

FOREIGN AREA OFFICER QUESTIONNAIRE For Direct Commissioning

Before filling out this form, all applicants must be familiar with FAO career development per [DA PAM600-3](#)

Privacy Act Statement

AUTHORITY: DA PAM 600-3 Chap 27, DoDI 1315.17, DoDI 1315.18, and DoDI 1315.20

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(s): To access fully qualified foreign area officers

ROUTINE USUES: To access a Soldier's military records and eligibility for the functional area. Information furnished may be disclosed to DOD officials or employees who need this information to perform their duties.

DISCLOSURE: Disclosure of information is voluntary but may affect accession into a functional area.

PART I – BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Name (Last, First)	Go-By Name	Rank	MOS/Branch
Email Address (Military)			Phone (Primary)
Email Address (Alternate/Commercial)			Phone (Alternate/Commercial)
Current Address			Have you ever been passed over for promotion?

Years of active federal service at time of application

PART II – EDUCATION

Degree Type (AA, BA, MA), School Name, Major, Year Earned	Resident or Online?	GPA
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PART III – OTHER PROGRAMS AND ASSIGNMENT CONSIDERATIONS

List any/all other Army programs that you are currently participating in or to which you have submitted an application. Examples include but are not limited to: Army/Joint Fellowships, USMA teaching or cadre program, etc. Include the name of the program(s), start date, projected end date, and any additional pertinent information. If your application is accepted, limits to other programs may be accessed. If not participating in any program, applicant should state "No other programs".

PART IV – FAO AREA OF CONCENTRATION (AOC) PREFERENCES

Your DLAB Score	AOC	Languages (category)	Minimum DLAB	
<p>INSTRUCTIONS: Rank all AOCs for which you have a sufficient DLAB score. You may be assigned any AOC for which you are eligible.</p> <p>Your AOC and training program will be determined by the needs of the Army; taking into account your language aptitude, current language proficiency, military background, previous experiences, studies, and when possible, your preferences. In order to support ongoing operations, certain AOCs are in high demand or have a large number of billets. If accessed into an AOC where you speak the language, you may receive a second language.</p>	48B – Western Hemisphere	Spanish (1)	95	
	1 st Preference	48E – Europe/Eurasia	Russian (3); Turkish (3); Serbo-Croatian (3); French (1)	95
	2 nd Preference	48G – Middle East / North Africa	Arabic (4); Persian-Farsi (3)	105
	3 rd Preference	48P – Asia-Pacific	Chinese Mandarin (4); Japanese (4); Korean (4); Thai (3); Vietnamese (3); Indonesian (2)	100
	4 th Preference	48J – Sub-Saharan Africa	French (1)	95
5 th Preference				

Applicants that place 48G in their top preferences have a higher selection rate.

Note: Minimum AOC DLAB reflects lowest allowable DLAB score within a particular region, e.g., 48E requires 95 for French, but 105 for Russian, Serbo-Croatian, and Turkish.

DLAB CAT - CAT1 (95), CAT2 (100), CAT3 (105), CAT4 (110)

Exception to Policy officers email complete FAO application packet to both FAO Proponent and FAO Branch at:

usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-3-5-7.mbx.damo-ssf-fa-48@army.mil and usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tadd-osd-fao-branch@army.mil.

PART V – APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All applicants must acknowledge the below statements by entering initials or N/A in the blocks to the right. Check the left-hand boxes for the specific requirements.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

I am world-wide deployable and can operate in an austere, combat, deployed environment wearing a full complement of personal protective equipment (PPE) to include helmet, mask, body armor, and individual weapon. I acknowledge that many FAO positions are OCONUS and/or in austere locations and will accept assignment due to needs of the Army.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM WILLING TO BE DESIGNATED TO ANY AOC DEPENDING ON THE NEEDS OF THE ARMY

I am eligible and able to PCS NLT 18 months after selected for direct commissioning to FAO. I am ready and willing to PCS earlier due to needs of the Army. Your move date will be determined by the availability of training slots.

I am willing and ready to complete the initial 3-year FAO training pipeline which consists of: the Joint FAO Course (Phase I), basic language training (DLI), in-region training, advanced civilian schooling (ACS), and ILE Common Core Course. Applicants who cannot successfully complete the initial FAO training pipeline in accordance with DA PAM 600-3 will be returned to their basic branch.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT FAILURE TO PROGRESS DURING FAO TRAINING MAY RESULT IN RETURN TO BASIC BRANCH.

I have read and understand DA PAM 600-3 (FAO professional development) and the Direct Commissioning MILPER.

I have a minimum Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB) score of 95. If not: I have a current DLPT score of 2/2 and OPI score of 1+ in a FAO CLANG as indicated in the Direct Commissioning MILPER, and I have attached my DLAB test and re-test scores.

I possess or have the ability to obtain and maintain a TS/SCI security clearance. If I become unable to do so, regardless of cause, I will be returned to my basic branch.

Volunteer for the Defense Attache Service (DAS): I acknowledge that in applying to direct commission to FAO I am volunteering for all FAO jobs, including jobs in the DAS.

I acknowledge that if I am accepted into FAO and decline to transfer from my basic branch/MOS to FA48 my application may be rejected in future direct commission cycles.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

I have a foreign-born spouse.		Spouse country of birth.		Spouse country of citizenship.	
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If my spouse is foreign-born, he or she is a US citizen or will have applied for naturalization prior to the start of my training.

	My family includes EFMP dependents. I accept that FAO branch cannot support long-term CONUS assignments or assignments near major US military units with robust medical support. The EFMP screening process for OCONUS assignments may limit my ability to serve accompanied overseas. I have discussed this my family and still wish to apply.	
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	My spouse is also a service member (MACP). I acknowledge that many FAO assignments are in areas that are greatly removed from the larger US Army infrastructure. While FAO Branch will attempt to accommodate FAOs, this will be extremely difficult to accomplish. I have discussed this with my family, and I am prepared to serve multiple, and possibly repetitive, assignments apart from my spouse.	
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	FOR AVIATION OFFICERS ONLY: I am eligible and willing to continue flying as an Army Officer. I am willing to serve in FAO positions that requires additional aviation training.	
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DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ALL APPLICATIONS

Constructive Service Credit (CSC) Worksheet. Must possess a minimum of 60 months of demonstrated FAO-related CSC.	
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Memorandum for Record. Written to state my qualifications and purpose for applying to FAO, but not longer than one page.	
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Evaluations. Last five (5) evaluations or all available evaluations if less than five on record.	
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Letters of Recommendation. Three (3) Letters of Recommendations	
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College Transcripts. All undergraduate and graduate transcripts must be included.	
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DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR SOME APPLICATIONS

GRE Scores. If undergraduate GPA is less than 2.5, applicant must submit as part of their packet GRE scores that meet the stated minimums (153 verbal / 144 quantitative / 4.0 analytical writing).	
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DLAB. Applicants with a score below 95 but with a current DLPT/OPI score in a FAO CLANG must provide their DLAB test and re-test.	
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DA Form 330. Only if DLPT results do not appear on applicant's STP. DA330 must be within 12 months of application. Scores below 2/2 reading/listening or older than 12 months are not accepted.	
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By signing this document, I certify that I have read and understand all information within and that my packet is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.	
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Contact the Future Readiness Officer with any questions. Email complete FAO application packet to both FAO Proponent and HRC FAO Branch: usarmy.pentagon.hqda-dcs-g-3-5-7.mbx.damo-ssf-fa-48@army.mil and usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tadd-osd-fao-branch@army.mil