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Welcome to the Army Publication Directorate's (APD) Army abbreviations, brevity codes, and acronyms web site. This database contains abbreviations, brevity codes, and acronyms authorized for Army use. There is no distinction in this database between an abbreviation, brevity code, or acronym. This database was designed to provide appropriate abbreviations, brevity codes, and acronyms for Army's use.

You may search for an ABCA by using one of the following search methods/criteria; and, where appropriate, submit changes, additions, and deletions. When requesting a submission of a new ABCA, a change, or a deletion, you will be asked to provide your name, email address, and phone number.

Begin a Search

To begin a search, select a search option from the drop-down menu in Section A.

Exact Abbreviation, Brevity Code, or Acronym – To find the exact meaning/description, enter your search criteria in Section B (example: USTRANSCOM, SAM, or TOW) and click the **Search** button. Click the **Restart Search** button to start over with a new search, or if modifying the current search criteria.

The screenshot displays the web interface for the Army Abbreviations, Brevity Codes, and Acronyms (ABCA) database. At the top, the APD logo and "ARMY PUBLISHING DIRECTORATE" are visible on the left, and the "AMERICA'S ARMY: SERVICE TO THE NATION STRENGTH FOR THE FUTURE" slogan with the U.S. Army star logo is on the right. A navigation bar includes links for HOME, HELP, and USER MANUAL. Below this, a green header reads "Abbreviations, Brevity Codes, and Acronyms". A paragraph of instructions states: "Please select a search option from the drop down list in Section A. Enter your search criteria in Section B and then click on the 'Search' button. Click on 'Restart Search' button to start over with a new search." Section A, titled "Section A: Search Option Selection", contains a dropdown menu with the text "Select an Option" and the selected option "exact Abbreviation, Brevity Code, or Acronym". Section B, titled "Section B: Search Criteria", contains a text input field with the placeholder "Enter Search Criteria". At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Search" and "Restart Search".

Acronym begins with - To find all meanings/descriptions beginning with a text string, use the **acronym begins with** search.

Acronym wild card - To find meanings/descriptions containing the search string, use the drop-down option list to select the **acronym (wildcard)** option. A search for USA using this option will return meanings/descriptions for USA, AUSA, DUSA, EUSA, HQUSACE, etc.

Reverse Lookup (keywords) - To find words/phrases, use the **reverse lookup (keywords)** option then type in a phrase or list of words. This will return a list of all ABCAs containing the words or phrases you entered.

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Abbreviations, Brevity Codes, and Acronyms

Please select a search option from the drop down list in Section A. Enter your search criteria in Section B and then click on the 'Search' button. Click on 'Restart Search' button to start over with a new search.

▶ Section A: Search Option Selection

Select an Option: exact Abbreviation, Brevity Code, or Acronym
acronym begins with
acronym (wild card)
reverse lookup (keywords)

▶ Section B: Search Criteria

Enter Search Criteria:

Search Restart Search

The **Search Results** page displays the ABCA(s) and description(s) currently in the database.

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Search Results [Restart Search](#) [Add ABCA](#)

If your search does not yield the appropriate result, please click on **'Restart Search'** and use appropriate case letter size. If this fails, request to have ABCA added to database - click on **'Add ABCA'** to add an ABCA that is missing. This will take you to a page where a request for an addition can be made. For information that needs to be corrected, move the cursor over the information and click. You will be taken to a page where a change or deletion request can be made.

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ABCA	Description
AMA	air material area
AMA	automatic message accounting
AMA	against medical advice
AMA	American Medical Association

Jump To Page: 1

If your search has yielded an ABCA that is incorrect, please click on the appropriate ABCA, to find the **'Request Change'** button. Click on it and complete the **'Request Change'** form.

Add an ABCA

To add an ABCA that is not listed, click the **Add ABCA** button located at the upper right portion of the search results page. This will take you to a page where a request for an addition can be made.

Enter the requested information (that is, ABCA and description) in Section A, the prescribing directive information in Section B, and the requester's information in Section C. The **requester** is the person adding the ABCA. If the ABCA administrator has a question concerning the submitted data, the requester will be contacted for clarification.

The screenshot shows the APD (Army Publishing Directorate) web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'HELP', and 'USER MANUAL' links. The main header features the APD logo and the text 'ARMY PUBLISHING DIRECTORATE' on the left, and 'AMERICA'S ARMY: SERVICE TO THE NATION STRENGTH FOR THE FUTURE' with the U.S. Army logo on the right. Below the navigation bar, the form is titled 'Add Information'. A message states: 'Please enter the abbreviation information and click on the 'Continue' button.' The form is divided into three sections: Section A: Abbreviation, Brevity Code, or Acronym Information; Section B: Prescribing Directive Information; and Section C: Requester Information. Each section has a red asterisk indicating a required field. Section A includes fields for 'ABCA*' and 'Description*'. Section B includes a dropdown for 'Prescribing Directive*', and text boxes for 'Directive Number*', 'Directive Date', and 'Remarks*'. Section C includes text boxes for 'Requester Name*', 'Agency Name*', 'Business Telephone Number*' (with a format of () -), 'DSN' (with a format of -), and 'Email Address*'. At the bottom of the form, there are 'Continue' and 'Cancel' buttons. A final message at the bottom of the form reads: 'If you are satisfied the information is correct, click the 'Continue' button below. You will have another chance to verify that the information is complete and correct before the information is transmitted to APD. If you do not want to add this address information, click the 'Cancel' button below.'

After entering the data, if you are satisfied that the information is correct, click the **Continue** button. You will have another chance to verify that the information is correct before transmitting to APD. If you **DO NOT** want to add the ABCA click the **Cancel** button.

The **Add Information-Verification** page contains a summary of the information you have provided. Review this information carefully to ensure its accuracy. To make changes, click the **Modify** button below. If the information is correct and you wish to continue, click the **Submit** button to have your request transmitted and processed by APD.

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Add Information - Verification

This page contains a summary of the information that you have provided. Please review this information carefully to make sure that it is accurate. If you wish to make any changes, please click on the **Modify** button below. If the information shown is correct and you wish to continue please click on the **Submit** button below.

Section A: Abbreviation, Brevity Code, or Acronym Information

ABCA	AMA
Description	automatic message adaptor

Section B: Prescribing Directive Information

Prescribing Directive	AR
Directive Number	xx-xx
Directive Date	00 Jan 00
Remarks	New regulation/new acronym

Section C: Requester Information

Requester Name	John Doe
Agency Name	Army Publishing Directorate
Business Telephone Number	(000) 000 - 0000
DSN	000 - 0000
Email Address	john.doe@abc.mail.mil

Please note that once you click on the **Submit** button, you will NOT be able to change this information by clicking on the **Back** button on your screen.

NOTE: Once you click on the **Submit** button, you will **NOT** be able to change this information by clicking the **Back** button in your browser.

Change an ABCA

To make a **change** to an ABCA, move the cursor over the hyperlink for the ABCA you wish to change and click. You will be taken to a page where a request for a change or a deletion can be made.

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ABCA	Description
AMA	air material area
AMA	automatic message accounting
AMA	against medical advice
AMA	American Medical Association

The **View Information** page displays the data currently in the system. You may choose to change a record by clicking on the **Request change** hyperlink.

The screenshot shows the APD 'View Information' page. The header and navigation bar are identical to the previous screenshot. The page title is 'View Information'. A paragraph of text explains that this page displays the data currently in the database. If any of the information is incorrect, users should select the 'Request Change' button located at the bottom of the page to submit a request which will be reviewed and implemented by the ABCA personnel. Below this text, there is a section titled 'Abbreviation, Brevity Code, or Acronym Information'. This section contains a table with two columns: 'ABCA' and 'Description'. The table contains one entry with the ABCA value 'AMA' and the description 'automatic message accounting'. Below the table, there are three hyperlinks: 'Back to Search Results', 'Request Change', and 'Request Delete'. A red arrow points to the 'Request Change' link.

Abbreviation, Brevity Code, or Acronym Information	
ABCA	AMA
Description	automatic message accounting

Section A of the **Change Information** page is pre-filled for your convenience. Modify all information that is incorrect, and complete sections B and C.

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Change Information

This page displays the ABCA Terms currently in the database. Fields in 'Section A' are pre-filled for your convenience. Modify all information that is incorrect and click the 'Continue' button.

Section A: Abbreviation, Brevity Code, or Acronym Information * Indicates a Required Field

ABCA*

Description*

Section B: Prescribing Directive Information * Indicates a Required Field

Prescribing Directive*

Directive Number*

Directive Date

Remarks*

Section C: Requester Information* Indicates a Required Field

Requester Name*

Agency Name*

Business Telephone Number*

DSN

Email Address*

If you are satisfied the information is correct, click the 'Continue' button below. You will have another chance to verify that the information is complete and correct before the information is transmitted to APD. If you do not want to change the information, click the 'Cancel' button below.

If you are satisfied the information is correct, click the **Continue** button. You will have another chance to verify that the information is correct before transmitting to APD. If you **DO NOT** want to add the ABCA, click the **Cancel** button.

The **Change Information – Verification** page contains a summary of the information you have provided. Review this information carefully to ensure its accuracy. To make changes, click the **Modify** button. If the information is correct and you wish to continue, click on the **Submit** button to have this request transmitted and processed by APD.

Change Information - Verification

This page contains a summary of the information that you have provided. Review this information carefully to ensure its accuracy. To make changes, click on the **Modify** button below. If the information shown is correct and you wish to continue, click the **Submit** button below to have this request transmitted and processed by RMDA.

Section A: Abbreviation, Brevity Code, or Acronym Information

ABCA	AMA
Description	automatic message accounting

Section B: Prescribing Directive Information

Prescribing Directive	AR
Directive Number	xx-xx
Directive Date	00 Jan 00
Remarks	new regulation acronym

Section C: Requester Information

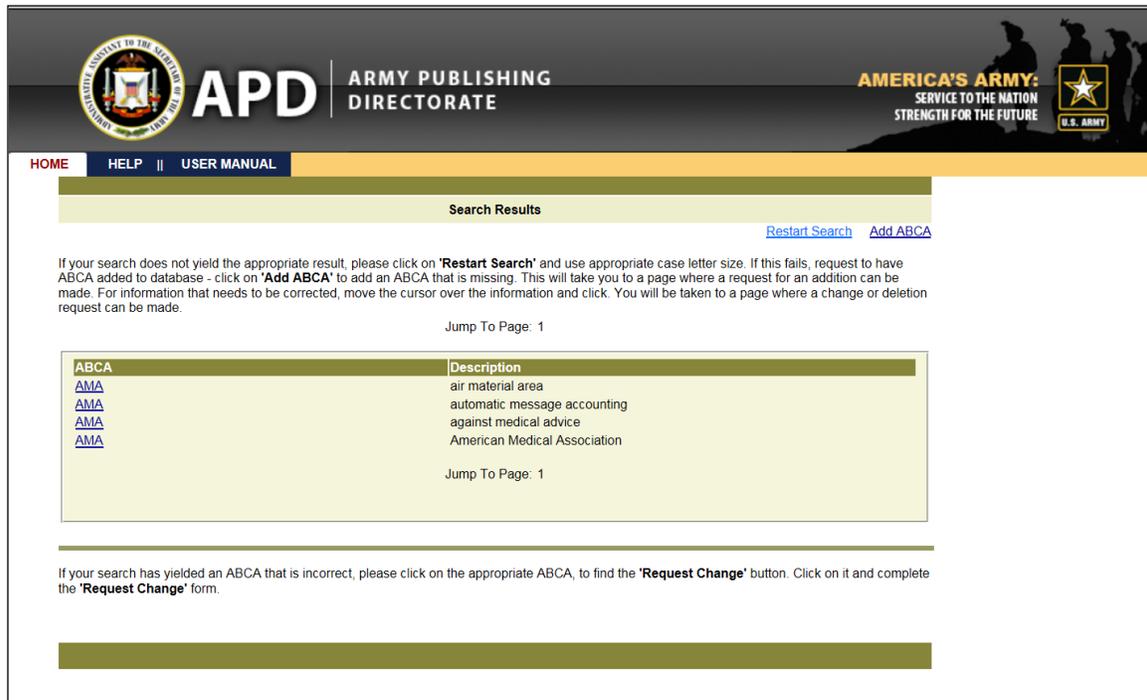
Requester Name	John Doe
Agency Name	Army Publishing Directorate
Business Telephone Number	(000) 000 - 0000
DSN	000 - 0000
Email Address	john.doe@abc.mail.mil

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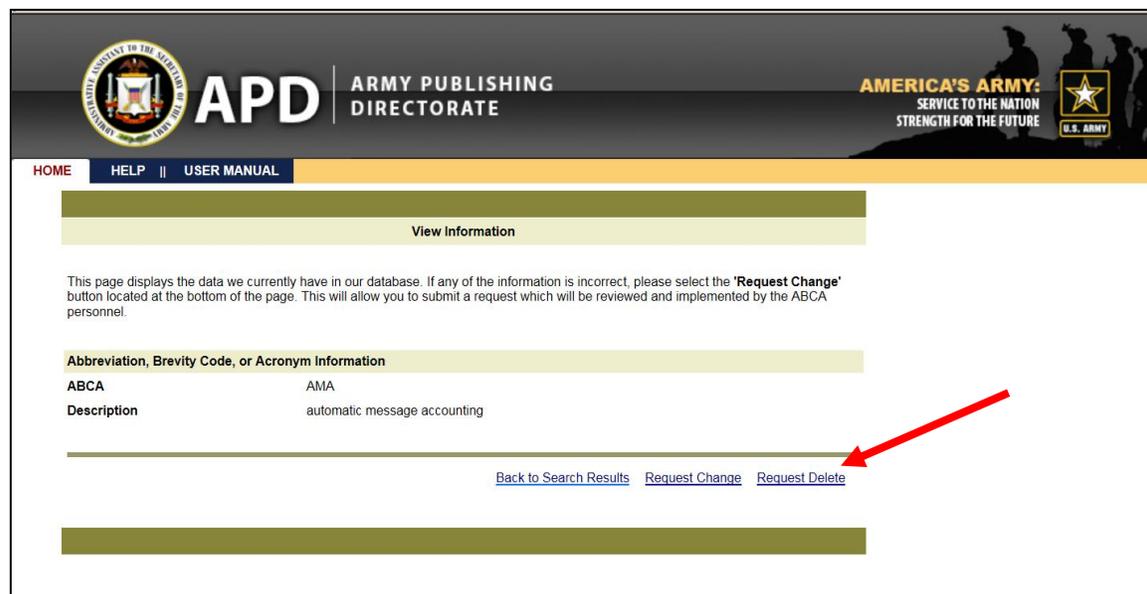
Delete an ABCA

To **delete** an ABCA, move the cursor over the hyperlink for the ABCA you wish to delete and click. You will be taken to a page where a request for change or a deletion can be made.



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The **View Information** page displays the data currently in the system. You may choose delete a record by clicking the **Request Delete** hyperlink.



The screenshot shows the APD 'View Information' page. It features the same navigation bar and header as the previous page. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'View Information' section. A message states: 'This page displays the data we currently have in our database. If any of the information is incorrect, please select the 'Request Change' button located at the bottom of the page. This will allow you to submit a request which will be reviewed and implemented by the ABCA personnel.' Below this message, there is a table with the following data:

Abbreviation, Brevity Code, or Acronym Information	
ABCA	AMA
Description	automatic message accounting

At the bottom of the page, there are three hyperlinks: 'Back to Search Results', 'Request Change', and 'Request Delete'. A red arrow points to the 'Request Delete' link.

The **Delete Information** page displays the data we currently have in the system. This information cannot be changed. Fill out the requester's information and click on the **Continue** button to have this record deleted.

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Delete Information

This page displays the data we currently have in our system. Please fill out your information, and click on the 'Continue' button to have your request to delete this address processed.

Section A: Abbreviation, Brevity Code, or Acronym Information

ABCA: AMA
Description: automatic message accounting

Section B: Prescribing Directive Information * Indicates a Required Field

Prescribing Directive*: AR
Directive Number*: xx-xx
Directive Date: 00 Jan 00
Remarks*

Section C: Requester Information* Indicates a Required Field

Requester Name*: John Doe
Agency Name*: Army Publishing Directorate
Business Telephone Number*: () -
DSN: -
Email Address*: john.doe@abc.mail.mil

If you are satisfied that the above information should be deleted, click the 'Continue' button below. You will have another chance to verify that the information is complete and correct before the information is transmitted to APD. If you do not want to delete this address information, click the 'Cancel' button below.

Continue Cancel

If you are satisfied the information is correct, click the **Continue** button. You will have another chance to verify that the information is correct before transmitting to APD. If you **DO NOT** want to delete the ABCA, click the **Cancel** button.

The **Delete Information – Verification** page contains a summary of the information you have provided. Review this information carefully to ensure its accuracy. To make changes, click on the **Modify** button. If the information shown is correct and you wish to continue, click on the **Submit** button to have this request transmitted and processed by APD.

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Description	automatic message accounting

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Remarks	

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