



Direct Commissions - Basic Branches

The Army National Guard's Basic Branch Direct Commission program offers an alternative commissioning program to highly qualified National Guard members. Attendance at an Officer Candidate School IS NOT required.

If soldier meets the direct appointment criteria, both the soldier and their unit administrative personnel assemble an application packet which is forwarded through military channels to the National Guard Bureau. Forwarding of a packet does not guarantee approval.

Basic Branch Direct Commission Application Criteria

Minimum of a 4-year college degree

Minimum of 2 years active duty

Current member of the National Guard in grade of SGT or above

Minimum GT score (from ASVAB) of 110

Minimum age 18, maximum age 30 (up to age 35 with state waiver)

Pass standard 3-event Army Physical Fitness Test

Meet height and weight standards

Have a secret security clearance or a clearance request submitted

Must be a citizen

Pass a medical examination for commission (Chapter 2, AR 40-501)

All waivers must be approved before a packet can be submitted