



# FTCKY IG UPDATE



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## NEW POLICY FOR FACIAL HAIR GROOMING STANDARDS (Army Directive 2025-13)

### What's New:

This directive establishes new policy for facial hair grooming standards. This directive also prohibits permanent shaving profiles and provides the means for command teams to document and verify a Soldier's basis for a beard.

Soldiers must comply with the grooming standards unless granted a written exception to policy (ETP) for a medical condition or for an approved religious accommodation.

All Army units will conduct uniform and grooming standards reviews no later than 7 October 25 to assist Soldiers with complying with this directive.

### Medical Conditions

Exemptions for non-religious reasons require a temporary medical profile (DA Form 3349-SG) and an exception-to-policy (ETP) memo from the first **O-5 commander in the chain of command**.

All Physical profiles for shaving limitations will be re-evaluation by a medical provider no later than **07OCT25 (90 days form 07JUL25)**.

Once the medical treatment plan is approved, the first O-5 commander will issue the Soldier an approved ETP for facial hair grooming standards. The grooming ETP is valid only for the duration of the shaving profile.

An accumulation of ETPs to the facial hair grooming standards totaling over 12 months in a 24-month period may result in an administrative separation

Commanders and the NCO support chain will actively monitor treatment plans to assist Soldiers in returning to compliance with the facial hair grooming standards.

Soldiers must retain and readily produce a signed copy of their approved ETP when in uniform or on duty in civilian attire upon request.

### Religious accommodation

Soldiers currently approved for a religious accommodation will have their accommodation reviewed and verified in their AMHRR or Integrated Personnel and Pay System – Army (IPPS-A) by the first O-5 commander in their chain of command no later than **07OCT25 (90 days form 07JUL25)**.

Soldiers must retain and readily produce a signed copy of their approved religious accommodation decision memorandum when in uniform or on duty in civilian attire upon request.

Religious accommodations will continue to be processed in accordance with AR 600-20



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### References

- Army Regulation (AR) 40-502 (Medical Readiness)
- AR 600-20 (Army Command Policy)
- AR 670-1 (Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia)
- Army Directive 2025-13 (Facial Hair Grooming Standards)