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SUBJ: CHANGE TO TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA) PROGRAM

A. Performance, Training, and Education Manual, COMDINST M1500.10 (Series)

B. COMCOGARD FORCECOM NORFOLK VA 191855Z APR 13/ALCOAST 175/13

1. Due to lower than expected TA expenditures since the resumption of the program in April, the Coast Guard is able to expand TA eligibility to all Active Duty members for the remainder of FY13.

2. Paragraph 2.B. of Ref (B) restricted TA to members E-6 or below. The Coast Guard Institute (CGI) is now accepting TA applications for all degree levels from all Active Duty members (and Reserve members on long-term Active Duty orders issued for over 180 days).

3. The remainder of the eligibility criteria apply as described in Ref (A) and Ref (B) (i.e. members are limited to six credit hours per fiscal quarter, and approval by COs, OICs, or first O-6/GS-15 in the chain-of-command are required to ensure individuals meet eligibility criteria).

4. The increased eligibility may not be available in FY14 as TA funding for next year is still unknown. TA funding is anticipated to remain volatile and members should plan accordingly when starting/continuing a degree program. We will keep you updated on the FY14 TA program as information becomes available.

5. For field level questions, members should refer to their local ESO. Questions from unit ESOs should be directed to CW04 Tex Collier (CGI) at (405) 954-7233, email Devale.J.Collier(at)uscg.mil.

6. RDML S. A. Buschman, Commander, Force Readiness Command, sends.

7. Internet release authorized.

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