



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2016-33 (Special Board Review of Approved Qualitative Management Program Board Recommendations)

1. References:

a. Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1558 (10 U.S.C. § 1558) (Review of actions of selection boards: correction of military records by special boards; judicial review).

b. Action Memo, Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), November 4, 2002, subject: Implementation of Section 503 of FY02 NDAA (Approved 19 December 2002).

c. Army Directive 2014-06 (Qualitative Management Program), 10 April 2014.

d. Army Regulation (AR) 15-185 (Army Board for Correction of Military Records), 31 March 2006.

e. AR 635-200 (Active Duty Enlisted Administrative Separations), 6 June 2005, Including Rapid Action Revision No. 3 Issued 6 September 2011.

2. The Army Board for Correction of Military Records is designated as a special board pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 1558(b)(1)(B). This designation is limited to cases in which noncommissioned officers have been selected for involuntary separation under the Army's Qualitative Management Program (QMP). This designation of the special board for review of QMP selection board decisions is an exercise of the discretion reserved in reference 1b to the Secretary of the Army to grant a special board.

3. Noncommissioned officers who have been selected for separation by a QMP selection board may request special board review after they have obtained final action on their appeal in accordance with Army Directive 2014-06 and AR 635-200.

4. To apply for special board review, applicants will use the procedures prescribed in AR 15-185. An application for special board review will not delay the Director of Military Personnel Management's final action on a QMP selection board's recommendations.

5. The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) (ASA (M&RA)) is the proponent and exception authority for this policy and will issue an Armywide message to inform the force of the guidance in this directive.

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6. In addition to the QMP special board, the ASA (M&RA) will develop and staff long-term policy to implement 10 U.S.C. § 1558 for all selection boards subject to the statute. The policy will include the circumstances under which a special board may be provided and time limits applicable to filing an application for such consideration. The long-term policy will be submitted to the Secretary of Defense for approval as required by 10 U.S.C. § 1558 before taking effect.

7. The ASA (M&RA) will include the provisions of this directive and the implementing policy in the next revision of AR 15-185. This directive is rescinded upon publication of these implementing regulations.



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