



CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF INSTRUCTION

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JOINT ORIENTATION TRAINING FOR U.S. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO NATO ORGANIZATIONS

1. Purpose. To establish policy concerning the joint orientation training of U.S. personnel assigned to North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) organizations and the NATO Defense College. Title 10 U.S.C., section 153 (a) states that the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) is responsible for formulating policies for the joint training of the Armed Forces of the United States, and for formulating policies for coordinating the military education of members of the Armed Forces of the United States.
2. Superseded/Cancellation. CJCSI 1210.01E, 9 June 2012, is superseded.
3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the Joint Staff; U.S. Representatives to the U.S. Delegation to the NATO Military Committee (USDELMC), U.S. National Military Representative (USNMR) to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), and U.S. National Military Representative (USNLR) to Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT); Services; U.S. personnel assigned to NATO organizations; and the U.S. European Command J-1 (ECJ1).
4. Policy
 - a. It is the policy of the Chairman that all U.S. military personnel complete the NATO School Oberammergau (NSO) Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) course titled "Introduction to NATO" via NIPRNET at <<https://jadl.act.nato.int>>, before their assignment to a U.S. military post within NATO.
 - b. Enrollment at the 1-week NSO resident course titled "NATO Staff Officer Orientation" and "NATO Senior NCO Orientation" en route to NATO assignment is optional and requires approval for funding at Service expense. This option may be considered for NATO assignments of less than 36 months. U.S. officers and Senior NCOs should complete the NSO ADL "Introduction to NATO" course prior to attendance at NSO resident course.

c. Other military and civilian personnel whose duties are directly NATO-related may enroll in the NSO ADL “Introduction to NATO” course. These could include, among others, U.S. Defense attaché and Office of Defense Cooperation posts in NATO or Partnership for Peace countries.

5. Definitions

a. NATO Organizations. All NATO organizations where U.S. military officers are assigned. This includes the NATO International Military Staff, NATO agencies, NATO Defense College, strategic commands, joint force HQs, land, air, and maritime command HQs, NATO Communications and Information Agency, NATO Airborne Early Warning organization, NATO Memorandum of Understanding organizations including NATO Rapid Deployable Corps and NATO Centers of Excellence, and other NATO organizations having U.S. military posts.

b. U.S. Staff Officer. A military officer of the U.S. Services in grades O-3 through O-5.

c. U.S Senior NCO. A military non-commissioned officer of the U.S. Services in grades E-6 to E-9.

6. Responsibilities. The Services may identify students, and fund travel and per diem for them if seeking optional enrollment to attend a resident orientation course at NSO en route to NATO assignment. The Joint Staff, ECJ1, Services, and senior U.S. representatives to NATO organizations are responsible for executing NSO ADL course completion requirements as established under the authority of this instruction.

7. Summary of Changes

a. NDU course titled “NATO Orientation Program” was eliminated in October 2012 due to lack of funding and replaced with NSO ADL course titled “Introduction to NATO.”

b. Updates NATO Manning Division (ECJ1-N) to USEUCOM J-1 (ECJ1) due to internal re-configuration of ECJ1.

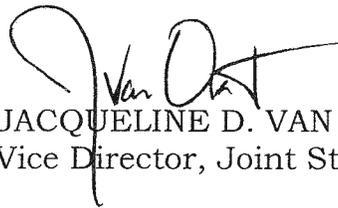
c. Adds the option to attend NSO resident courses titled “NATO Staff Officer Orientation” and “NATO Senior NCO Orientation” at Service expense.

d. Deletes General Guidance paragraph. Waivers required previously are no longer applicable for online course.

8. Releasability. UNRESTRICTED. This directive is approved for public release; distribution is unlimited on NIPRNET. DoD Components (to include the Combatant Commands), other Federal Agencies, and the public, may obtain copies of this directive through the Internet from the CJCS Directives Electronic Library at: <http://www.dtic.mil/cjcs_directives/>. Joint Staff activities may also obtain access via the SIPR Directives Electronic Library Web sites.

9. Effective Date. This INSTRUCTION is effective upon receipt.

For the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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