

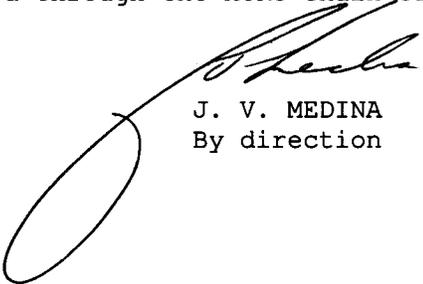
MCRC FROST CALL 030-00 DATED 18 MAY 00

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Subj: Pre-Accession Drug and Alcohol Testing

Ref/Encl: OSD MEMO OF 11 MAY 2000

1. **Purpose.** To notify all levels within the Marine Corps Recruiting Command, of the implementation procedures for the new Pre-Accession Drug and Alcohol testing policies.
2. **Background.** The reference establishes the new timelines to retest a disqualified applicant within the new policy guidelines.
3. **Information.** The reference establishes the new timeline for retesting applicants who initially tested positive for marijuana or alcohol. Although the new policy is effective on May 1, 2000, it cannot be implemented at MEPS until May 22, 2000 due to the need for computer programming changes and extra laboratory equipment.
  - a). **Disqualification (first test).** All applicants previously disqualified and under the 6 month retest rule will be qualified to retest in 45 days vice 6 months, but will not be able to report to MEPS for the new test until May 22, 2000. All other applicants who tested positive after March 15, 2000 will wait the 45 days prior to retesting.
  - b). **Disqualification (second test).** A second positive test will require the applicant to wait 24 months (730) days before they may retest.
  - c). **Disqualification (third test).** A third test found positive will disqualify the applicant permanently for military service.
4. **Action.**
  - a). Retests are authorized the day after the mandatory waiting period has elapsed.
  - b). Consult the enclosure for disqualification of applicants testing positive for cocaine or in combination with marijuana.
  - c). Applicants will be discharged from the DEP who test positive for marijuana, alcohol or cocaine. The MEPS will not administer a retest until this had occurred.
5. Address questions to local MEPS/Sector. Any unresolved issues should be addressed through the MCRC chain of command.



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