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SUBJECT: Defense Security Cooperation Agency Policy Memorandum 26-74, Updates to
Chapter 10 International Military Education and Training Short Duration Waiver
and Courses Section [SAMM E-Change 884]

This memorandum updates the Security Assistance Management Manual (SAMM) Chapter 10, Section C10.6.3.6. and Table C10.T4. to reflect a Department of State (State) Policy change regarding the minimum duration of International Military Education and Training (IMET)-funded training. State's policy change eliminated the requirement to reduce the administrative burden on the security cooperation community. The 2026 IMET Grant Military Assistance Guide (GMAG) update removed the requirement for short duration waivers for IMET courses in the United States. Historically, the GMAG required a formal waiver and justification for any IMET-funded course occurring in the United States with a duration of less than five weeks. To streamline execution for DSCA, Military Groups (MILGPs) and Military Departments (MILDEPs), State has eliminated this waiver requirement. However, State will still review courses at the Security Cooperation Education and Training Working Group (SCETWG) to ensure any "short courses" are a good investment of time and resources and align with overall policy.

Effective immediately, the State policy removed the minimum duration threshold for IMET-funded courses. MILGPs are no longer required to submit short duration waivers for courses lasting less than five weeks. The removal is permanent.

The policy in the attachment is incorporated into the SAMM at <https://samm.dsca.mil>.

If you have questions about this memorandum, please contact DSCA (Defense Security Cooperation University, International Military Training and Education Division (DSCU/IMTE)) dsca.ncr.dscu.list.cos-imte-all-members@mail.mil. Please reference the DSCA policy number and memorandum subject in your inquiry. For general questions about the SAMM, please contact DSCA (Office of Strategy, Plans, and Policy, Execution Policy and Analysis Directorate (SPP/EPA)) at dsca.ncr.spp.mbx.epa@mail.mil.



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Attachments:

1. SAMM E-Change 844 - Removing International Military Education and Training Short Duration Waiver Updates

Attachment 1: Security Assistance Management Manual E-Change 884

Removing International Military Education and Training Short Duration Waiver Updates

1. Remove Section C10.6.3.6. and renumber subsequent section as required.

~~C10.6.3.6. The minimum duration of training in the United States that is funded under the IMET program is five weeks if all or part of the overseas travel is paid by IMET. If an IMET recipient country pays 100 percent of the overseas travel to and from continental United States (CONUS) training, there is no minimum duration requirement. When IMET pays for any part of trans-ocean overseas travel, training less than five weeks in total duration requires a DSCA policy waiver before being programmed. IMS in processing and/or ELT are not considered part of the five-week requirement. This limitation does not apply to the courses listed in Table C10.T4, which are exempt from the 5-week duration requirement. Waivers may be submitted by the SCO, through the CCMD to DSCA (DSCU/IMTE).~~

2. Remove Table C10.T4. "Exempt Short Duration Courses" and renumber subsequent tables as required.

Courses/Schools	Implementing Agency
E-IMET Courses Flag-Ranked Courses Orientation Tours	All MILDEPs
IMS Alumni Engagement specific Events/Courses	All MILDEPs
Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC)	Army
Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School (NAVSCIATTS)	Navy
Air Force Physiological and Physiological refresher Training Combined Strategic Intelligence Training Program English Language Instructor courses Flight Safety courses Inter-American Air Forces Academy (IAAFA) International Intelligence Fellows Program	Air Force
DSCU School of Security Cooperation Studies (SSCS)	DSCA