PROCEDURES AND **APPLICATION** FOR COMPASSIONATE REASSIGNMENT'S

COMPASSIONATE ASSIGNMENT (AR 614-200, Sec III, para 5-14)

WHAT ARE COMPASSIONATE ACTIONS

- 1. Compassionate actions are requests from individual Soldiers when personal problems exist.
- 2. Soldiers may be reassigned, deleted or deferred from AIs or attached as a result of an approved Compassionate request.
- 3. Soldiers requesting reassignment may be assigned to an area other than their requested geographical preference based on availability of medical services and the needs of the Army.

*Compassionate Reassignment may be:

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*Two types of personal problems:

Temporary (resolvable within a year)

Not expected to be resolved within a year

HOW ARE COMPASSIONATE ACTIONS SUBMITTED

Compassionate requests must be initiated by the individual Soldier concerned through their Battalion S1.

REQUIREMENTS

The following documentation will be included in addition to (as appropriate) the DA Form 3739.

MEDICAL PROBLEMS require a signed statement from the attending physician giving the specific medical diagnosis and prognosis of illness. (The statement will include date of onset past and anticipated periods of hospitalization; period of convalescence; anticipated life expectancy for terminal cases; and any other factors which establish the Soldier's presence as having a bearing on the medical conditions)

*For cases involving reassignment from an OCONUS location where medical care for family members is not available, include justification to that fact from appropriate medical authorities. (HSSA Europe, 18th MEDCOM or MACOM Surgeon General).

LEGAL PROBLEMS require a signed statement from a licensed attorney stating the problem and the reasons why alternative solutions other than reassignment of the Soldier are unacceptable. *If applicable, a copy of court order, divorce decree, or other necessary legal documents*.

RAPE/CHILD ABUSE require statement from police; social service agencies and/or examining physicians.

MARITAL and DEPENDENT problems alone are not a basis for a Compassionate action request. HOWEVER, when cases involve reassignment of Soldiers to dependent restricted tours (Soldiers not authorized transportation of dependents, JFTR para U5222D), a statement by the Soldier, witnessed by a an officer will specify that the Soldier has been advised the travel for dependents at Government expense is not authorized.

ESTABLISHED CRITERIA FOR SUBMITTAL OF COMPASSIONATE ACTION REQUEST

- **Commanders having approval authority will review each application to determine that established standards have been met.
- 1. The problem cannot be resolved through the use of leave, correspondence, power of attorney, or the help of family members or other parties.
- 2. If the problem involves a family member, the Soldier must be related. A family member includes spouse, child, parent, minor sibling, loco parentis, or the only living blood relative of the Soldier.
- **Other reasons, such as in-laws may be considered; provided they are documented as authorized family members (AR 600-8-14). If the problem is based on conditions of the "other persons." There must be no other family members of the family to help solve the problem.
- 3. There must be a valid MOS and grade authorization at the requested installation or activity. Soldiers AIs may be deferred (AR 600-8-11) pending the results of their Compassionate Reassignment request. Soldier in basic training will not be deferred from AIT pending the results.

REASONS COMPASSIONATE ACTIONS ARE <u>NOT NORMALLY</u> CONSIDERED GROUNDS FOR SUMITTANCE

- Soldier's desire to be in a new area.
- 2. Divorce or separation that is the result of family separation due to military requirements.
- 3. Legal actions and court appearances for matters relating to divorce and/or custody issues.
- 4. Recent awarding of custody of dependent child(ren) to the Soldier under the terms of a divorce or legal separation by temporary or permanent court order.
- 5. Sole parenthood.
- 6. Pregnancies involving threatened miscarriage, breech birth, cesarean section, or RH incompatibility of spouse.
- 7. The problem can be expected to be resolved by family members joining the Soldier at their duty station.
- 8. Minor allergies suffered by the members of the family due to climatic conditions.
- 9. Problems relating to home ownership or housing shortages.
- 10. Financial problems alone or as the result of mismanagement of financial affairs by the Soldier or the Soldier's family. Also, problems related to an off-duty job, spouse's job, or private business activities.
- 11. Chronic problems relating to parents or parents-in-law.
- ***All Compassionate action requests will be returned without action if not considered grounds for approval unless requested as an exception to policy.

WHO IS THE APPROVING AUTHORITY OF ALL COMPASSIONATE ACTION REQUEST

All request is email to

knox.hrc.epmdcompassionatesection@conus.army.mil.

Compassionate actions are time sensitive. Once action
are email, the status is monitored until it is approved or
disapproved. The status of a compassionate action is
recognized by codes in EDAS.

***Separate additional instructions are provided on monitoring the approval/disapproval status on EDAS.

IF APPROVED...

a. The compassionate action is endorsed with instruction for the Soldier concerned.

IF DISAPPROVED

b. The compassionate action is endorsed to the Soldier concerned with reason for disapproval.

***Soldiers are <u>not</u> authorized to submit more than one request for reconsideration for the same similar extreme family problem.

RESPONSIBILITY OF SOLDIERS' ACTIONS CONCERNING REASSIGNMENT/ATTACHMENT ORDERS.

- 1. Soldiers reassigned are referred to and serviced by MPD Reassignments Section Bldg 750.
- 2. Soldiers on leave from another installation may request Compassionate Reassignment to Hawaii through the Soldier' Action Branch.

**In the event of requesting Compassionate Reassignment to Hawaii while on leave from another installation the Soldier can in the meanwhile request an attachment (approved by HQDA) to Hawaii to terminate their leave status.

Compassionate Reassignment Reference AR 614-200

1.	Chapter	5-14	Overview
2.	Chapter	5-15	Criteria
3.	Chapter	5-16	Supporting Documents
4.	Chapter	5-16a	Medical Problems
5.	Chapter	5-16b	Legal Problems
6.	Chapter	5-16c	Rape/Child Abuse
7.	Chapter	5-16d	Marital/Dependence
8.	Chapter	5-16e	Other Problems
9.	Chapter	5-17	Temporary Request
10.	_		Long Term Request resolved within one year)

11. Chapter 5-19 Compassionate Reassignment

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