

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ★

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Army Personnel Testing (APT)

1. What Is APT?

- APT encompasses standardized tests used to determine eligibility for specialized training and to support the Army's personnel selection and classification process, including language proficiency testing (AR 611-5).

2. How Do I Qualify?

- Be an active drilling member of the Army National Guard (ARNG).
- Not have taken the requested test within the last 6 months.

3. What Tests Can I Take?

- APT offers career-enhancing exam options, such as:
 - *Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT)*
 - *Selection Instrument Flight Training (SIFT)*
 - *Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)*
 - *Defense Language Reading Proficiency Test (DLRPT)*
 - *Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB)*
 - *Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)*

4. What Are The Benefits of These Tests?

- AFCT: Raise GT/Line Scores to Re-class MOS or Qualify for Officer Candidate School.
- SIFT: Qualify for Aviation School.
- DLPT/DLRPT/DLAB/OPI: Qualify for Foreign Language Billets and Proficiency Bonuses.

5. How Do I Apply?

- A DA Form 4187 (Request for Personnel Action), signed by the Unit Commander, must be submitted to the Test Control Officer (TCO) to schedule an APT exam.

6. Reasons/Requirements for an Exception to Policy (ETP)

- An exception to policy approval is required when there is a **need** to retest.
- Each request, must provide military justification to include extenuating circumstances stating why the Soldier cannot wait the required six months.
- The request must include proof of training to justify that the retest will result in significantly improved scores (i.e. completion of the Online Academic Skills Course - OASC).
- Do not schedule a test without an **approved** ETP.
- A new DA Form 4187 shall be submitted to the TCO. The DA Form 4187 must include information regarding the previous test dates and scores and include a copy of the ETP as an attachment.
- All APT ETPs must be submitted through the State's ARNG TCO to the National Guard Bureau. Soldiers/States should refer to the Army APT Handbook for specific APT ETP requirements.

Helpful Links:

- AFCT test prep:
 - www.nelnetsolutions.com/dantesnet/
 - <https://www.khanacademy.org>
- SIFT test prep:
 - https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/helicopter_flying_handbook
- DLPT/OPI test prep:
 - <http://www.dliflc.edu/resources/products/>
 - <https://jlu.wbtrain.com/>

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