

FOREIGN SERVICE TOUR CURTAILMENT (FSTC)

1. References.
 - a. Chapter 5, AR 614-30, Overseas Service
 - b. USAREUR Regulation 614-2, Officer Use and Management
2. Assigning soldiers to and from overseas commands, often accompanied by family members, represents a significant investment of permanent change of station (PCS) funds. Consequently, the expectation is that each soldier will serve the complete tour prescribed for the overseas area to which assigned. There are a number of exceptional conditions outlined in reference a., which may require curtailment of a soldier's overseas tour.
3. Approval authority for FSTCs normally rests with the assignment authority at U. S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC). Individual requests for FSTCs must be initiated or endorsed by the first Colonel in the chain of command and subsequently endorsed at each command level up to the approval authority.
4. Commanders of requesting units have the authority to disapprove requests for FSTCs.
5. To provide flexibility in assignment actions, assignment authorities at HRC may reassign a soldier within the period beginning 60 days before the end of the prescribed tour. This is not considered a curtailment and the soldier will receive credit for a completed tour.
6. Tour curtailments to attend a resident command and staff course or senior service college, and meet battalion and brigade assumption of command dates are routine. These curtailments are not contentious.
7. Assignment authorities at HRC do, on occasion, state their intent to curtail an officer's tour to attend special training or accept a special or nominative assignment. Upon receipt of such a statement of intent, the officer must coordinate with the officer's major subordinate command (MSC) or USAREUR staff element, and USAREUR OPMD. If the officer's chain of command recommendation is to non-concur with the curtailment, an e-mail with an explanation to the non-concurrence will be forwarded to USAREUR OPMD. USAREUR OPMD will send the non-concurrence to the officer's HRC Assignment Branch and HRC Distribution Division.