



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE FOREIGN LANGUAGE CENTER
AND PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA 93944

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

ATFL-CMDT

19 May 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Eligibility Criteria for DLIFLC Diplomas and Associate of Arts Degree

1. Students enrolled in Basic Programs who fail to achieve DLPT threshold scores of L2/R2/S1+ are currently ineligible both for Associate of Arts degrees and diplomas. Instead of diplomas, they receive certificates of completion. However, students enrolled in post-DLPT enhancement who score L2/R2/S1+ or higher are granted diplomas and, if they have accomplished the requisite course work, AA degrees. Unlike students in post-DLPT courses, students in the field who later raise their DLPT scores to minimum proficiency standards have no recourse to petition DLI for diplomas and AA degrees.
2. I hereby direct that DLIFLC alumni who are active duty service members or reservists be allowed to use post-graduation DLPT scores to petition for diplomas and/or AA degrees. If a student fails to achieve L2/R2/S1+ at DLIFLC, but subsequently exceeds the minimum scores on the DLPT, he or she may petition ATFL-DAA-R. Once a student has met all requisite DLI general education requirements and ES has received the original answer sheet with the required minimum DLPT scores, ATFL-DAA-R shall award a diploma and/or AA degree, as appropriate.
3. In a few cases, telephonic OPIs may be required for students who wish to re-test in Speaking. Resources permitting, ES shall review these requests and approve or disapprove them on a case-by-case basis. ES may ask students to provide evidence of their preparation to justify a request for a new OPI.
4. Granting active duty service members and reservists another chance to earn diplomas and AA degrees provides extra incentive for them to continue striving towards higher proficiency levels in their respective target language. It should also serve as an incentive for reenlistment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin M. Rice".

KEVIN M. RICE
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Commandant