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**READMISSION OF FORMER
USAF ACADEMY CADETS**

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This instruction implements AFD36-20, *Accession of Air Force Military Personnel*, and establishes the readmission requirements of former United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) cadets who were administratively separated for certain specified reasons. It applies to all USAFA activities involved in counseling former cadets concerning their readmission.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

In accordance with AFI33-360 Volume 1, *Air Force Content Management Program--Publications*, Paragraph 6.3., **this publication has been renumbered from USAFAI36-177 to USAFAI36-2005** to align with the Air Force Policy Directive it is implementing. Paragraphs **4.2.** and **4.2.1.** were substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. Paragraphs **4.3.** and **4.4.** are new. A bar (|) identifies revisions from the previous edition.

1. Who May Apply for Readmission:

- 1.1. A cadet who is reported as deficient in conduct or studies and recommended to be discharged from the USAF Academy may not, unless recommended by the Academy Board, be returned or reappointed to the USAF Academy reference Title 10 United States Code Armed Forces 9351a (10 U.S.C. 9351a)
- 1.2. The Academy Board will not normally readmit cadets separated from the USAF Academy for any of the following reasons:
 - 1.2.1. Court adjudicated or admitted paternity or maternity, which results in a legal obligation to support a child or children.
 - 1.2.2. Deficiency in aptitude for commissioned service.

1.2.3. Deficiency in conduct which results in a "definitely not recommended" for precommissioning training as reflected on the DD Form 785, (Section IV, Block 5), **Record of Disenrollment from Officer Candidate-Type Training.**

1.2.4. Fear of flying as a passenger.

1.2.5. Violations of the Cadet Honor Code.

1.2.6. Discharge characterized as General or under other than honorable conditions.

1.2.7. Dismissal as a result of trial by court-martial.

2. Eligibility Requirements. Former cadets who are reappointed by the Academy Board must meet all basic eligibility requirements listed in AFI36-2019, *Appointment to the United States Air Force Academy*, with the following exception. They may exceed the age requirement (not having passed their 23d birthday on 1 July of the year of reentry), if, through normal progress toward graduation, they are projected not to have passed their 27th birthday on 1 July of the year of graduation.

3. Former Cadet Review Panel. The purpose of this panel is to review records of former cadets who apply for readmission and to make recommendations to the Director of Admissions (HQ USAFA/RR). The panel consists of Associate Director of Admissions for Selections (HQ USAFA/RRS) Chairperson, Registrar and Director of Academic Affairs (HQ USAFA/DFR) representative, English Department (HQ USAFA/DFENG) representative, Mathematical Sciences Department (HQ USAFA/DFMS) representative, 34th Training Wing Commander (34 TRW/CC), 34th Education Group (34 EDG) representative, 34th Training Group (34 TRG) representative, Director of Athletics (HQ USAFA/AH) representative, and Office of the Registrar (HQ USAFA/DFR) representative (Secretary).

4. How Former Cadets Reapply:

4.1. Former cadets must have a valid nomination to be eligible for reappointment. The Associate Director of Admissions (HQ USAFA/RRS) determines which application forms and processing procedures are needed.

4.2. The Former Cadet Review Panel evaluates the records of all qualified former cadets. This review will include consideration of the circumstances under which the cadet departed or was separated from the Academy, reasons for wanting to return, record as a cadet, and activity and performance since departure. Cadets who are academically or physically deficient at the time of departure who wish to reapply for an appointment **must** demonstrate the ability to successfully complete the USAF Academy curriculum. As a minimum, they should:

4.2.1. Demonstrate the ability to successfully complete an academic load and course mix similar to that offered at the USAF Academy (minimum of 15 semester hours or full-time equivalent) at a 4-year college or university. Courses must be taken during the same semester at a single college or university. Courses completed via the internet will not be accepted.

4.2.2. Complete failed USAF Academy courses (equivalent or similar) with a grade of B or better. Questions regarding the equivalency of courses should be resolved in consultation with the academic departments having jurisdiction over the failed courses. Individual academic departments retain the prerogative to award transfer credit.