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MEMORANDUM FOR

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SUBJECT: Updated Guidance on the Use of the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation 621-5 (Army Continuing Education System), 28 October 2019.
- b. Army Regulation 611-5 (Personnel and Classification Testing), 9 December 2015.

2. Purpose: This memorandum provides updated policy on the use of the TABE by Army Education Centers and Offices and supersedes TABE guidance found in reference 1a.

3. Applicability: This update applies to all Army Education Centers and Offices regardless of component.

4. Release of TABE 11&12: According to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE), TABE 9&10 is no longer approved for use with federal funding or available for accountability. The National Reporting System for Adult Education (NRS) approval ended on 30 June 2020. In response to this, Data Recognition Corporation developed, field tested, and released TABE 11&12, which is the newest iteration of the TABE.

5. Updated TABE Policy: Effective immediately, Army Education Centers and Offices will use TABE 11&12 whenever the TABE is required for a Soldier's admission into a Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST) program or course.

- a. Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP).

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(1) Eligibility: Soldiers who score less than 576 on the Reading Level D TABE 11&12 or less than 596 on the Math Level D TABE 11&12.

(2) Program Completion: A Soldier who achieves a score of 576 or higher on the Reading Level D TABE 11&12 or 596 or higher on the Math Level D TABE 11&12.

b. General Technical (GT) Improvement Course.

(1) Eligibility: Soldiers with a GT score of less than 110 (or less than what is required to meet a specific military goal) and scores below 576 on the Reading Level D TABE 11&12 or 596 on the Math Level D TABE 11&12.

(2) Course Completion: A Soldier who achieves a GT of 110 or higher on the Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT) designated in reference 1b.

c. General Education Development (GED) Test Preparation Course.

(1) Test: Soldiers with this objective should take the TABE 11&12 with the Locator placement test.

(2) Course Completion: A Soldier who achieves a score of 576 or higher on the Reading Level D TABE 11&12, 596 or higher on the Math Level D TABE 11&12, 584 or higher on the Language Level D TABE 11&12 test, and completes the official GED successfully.

d. Reading Skill Development Course.

(1) Eligibility: Non-Commissioned Officers attending advanced military schooling and/or needing to improve reading skills who scored below 576 on the Reading Level D TABE 11&12.

(2) Course Completion. A Soldier who achieves a score of 576 or higher on Reading Level D TABE 11&12 prior to Senior Leader Course or 617 or higher on Reading Level A TABE 11&12 prior to Sergeants Major Course.

6. TABE Retake: Soldiers who score below 576 on the Reading Level D TABE 11&12 or below 596 on the Math Level D TABE 11&12 will not retake the TABE until at least one of the following conditions have been met:

a. The Education Services Officer, Education Services Specialist, or Guidance Counselor reviews the Soldier's reason for the retake and recommends retesting.

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b. The Soldier is enrolled in, or completes, a FAST program/course.

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