

**MCRC FROST CALL 001-04 DATED 28 OCTOBER 2003**

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Subj: PROCESSING OF APPLICANTS REQUIRING REGIONAL AND MCRC  
COMMANDING GENERAL MORAL AND DRUG LEVEL WAIVERS

Ref: (a) USMEPCOM A-Z Initiatives to Improve Processing

1. Purpose. To notify all levels of the Marine Corps Recruiting Command of the processing limitations relative to applicants requiring Commanding General level moral or drug waivers.

2. Background. The reference established working groups from within USMEPCOM and the service recruiting commands. A major initiative was to improve the applicant processing flow to allow more time for service unique business practices to occur. One of the major concerns to this endeavor is the submission of waivers to the Commanding General Officer level while the applicant is on deck. Services are waiting until an applicant is fully qualified to assemble the waivers for General Officer staff review and then routinely request extensions of the MEPS processing time or exceptions to policy to allow the applicant to be contracted while still in the local MEPS. Some waivers are then disapproved and the extensions to the processing workday are moot, and the costs involved in medically qualifying an applicant who is later disqualified for moral reasons becomes an issue. The physical is the most time consuming and expensive process for the services.

3. Information. MCRC does not require an applicant to be medically qualified prior to submission of a General Officer waiver. Applicants who require a moral or drug waiver from either the Regional Commanding General or Commanding General MCRC, will not be processed at the MEPS on the same day that a CG level waiver is submitted. Applicants will have their required moral/drug waivers administratively processed prior to physical testing and then scheduled for full physicals upon waiver approval. Applicants who require a Regional Commanding General or Commanding General MCRC moral or drug waiver, and are physically tested, qualified not enlisted (QNE) prior to the submission of the waiver, will not be allowed an extension to the MEPS workday or exception to policy to process. Applicants, who are in a QNE status, can be scheduled for late arrival at the MEPS once waiver authority is received. Extended Hours Support (EHS) days for the sponsoring service are the only exception to this policy

4. Action. Effective 1 November 2003.

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