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REVIEW OF MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION FOR
ENLISTMENT INTO NIGERIAN ARMY

Reference:

A. NA Administrative Policies and Procedures 2015 (Revised).

1. Recruitment is a routine exercise aimed at sourcing manpower for the NA. It is meant to select able bodied men and women to serve as soldiers in the NA. The extant provisions of Article No 2 of Reference A deals with issues related to enlistment into the NA and Paragraph 10c of Article No 2 specifies that the minimum educational qualification for enlistment into the NA is the Senior Secondary Certificate of Education (SSCE) or equivalent with a minimum of 4 credits at O/Level including English Language.

2. It has however been observed that a sizeable number of enlisted men and women are reluctant to dedicate themselves to the ongoing NA operations against insurgents and bandits. They prefer instead to pursue other less risky endeavours or further their education in view of possessing their requisite educational qualification to gain admission into tertiary institutions. This is all in a bid to avoid participating in NA operations which ought to be a priority. This undesirable trend could be attributed to the emphasis placed on educational qualifications at the expense of passion and commitment to what a soldier stands for.

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3. Consequently, I am directed to convey that henceforth, the minimum educational qualification for enlistment into the NA shall be the SSCE or its equivalent with minimum of 4 passes including English Language. This review would ensure that more willing and committed young Nigerians are given the opportunity to serve in the NA without laying emphasis on their educational qualifications. I am further directed to request AHQ DOAA to amend Reference A to reflect this review.

4. All are expected to note and disseminate accordingly.



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