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**Title
Update to Career Skills Program, DoD SkillBridge Program, and Individual
Internship Approval Authorities**

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A. Title, 10, U.S. Code, Section 1143 – Employment assistance (Available at [10 USC 1143: Employment assistance \(house.gov\)](#))

B. DoDI 1322.29, Job Training, Employment Skills Training, Apprenticeships and Internships (2014) (Available at [DoDI 1322.29, "Job Training, Employment Skills Training, Apprenticeships, and Internships \(JTEST-AI\) for Eligible Service Members," January 24, 2014; Incorporating Change 1 on May 5, 2020 \(whs.mil\)](#))

C. AR 600-81, Transition Assistance Program (12 April 2024), (Available at [Army Regulation 600–81](#))

1. This MILPER message will expire NLT 365 days from publication or upon the release of updated policies and AR 600-81.
2. The purpose of this message is to provide an update regarding approval authorities for Soldier participation in Career Skills Programs (CSP), DoD SkillBridge (SB) programs, and Individual Internships.
3. Eligibility. This message pertains to the Commanders of Soldiers who request to participate in CSPs, DoD SB programs, or individual internships.
4. Approval authority.
 - a. The first General Officer or Senior Executive Service equivalent in the Soldier's Chain of Command will approve individual Soldier participation in CSPs, DoD SB programs, or individual internships that take 121-180 days to complete. No further delegation is authorized.

b. CSP, DoD SB, or individual internship requests over 180 days are not authorized.

5. Send inquiries regarding this MILPER message to the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) policy office, located within the Transition Division at U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC), at email: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-transition-assistance-program@army.mil. Point of contact is Dr. Elena Knyshev, 520-942-5171.