

NEW POLICY

SUMMARY: Sets out the policy for handling readmission of students who were called to active military duty. The policy aligns with UNC Policy, Section 700.7.1.



**NORTH CAROLINA AGRUCULTURAL AND
TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY**

SEC. II – MILITARY-AFFILIATED 5.0

CALL TO DUTY: READMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

UNIT POLICY--ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. Scope and Purpose

North Carolina A&T State University acknowledges that students may be temporarily unable to attend classes or be required to suspend their studies in order to perform military service. The university encourages such students to resume their education once a military service obligation has ended and adopts this policy to ensure the timely readmission of such students.

B. Readmission of Service Members

The university complies with the Readmission Requirements for Service Members as outlined in the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA). The HEOA provides that an institution may not deny readmission to a service member of the uniformed services for reasons relating to that service. In addition, a student who is readmitted under this section must be readmitted with the same academic status as the student had when he/she last attended the institution. Academic status is defined by a student's grade level and whether or not the student was in a degree/certificate or non-degree/certificate program at the time of separation.

This policy applies to service in the uniformed services, whether voluntary or involuntary, on active duty in the Armed Forces, including service as a member of the National Guard or Reserve, for a period of more than 30 days under a call or order to active duty of more than 30 days. The university will readmit such a student as long as the following conditions are met:

- The student gives advance notice (written or verbal) of the call to active duty or, upon seeking readmission, submits to the Office of Veteran Affairs and Disability Support Services a written verification that such service was performed, requiring his/her absence.
- The absence from school for active duty does not exceed five consecutive years.
- The student submits a notification of intent to re-enroll within three years after the completion of service or within two years after recovery from an illness or injury incurred during the service.
- The separation from service was not dishonorable.

C. Tuition and Fees

A returning student shall receive a waiver of any new application process fees. A returning student is subject to required checks for campus safety if applicable.

D. Readmission Requirements

A returning student will be permitted to re-enroll in the next class(es) scheduled in the same academic program, unless the student requests a later date of re-enrollment or agrees to a different program. A returning student will be readmitted into the same academic program the student was enrolled in prior to the military service obligation. If the exact program no longer exists, the student must be admitted to the program that is most similar, unless the student requests or agrees to admission to a different program. A returning student will be reenrolled with the same enrollment status, number of completed credit hours and academic standing as the last academic year of attendance. A returning student may register for classes during the early registration period.

In accordance with federal regulations, a returning student who receives a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge from the Armed Forces (including the National Guard and Reserves) is not eligible for readmission under this policy. However, a service member who receives a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge may remain eligible for readmission even though he/she will not be entitled to the benefits outlined in this policy.

The returning student may be required to provide supporting documentation.

Date policy is effective: upon approval

Approved by the Chancellor

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Revised:

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