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Time in Service Credit for ROTC Cadets

Soldiers who complete a period as a Cadet may assume they can count that time towards their 20-year time in service (TIS) for retirement. In the past, this ROTC period not counting towards a Soldier's TIS may have gone unnoticed. The release of the Integrated Personnel and Pay System-Army (IPPS-A) has made TIS calculations more apparent, and the IG has received requests for assistance regarding this matter. **Title 10, US Code 2106(c)** strictly prohibits counting Soldiers' participation in ROTC as TIS. Additionally, **AR 145-1 Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program: Organization, Administration, and Training** and **AR 140-185, Chapter 1-8a(1), Training and Retirement Point Credits and Unit Level Strength Accounting Records** also discusses the same prohibitions.

Title 10, US Code 2106(c).

In computing length of service for any purpose, **an officer appointed under this section may not be credited with enlisted service for the period covered by his advanced training**, other than any period of enlisted service performed on or after August 1, 1979, as a member of the Selected Reserve."

10 USC 2101 – Definitions. Defines Advanced Training as the training and instruction offered in the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps to students enrolled in an advanced education program beyond the baccalaureate degree level or to students in the third and fourth years of a four-year Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps course, or the equivalent period of training in an approved two-year Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps course (except that, in the case of a student enrolled in an academic program which has been approved by the Secretary of the military department concerned and which requires more than four academic years for completion of baccalaureate degree requirements, including elective requirements of the Senior Reserve

Officers' Training Corps course, such term includes a fifth academic year or a combination of a part of a fifth academic year and summer sessions)."

AR 145-1, Chapter 13-3c.

Soldiers interested in the Green to Gold Active-Duty Option Program (G2GADOP) **must be advised that current law (10 USC 2106(c)) does not allow any of his/her accrued time period as a Cadet participant in the SROTC towards RA 20-year retirement eligibility/benefits and/or RC retirement eligibility points.** In addition, G2GADOP Soldiers must agree that as ROTC participants, they are not members of the Selected Reserve. Consequently, **once a G2GADOP Soldier is commissioned, the time spent in the Advanced Course phase of SROTC (MSL III and MSL IV instruction) will not be included, for any purpose, in service computations made after the Soldier accepts an appointment** (for example, it may not be used to compute either time in service for pay purposes, or in computing years of service for retirement).

AR 140-185, Chapter 1-8a(1).

An officer with service as a Cadet at a Service academy per 10 USC 403, or in a Senior ROTC Program in accordance with 10 USC 2104 and 10 USC 2107, **will have, as an anniversary date, the date the Soldier entered into active service or active status minus any service as a Cadet.**



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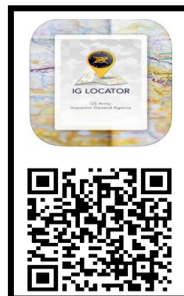
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References:

- Title 10, US Code 2106(c) and 2101
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