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1. References. A complete list of references is at enclosure.

2. Purpose. Within the Army’s intelligence activities, this directive rescinds benchmarking tools, and modifies policies and procedures.

3. Applicability. This directive applies to the Regular Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, the U.S. Army Reserve, Army civilian employees, and non-Army elements that include, but are not limited to, advisors, contractors, consultants, and licensees. It also applies to employees of the Army-Air Force Exchange Service, American Red Cross, and the United Service Organization who are required to have an Army personnel security clearance. The applicability of this directive to local foreign national employees and contractors employed by Army agencies in overseas areas will be governed by Status of Forces Agreements and applicable treaties between the United States and host countries.

4. Policy. Commanders have full authority to exercise their individual discretion to simplify, reduce, or eliminate the benchmarking tools discussed in this paragraph. These benchmarking tools are no longer required by Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA). Commanders will comply with federal government requirements for certain personnel security investigations discussed below. And, to the extent permitted by law and DoD policy, certain Army policy is simplified and streamlined.

   a. Commanders at brigade, group, and battalion level with 50 or more language coded positions authorized on Army manning documents are no longer required to establish a command language council (CLC). CLCs may be established at a commander’s discretion. If a unit level CLC is established, it will be organized in accordance with procedures currently prescribed as a part of the Army foreign language program (reference f) and supported by a unit level Command Language Program manager.

   b. Commanders of intelligence personnel are no longer required to maintain or submit to the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command Foundry Program administrator an annual Foundry training plan for approval. In accordance with the Army Foundry intelligence training program (reference g), Foundry training will continue to be integrated into units’ overall training plan at the unit commander’s discretion.
c. The Foundry Program administrator is no longer required to provide the Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS), G-2 Foundry Program manager with quarterly training execution reports. Accordingly, commanders of intelligence personnel are no longer required to submit quarterly Foundry Program training execution reports (reference g).

d. Provisions of the Army personnel security program (reference j) prescribing personnel security investigation requirements for certain positions not necessarily requiring access to classified information is rescinded. In accordance with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) regulation managing designation of national security positions (reference a), commanders will use the OPM Position Designation System to designate the sensitivity level of these positions. Commanders should consult program-specific Army regulations to identify positions not necessarily requiring access to classified information that nonetheless require a personnel security investigation.

e. Army policy requires regulations to avoid duplication of policies and procedures already published in other regulations. Accordingly, the DCS, G-2 will remove the following procedures from the Army industrial security program (reference i) and direct users to the appropriate programs for procedural guidance, as discussed below:

(1) Reporting adverse information. The procedures are already prescribed as a part of the Army personnel security program (reference j).

(2) Reporting suspicious contacts. The procedures are already prescribed as a part of the threat awareness and reporting program (reference k).

(3) Reporting probable or possible espionage, sabotage, and subversive activities. The procedures are already prescribed as a part of the threat awareness and reporting program (reference k).

(4) Reporting the loss, compromise, or suspected compromise of classified information or controlled unclassified information. The procedures are already prescribed as a part of the Army information security program (reference h).

(5) The provision that requires contractors integrated and/or embedded into Army activities on an installation to be integrated into the Army information security inspection program. This requirement is already prescribed as a part of the Army information security program (reference h).

f. In accordance with DoD policy on counterintelligence awareness and reporting (reference b), annual live threat awareness and education training is mandatory Army-wide. When live training is not possible due to exigencies identified in the threat
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awareness and reporting program (reference k) or as approved according to procedures prescribed as a part of that program, alternative online training will not exceed 30 minutes.

5. Proponent. The DCS, G-2, is the proponent for this policy and will revise the applicable Army regulations to implement these changes as soon as possible.

6. This directive is rescinded upon publication of the revised regulations.

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REFERENCES


e. AR 11-2 (Managers' Internal Control Program), 4 January 2010.

f. AR 11-6 (Army Foreign Language Program), 18 February 2016.

g. AR 350-32 (Army Foundry Intelligence Training Program), 2 June 2015.


i. AR 380-49 (Industrial Security Program), 20 March 2013.


k. AR 381-12 (Threat Awareness and Reporting Program), 1 June 2016.

Enclosure