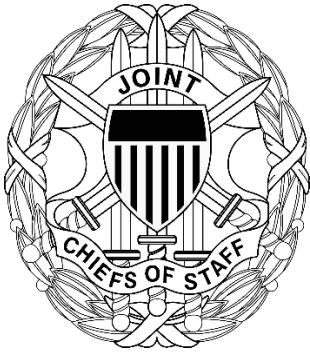


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## JOINT ORIENTATION TRAINING FOR U.S. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO NATO ORGANIZATIONS

1. Purpose. This instruction establishes 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. Code, 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 Superseded/Cancellation. CJCS Instruction 1210.01F, "Joint Orientation Training for U.S. Personnel Assigned to NATO Organizations," 31 March 2015, is hereby superseded.
3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the Joint Staff; U.S. Delegation to the NATO Military Committee (USDELMC), U.S. National Military Representative (USNMR) to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe (SHAPE); U.S. National Liaison Representative (USNLR) to Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT); Services; U.S. personnel assigned to NATO organizations; and U.S. European Command J1 (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. ECJ1 will coordinate with the Services to include this joint training requirement in its reporting instructions.

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b. Enrollment at the 1-week NSO resident course titled “NATO Orientation Course” 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 noncommissioned officers (NCOs) should complete the NSO ADL “Introduction to NATO” course before attending the 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 and NCOs are assigned. This includes the NATO International Military Staff; NATO agencies; NATO Defense College; strategic commands; joint force command headquarters (HQ); land, air, and maritime command HQ; 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. Officer. A military officer of the U.S. Services in grades O-3 through O-6.

c. U.S. NCO. A military noncommissioned officer of the U.S. Services in grades E-5 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. The NSO resident course titled “NATO Orientation Course” replaced two NSO resident courses titled “NATO Staff Officer Orientation” and “NATO Senior NCO Orientation.”

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b. The NSO resident course titled "NATO Orientation Course" is open to officers and NCOs in the grades of O-3 to O-6 and E-5 to E-9, respectively.

8. Releasability. UNRESTRICTED. This directive is approved for public release; distribution is unlimited on NIPRNET. DoD Components (including 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.jcs.mil/library>>. Joint Staff activities may also obtain access via the SIPRNET directives Electronic Library websites.

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

For the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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