



# THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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### REDUCTION OF COMBAT TRYOUTS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to ensure the success and prosperity of the executive branch for serving the people, it is hereby ordered as follows:

#### Section 1. Purpose:

- a. This Administration believes that combat tryouts prevent Americans from gaining employment in the executive branch based on their intellectual skills, and not solely based on their combat skills.
- b. This Administration believes that combat tryouts are too common and too easy to pass. This Administration believes the increase of rarity of combat tryouts will result in the increase of difficulty of combat tryouts, and therefore only approve high-skilled individuals in combat, when such individuals are needed. Rarer tryouts will also further excite individuals and increase attendance of tryouts. Due to the commonality of combat tryouts, attendance is scarce.

Section 2. Regulation of Combat Tryouts:

- a. All Executive Branch departments and agencies, including individual divisions within departments and agencies, are prohibited from conducting tryouts based on combat standards to hire employees.
- b. Individual Departments, Agencies, and their divisions may apply for an exemption from this policy, which shall be approved by the President of the United States.
- c. Internal combat tryouts for specific divisions may still be hosted within agencies and departments may still be hosted. However, without gaining an exemption from the President of the United States

Section 3. Initial/Permanent Exemptions:

- a. The following Departments, agencies, and/or divisions are exempt from this executive order and may host combat tryouts.
  - i. The Special Forces
  - ii. The Special Weapons and Tactics Team
- b. This exemption may be revoked at any time by the President of the United States.
- c. The United States Military shall be permanently exempted from the provisions of this Executive Order.



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