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TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF
ALL JOB CORPS REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS
ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS
ALL NATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS
ALL OUTREACH, ADMISSIONS, AND CTS CONTRACTORS

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Office of Job Corps 

SUBJECT: Adjustment to the Standardized Military Wage Rates for Calendar Year (CY) 2020

1. Purpose. This Information Notice is to notify the Job Corps community of the updated standardized military wage for Calendar Year (CY) 2020.

2. Background. PRH Appendix 501 contains Job Corps' performance accountability system for Center Operators, Outreach and Admissions (OA) contractors, Career Transition Services (CTS) providers, Career Technical Training (CTT) programs, and the Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) system. As a measure of program effectiveness, Job Corps is required to report on certain key performance metrics, including initial hourly wage and earnings in the second and fourth quarters after the exit quarter for those who entered employment; these metrics are in turn incorporated into the performance systems used to assess centers, CTS, and CTT programs.

Job Corps uses standardized hourly and weekly rates for students who have entered the military to account for the principal components of the military compensation package. That rate is adjusted annually to reflect the changes in the military base pay and various allowances made by the House Armed Services Committee.

For CY 2020, the military compensation package includes a 3.1 percent increase in base pay, and small increases in the subsistence, clothing and housing allowances. The new CY 2020 standardized military wage rates as of January 1, 2020 are listed below.

- Initial placement: \$17.73/hour
- Military placement in the second quarter after exit quarter: \$739.35 per week
- Military placement in the fourth quarter after exit quarter: \$787.67 per week

4. Effective Date. January 1, 2020.

5. Action. These standardized rates apply to all initial military placements with a date reported (i.e., the date the student entered the military) on or after January 1, 2020. It also applies to all military placements reported in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) surveys where the Quarter 2 or Quarter 4 after exit period is on or after January 1, 2020. For military placements whose Quarter 2 or Quarter 4 after exit period spans across CY2019 and CY2020, quarterly earnings are calculated using the proportion of the weeks in the reporting quarter the participant was in the military in 2020.

Addressees are to ensure this PRH Change Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff.

6. Inquiries. Questions or comments should be addressed to Shao Zhang at (202) 693-3917, or e-mailed to zhang.shao@dol.gov.