ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ★

Credentialing Assistance (CA)

1. What Is It?
- ➢ The Army's Credentialing Assistance (CA) Program provides Soldiers with funding for more than 1,500 credentials listed on Army COOL: https://www.cool.osd.mil/army.

2. How Do I Qualify?
- ➢ Complete AIT, WOBC or BOLC.
- ➢ Not be flagged.
- ➢ Have an active GoArmyEd (GAE) account (acceptable GAE holds: Tier, Civ. Ed, GPA, and Student Agreement).
- ➢ Be able to finish the training/exam prior to ETS or MRD.
- ➢ Officers (CW2, 2LT and above) incur a Military Service Obligation: AD/2 yrs; M-Day/4 yrs (MSOs do not apply to exams or recertification).

3. What Do I Get?
- ➢ CA provides up to $4,000/per FY to complete as many credentials as desired.
- ➢ Soldiers may use both Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) and Credentialing Assistance (CA); however, the combined usage shall not exceed $4,000 per FY.
- ➢ CA can be used for any credential listed on Army COOL: https://www.cool.osd.mil/army.
- ➢ CA will pay expenses for classroom, hands-on, online/blended training and associated materials to include: manuals, study guides, textbooks, processing fees, test fees, related fees for continuing education requirements, and recertification of credentials.
- ➢ Soldiers may request reimbursement from VA using their GI Bill benefits to pay for exams only.
  - o Important! Soldiers may only request reimbursement from VA if CA is not used to pay for the exam. The combined use of CA and VA benefits to pay for an exam is a duplication of benefits and is subject to recoupment.

4. What Are The Most Popular Certifications?
- ➢ Associate Professional in HR (aPHR)
- ➢ Certified Logistics Technician (CLT)
- ➢ Certified Personal Trainer (CPT)
- ➢ Certified Welder (CW) Commercial
- ➢ Commercial Driver License (CDL)
- ➢ Lean Six Sigma
- ➢ Project Mgmt Professional (PMP)
- ➢ Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- ➢ Private Pilot, Airplane Single Engine
- ➢ CompTIA A+ CompTIA Security +ce

5. How Do I Apply?

- **Log on to: www.armyignited.com and click "Get Started".**

6. Where Can I Go For Testing?

➢ Testing locations vary based on the exam. Check with your credentialing agency to find out where they offer testing.

➢ There are two major companies that offer certification and licensure exams. You can find local test centers on their websites:
  - o Pearson VUE: https://home.pearsonvue.com/
  - o Prometric: https://www.prometric.com/en-us/Pages/home.aspx

For More Information:

➢ Go to Army Cool: www.cool.osd.mil/army
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