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Subject: DAWIA Level 2 Certification in the Contracting Career Field for USACE Non-1102's

Applicability: Information

1. The current training requirement for DAWIA Level 2 certification in Contracting is:

Non-1102 ACOs Level II Certification
(By-passing Level I Contracting Certification)*

Course Number	Course Title	Pre-Requisite	Method of Delivery	Training Duration
ACQ 101	Fundamental of Systems Acquisition Management	None	Internet	Self paced, start and finish in 60 days.
CON 214	Business Decisions for Contracting	CON 120**	Internet	9 lessons-40 hours
CON 215	Intermediate Contracting for Mission Support	CON 214	Resident	8 days with 2 week virtual classroom
CON 216	Legal Considerations in Contracting	CON 120**	Internet	11 lessons-40 hours
CON 217	Cost Analysis and Negotiation Techniques	CON 120**	Internet	13 lessons-40 hours
CON 218	Advanced Contracting for Mission Support	CON 215, CON 216 & CON 217	Resident	10 days with 2 week virtual classroom

*CLC 033 online 2 hour course also required

** CON 120 may be waived by the Regional Director of the Army Acquisition Support Center for AT&L workforce members with at least 2 years of acquisition experience. Waiver requests may be submitted by email.

2. Non-1102's (e.g. engineers) occupying positions that require an ACO warrant or feeder group positions are not required to achieve level 3 certification in the contracting career field. There is no requirement to first achieve Level 1 certification prior to achieving Level 2 certification. Level 3 certification is not desired nor allowed by Army for non-1102's.

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3. In addition to training, employees must have 2 years of contracting experience, a baccalaureate degree and 24 semester hours in business or business related courses. Generally, graduate engineers with a baccalaureate degree do not have the requisite 24 semester hours in business or business related courses required for level 2 certification and therefore must complete additional education to satisfy the 24 hour requirement.
4. The authority who decides the relevancy of an AT&L workforce member's education to satisfy the 24 hour requirement is the Acquisition Career Manager (ACM) acting in the role of certifying official. The ACM's servicing the entire USACE are located at either Ft. Belvoir, VA or White Sands, NM.
5. It is critical that we increase the number of engineers who meet the requirements of the law to obtain an ACO warrant to effectively administer construction contracts in the face of our ever increasing workload. We currently employ approximately 350 warranted engineer ACO's and another 550 are in feeder group positions.
6. Many of you have expressed frustration with the continually evolving and changing certification requirements published by DAU for certification in the contracting career field. The table below lists the new DAU CON courses from the 2008 catalogue and the associated predecessor courses. Completion of any predecessor course(s) satisfies the requirement to complete the associated new course(s):

New DAU CON Courses	Predecessor DAU CON Courses
CON 110, CON 111, CON 112	CON 101
CON 120	CON 104, CON 104B, CON 105, CON 106
CON 214, CON 215	CON 202
CON 216	CON 210
CON 217	CON 204

7. The Level 2 conversion matrix below lists the new DAU CON courses that must be taken if you have already completed some of the old predecessor courses. ACQ 101 is also required:

If you have completed	You are required to take	Recommended to Take
CON 202	CON 216, 217, 218	CON 214
CON 204	CON 214, 215, 216, 218	CON 217
CON 210	CON 214, 215, 217, 218	None
CON 202 and CON 204	CON 216, 218	CON 214, 217
CON 202 and CON 210	CON 217, 218	CON 214
CON 204 and CON 210	CON 214, 215, 218	CON 217

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8. Many Universities offer education recognized by DAU as equivalent to DAU CON training. For example the table below lists courses available through Webster University that can satisfy both the DAWIA training and 3 business credit hours for each course. All courses are available online. While this does not represent an endorsement by USACE of any particular university, it does provide an example of how DAU training equivalency and business credit hours can be obtained simultaneously. The following URL lists other university training that is available. Many of the course offerings are online and relatively inexpensive:

<http://www.dau.mil/learning/appgb.aspx>

Webster University Course	Equivalent to these Predecessor DAU CON Courses	Equivalent these new DAU CON Courses
PROC 5830 plus PROC 5840	CON 104	CON 120
PROC 5860	CON 202	Both CON 214 and CON 215
PROC 5870	CON 204	CON 217
PROC 5890	CON 210	CON 216

9. HQUSACE is working to develop a USACE wide program to help engineer interns and engineers that may not have initiated any DAU training and aspire to occupy positions requiring an ACO warrant to more rapidly achieve DAWIA training and education requirements. The initiative will involve university education which will satisfy both DAU training and business credit hour requirements similar to what is described herein. The initiative may not necessarily result in achieving the full 24 semester hour requirement. However, when combined with an engineer's baccalaureate degree qualifying course work, it will certainly help. Ultimately, workforce members are responsible for obtaining approval from the ACM's for education and training that will satisfy all certification requirements.

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