

THE BOTTOM LINE

...on the lifting of Stop Move

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The Issue:

DA has lifted the general Stop Move policy, but most soldiers will continue to serve to their new DEROS as established by their Involuntary Foreign Tour Extension.

The Facts:

The DEROS is the authority for a unit to hold a soldier.

While the basic policy of Stop Move has been lifted, many soldiers will remain under its provisions. They will still be expected to serve out to their new DEROS (i.e. the DEROS established by the Involuntary Foreign Service Tour Extension (IFSTE)).

If the soldier deployed with the assigned unit or with another unit, he/she will serve to the new DEROS. If the unit deployed, and the soldier was part of a rear detachment or did not deploy with the unit for other reasons, the soldier will serve to the new DEROS.

If the soldier's unit was originally scheduled to deploy but never did, and the soldier also did not deploy, then the soldier's DEROS will be adjusted to reflect a 120-day IFSTE. Caution, many soldiers in these units are not currently under a full 180-day IFSTE, so they may not have a full 60 days subtracted from their current DEROS.

If the soldier was in a unit that was never scheduled to deploy, then he/she will serve out the full extension.

Early releases will be processed as curtailments. Curtailments require exceptional circumstances, and must be processed through the soldier's chain of command on a DA Form 4187. Also, the S1/G1 will enter the action in UPDB for processing.

Tell Your Soldiers:

The lifting of Stop Move does not mean that all soldiers depart on their old DEROS. Very few units outside of 1st Infantry Division will receive the 120-day adjusted IFSTE. The vast majority of soldiers will serve to their new DEROS. Soldiers wanting a curtailment from this DEROS must request the curtailment on a DA Form 4187 through their chain of command. The curtailments must be justified, and the soldier's MOS cannot drop below 95 percent in the unit within six months or the curtailment is subject to disapproval. Actions will be processed through UPDB.

For More Information:

Soldiers with questions on the effect to their reenlistment options or schools should contact their career counselor. Soldiers should direct other questions on this policy to their command and support staff. If commanders or S1s have questions on the enlisted policy, they can contact Ms. Sierra-Williams, 379-7691. For officer issues, the POC is MAJ Belme, DSN 379-6200, or CPT Brickson, DSN 379-6150.