

**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS**

Deletes "or" from paragraph **1.2.6.**; deletes "and awards a panel rating to each admissions file" from paragraph **4.2.** A bar (|) indicates revision from the previous edition.

**1. Who May Apply for Readmission:**

- 1.1. A cadet who is reported as deficient in conduct or studies and recommended to be discharged from the USAF Academy may not, unless recommended by the Academy Board, be returned or reappointed to the USAF Academy (10 U.S.C. 9351a).
- 1.2. Cadets separated from the USAF Academy for any of the following reasons will not normally be readmitted by the Academy Board:
  - 1.2.1. Court adjudicated or admitted paternity or maternity which results in a legal obligation to support a child or children.
  - 1.2.2. Deficiency in aptitude for commissioned service.
  - 1.2.3. Deficiency in conduct which results in a "definitely not recommended" for precommissioning training as reflected on the DD Form 785, (Section IV, Block 5), **Record of Disenrollment from Officer Candidate-Type Training**.
  - 1.2.4. Fear of flying as a passenger.

1.2.5. Violations of the Cadet Honor Code.

1.2.6. Discharge characterized as General or under other than honorable conditions.

1.2.7. Dismissal as a result of trial by court-martial.

**2. Eligibility Requirements.** Former cadets who are reappointed by the Academy Board must meet all basic eligibility requirements listed in AFI 36-2019, *Appointment to the United States Air Force Academy*, with the following exception. They may exceed the age requirement (not having passed their 23d birthday on 1 July of the year of reentry), if, through normal progress toward graduation, they are projected not to have passed their 27th birthday on 1 July of the year of graduation.

**3. Former Cadet Review Panel.** The purpose of this panel is to review records of former cadets who apply for readmission and to make recommendations to the Director of Admissions (HQ USAFA/RR). The panel consists of Associate Director of Admissions for Selections (HQ USAFA/RRS)--Chairperson, Registrar and Director of Academic Affairs (HQ USAFA/DFR) representative, English Department (HQ USAFA/DFENG) representative, Mathematical Sciences Department (HQ USAFA/DFMS) representative, 34th Training Wing Commander (34 TRW/CC) representatives from 34th Education Group (34 EDG) and 34th Training Group (34 TRG), Director of Athletics (HQ USAFA/AH) representative, and Office of the Registrar (HQ USAFA/DFR) representative (Secretary).

#### **4. How Former Cadets Reapply:**

4.1. Former cadets must have a valid nomination to be eligible for reappointment. The Associate Director of Admissions (HQ USAFA/RRS) determines which application forms and processing procedures are needed.

4.2. The Former Cadet Review Panel evaluates the records of all qualified former cadets. This review will include consideration of the circumstances under which the cadet was separated from the Academy, reasons for wanting to return, record as a cadet, and activity and performance since departure. Cadets dismissed for academic deficiency who wish to reapply for an appointment should demonstrate the ability to successfully complete the USAF Academy curriculum. As a minimum, they should:

4.2.1. Demonstrate the ability to successfully complete an academic load and course mix similar to that offered at the USAF Academy (minimum of 15 semester hours or full-time equivalent) at a 4-year college or university.

4.2.2. Complete failed USAF Academy courses (equivalent or similar) with a grade of B or better. Questions regarding the equivalency of courses should be resolved in consultation with the academic departments having jurisdiction over the failed courses. Individual academic departments retain the prerogative to award transfer credit.

4.2.3. Select new courses with regard to their relevance to the USAF Academy curriculum so that transfer credit might be granted.

4.2.4. Take AFROTC courses, where available, and complete with a grade of B or better.

**NOTE:** In addition to going through the normal competitive admissions process again, former cadets must have an overall cumulative GPA (USAF Academy plus civilian college) equal to or greater than

2.00. However, fulfilling all the above requirements does not guarantee readmission to the USAF Academy.

4.3. The Director, HQ USAFA/RR will present recommended former cadets to the Academy Board for approval. HQ USAFA/DFR will recommend to the Director, HQ USAFA/RR the date of return, class to which reassigned, projected date of graduation, and any other conditions of reappointment.

4.4. Former cadets will compete for reappointment against applicants applying for the new entering fourth class. Those who departed the Academy in January, or who must return in January to meet graduation age requirements, will be considered in December on an individual basis as soon as their files are complete. Others will be considered during regular selection, normally in April, along with other qualified candidates competing within the same nominating categories.

4.5. If approved for reappointment by the Academy Board, each former cadet will be notified of the reappointment by the Director, HQ USAFA/RR. If the former cadet accepts the reappointment, he or she will be notified by the Chief, Cadet Examinations and Records (HQ USAFA/DFRR) of the date of return and in-processing requirements. Former cadets who are qualified for readmission but who do not rank high enough to be selected for appointment will be notified of their status by the first week in May. Former cadets who are disqualified for readmission will be notified in mid-May.

**NOTE:** Cadets who departed prior to recognition of their fourth-class year will return as fourth-class cadets regardless of academic requirements or credits.

**5. Form Adopted.** DD Form 785, **Record of Disenrollment from Officer Candidate-Type Training.**

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