

ACTIVATION OF INITIAL SUITE OF LANGUAGE TRAINING COURSES FOR THE
REGIONAL, CULTURE, AND LANGUAGE FAMILIARIZATION (RCLF) PROGRAM

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THE REGIONAL, CULTURE, AND LANGUAGE FAMILIARIZATION (RCLF) PROGRAM//
REF/A/DOC/MROC DM 38-2012//

REF/B/DOC/MCSCP, SIGNED 4 JANUARY 2010//

REF/C/DOC/MARINE CORPS LRC STRATEGY 2011-2015, SIGNED AUG 2010//

REF/D/MARADMIN/232332ZOCT12//

REF/E/MARADMIN/091921ZAPR13//

NARR/REF A ESTABLISHED RCLF AS A RECOGNIZED MARINE CORPS PROGRAM.

REF B DIRECTED THE REGIONAL ORIENTATION OF THE OPERATING FORCES. REF

C DIRECTS DEVELOPING LANGUAGE, REGION, AND CULTURE (LRC) FOR THE

GENERAL PURPOSE FORCE. REF D ANNOUNCES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE

RCLF PROGRAM. REF E ANNOUNCES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RCLF PROGRAM
FOR THE RESERVE COMPONENT.//

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. BACKGROUND. THE RCLF PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED BY

REF A TO SUPPORT REF B AND C REQUIREMENTS. THE RCLF PROGRAM IS THE

MARINE CORPS' CAREER LONG DISTANCE LEARNING REGIONAL, CULTURE, AND

LANGUAGE FAMILIARIZATION PROGRAM, THROUGH WHICH EVERY CAREER MARINE

IS ASSIGNED ONE OF 17 RCLF REGIONS. REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS AT THE

BASIC SCHOOL FOR NEWLY PROMOTED 2NDLTs BEGAN IN APR 2009, WITH

ASSIGNMENTS TO WARRANT OFFICERS BEGINNING IN FEB 2011. REGIONAL

ASSIGNMENTS VIA MCTFS FOR NEWLY PROMOTED ACTIVE COMPONENT SERGEANTS

BEGAN IN 2012 AND FOR RESERVE COMPONENT SGTs IN MAY 2013. ONCE

ASSIGNED A REGION, MARINES SELECT A CORRESPONDING REGIONAL LANGUAGE.

EVERY MARINE'S RCLF EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE BOTH REGIONAL AND

CULTURAL LEARNING, AND LANGUAGE FAMILIARIZATION INSTRUCTION. THESE

BLOCKS OF INSTRUCTION RELATE TO EACH RANK. REF A REQUIRES MARINES TO

COMPLETE ALL RANK-ASSOCIATED RCLF BLOCKS OF INSTRUCTION IN ORDER TO

BE CONSIDERED PME COMPLETE FOR GRADE. INDIVIDUAL MARINE'S RCLF

ASSIGNMENT CODES CAN BE FOUND IN MOL. ONCE IN MOL, OPEN THE

PERSONAL INFO TAB, THEN CLICK ON THE BIR LINK AND SCROLL DOWN TO THE

RCLF REGION DESCRIPTION UNDER SERVICE INFORMATION. MARINES WHO ARE

RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETING RCLF COURSEWARE BUT DO NOT HAVE A RCLF

REGION ASSIGNMENT SHOULD CONTACT THE POC IN ORDER FOR AN ASSIGNMENT

TO BE MADE.

2. CURRICULUM

2.A. THE INITIAL SUITE OF RCLF LANGUAGE TRAINING COURSES HAS NOW

BEEN ACTIVATED ON MARINET. THE RCLF PROGRAM, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE

REFS, IS NOW OPERATIONAL FOR ALL 17 REGIONS BY THE FOLLOWING RANKS:

01-04, WO-CWO4, AND E5 (THE INITIAL RCLF RANK FOR ENLISTED MARINES).

BY THE SUMMER OF 2014, RCLF COURSES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MARINES IN THE RANKS OF E6 AND E7. COURSES FOR MARINES IN THE RANKS OF CWO5, O5, AND E8-E9 REMAIN UNDER DEVELOPMENT.

2.B. ADDITIONALLY, THE LATEST MCTFS SOFTWARE UPDATE INITIATED THE RCLF COMPLETE FLAG WHICH INDICATES IF MARINES HAVE COMPLETED ALL THE ASSOCIATED TRAINING FOR THEIR RANK-ASSOCIATED RCLF BLOCKS OF INSTRUCTION. THE BIR LISTS THE ASSIGNED REGION ALONG WITH THE RCLF COMPLETE FLAG.

3. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MARADMIN IS TO AUGMENT REF D AND E AND ANNOUNCE THE ACTIVATION OF THE INITIAL SUITE OF LANGUAGE TRAINING COURSES FOR THE RCLF PROGRAM; THE LANGUAGE COURSE IS INTEGRAL TO THE PROGRAM. WITH THE ACTIVATION OF THE BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE, URDU, AND MODERN STANDARD ARABIC LANGUAGE TRAINING COURSES ON MARINET, THE INITIAL SUITE OF LANGUAGE TRAINING COVERING EACH OF THE 17 RCLF REGIONS IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ALL 17 REGIONS.

4. ALL MARINES ASSIGNED A RCLF REGION ARE REQUIRED TO SELECT A LANGUAGE AND TO COMPLETE THE ASSOCIATED BLOCKS OF RCLF EDUCATION ON MARINET. COMPLETING THE LANGUAGE TRAINING IS REQUIRED TO BE CONSIDERED PME COMPLETE FOR THE GRADES OF E6, CWO3, AND O3.

4.A. COMMISSIONED OFFICERS: SINCE APRIL 2009 LIEUTENANTS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED A RCLF REGION WHILE ATTENDING TBS. COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH A DATE OF COMMISSIONING OF 1 APRIL 2009 OR LATER ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE RCLF BLOCKS OF INSTRUCTION IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED PME COMPLETE FOR EACH RANK THROUGHOUT THEIR CAREERS. FOR EXAMPLE: A 2NDLT COMMISSIONED ON 1 MAY 2009 IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE RCLF COURSES, CULTURE 101 AND THE REGION OFFICER BLOCK 2 (REGION MICRO-REGION CURRICULUM) TO BE PME COMPLETE FOR PROMOTION TO CAPTAIN, AND WOULD HAVE TO COMPLETE OFFICER BLOCK 3 (REGION MICRO-REGION BLOCK 3 CURRICULUM) AND A REGIONAL LANGUAGE HEADSTART2 (HEADSTART 2 - LANGUAGE CURRICULUM) TO BE PME COMPLETE FOR PROMOTION TO MAJOR.

4.B. WARRANT OFFICERS: SINCE FEBRUARY 2011 WARRANT OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED A RCLF REGION WHILE ATTENDING TBS WARRANT OFFICERS WITH A DATE OF RANK OF 1 FEBRUARY 2011 OR LATER ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE RCLF BLOCKS OF INSTRUCTION IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED PME COMPLETE FOR EACH RANK THROUGHOUT THEIR CAREERS. FOR EXAMPLE: A WARRANT OFFICER APPOINTED ON 1 FEBRUARY 2011 IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE RCLF COURSES, CULTURE 101 AND THE REGION OFFICER BLOCK 2 (REGION MICRO-REGION CURRICULUM) TO BE PME COMPLETE FOR PROMOTION TO CWO-3, AND WOULD HAVE TO COMPLETE OFFICER BLOCK 3 (REGION MICRO-REGION BLOCK 3 CURRICULUM) AND A REGIONAL LANGUAGE HEADSTART2 (HEADSTART 2 - LANGUAGE CURRICULUM) TO BE PME COMPLETE FOR PROMOTION TO CWO-4.

4.C. ENLISTED MARINES: SINCE THE 1ST QUARTER OF FY 2013, SERGEANTS WITH A DATE OF RANK OF 1 OCT 2012 OR LATER HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED A RCLF REGION. SERGEANTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE RCLF BLOCKS OF INSTRUCTION IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED PME COMPLETE FOR EACH RANK THROUGHOUT THEIR CAREERS. FOR EXAMPLE: A SGT PROMOTED ON 1 OCTOBER 2012 IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE RCLF COURSES, CULTURE 101 AND THE REGION ENLISTED BLOCK 3 (RCLF PROGRAM REGION ENLISTED BLOCK

3 CURRICULUM) TO BE PME COMPLETE FOR PROMOTION TO SSGT, AND WOULD HAVE TO COMPLETE ENLISTED BLOCK 4 (RCLF PROGRAM REGION ENLISTED BLOCK 4 CURRICULUM) AND A REGIONAL LANGUAGE HEADSTART2 (HEADSTART 2 - LANGUAGE CURRICULUM) TO BE PME COMPLETE FOR PROMOTION TO GYSGT.

4.D. EXEMPTIONS: MARINES PROMOTED TO SERGEANT BEFORE 1 OCTOBER 2012, APPOINTED A WARRANT OFFICER BEFORE 1 FEBRUARY 2011, OR COMMISSIONED A SECOND LIEUTENANT BEFORE 1 APRIL 2009 ARE GRANDFATHERED OUT OF THE PROGRAM. THESE MARINES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ANY RCLF BLOCKS AT ANY TIME DURING THEIR CAREERS. THOSE CONSIDERED GRANDFATHERED ARE ENCOURAGED TO STUDY A SPECIFIC REGION, COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE RCLF BLOCKS, AND COMPLETE A HEADSTART2 LANGUAGE OF THEIR CHOICE.

5. UPDATES TO CURRENT BLOCKS OF INSTRUCTION, RCLF COURSES FOR THE SENIOR RANKS, AND ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES ARE BEING DEVELOPED AND WILL BE ACTIVATED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. MARADMINS WILL BE PERIODICALLY PUBLISHED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCHING OF FUTURE RCLF COURSES, INCLUDING UPDATED VERSIONS OF PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED BLOCKS OF INSTRUCTION.

6. BELOW IS THE LIST OF RCLF REGIONS AND THE INITIAL SUITE OF ASSOCIATED LANGUAGE COURSES:

REGION NAME (CODE) ----- INITIAL SUITE OF LANGUAGES

ARABIAN PENINSULA AND

GULF (AG) ----- IRAQI ARABIC, MODERN STANDARD ARABIC,
PERSIAN FARSI

THE BALKANS (BK) ----- RUSSIAN

CENTRAL AFRICA (CF) ---- FRENCH, SWAHILI

MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA

AND CARIBBEAN (CM) ----- SPANISH, FRENCH

CENTRAL ASIA (CS) ----- RUSSIAN

EAST AFRICA (EF) ----- FRENCH, MODERN STANDARD ARABIC, SWAHILI

THE LEVANT (LV) ----- IRAQI ARABIC, MODERN STANDARD ARABIC

NORTH AFRICA (NF) ----- FRENCH, MODERN STANDARD ARABIC

NORTHEAST ASIA (NS) ---- CHINESE-MANDARIN, KOREAN

SOUTHEAST ASIA (SE) ---- CHINESE-MANDARIN

SOUTH AFRICAN (SF) ----- BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE, FRENCH

THE SAHEL (SH) ----- FRENCH, MODERN STANDARD ARABIC

SOUTH AMERICA (SM) ----- BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE, SPANISH

SOUTH ASIA (SS) ----- PASHTO, URDU

TRANS-CAUCASUS (TC) ---- RUSSIAN

WEST AFRICA (WF) ----- FRENCH

WEST-SOUTH ASIA (WS) --- DARI, PASHTO, PERSIAN FARSI, URDU NOTES:

MARINES WITH TESTED (DLPT) FLUENCY (1+/1+ IN ANY TWO MODALITIES - SPEAKING, READING, LISTENING) IN ANY LANGUAGE LISTED ABOVE OR IN THE FOLLOWING LIST, ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR ASSIGNED REGION, ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE HEADSTART2 TRAINING COURSES ON MARINET AND ARE CONSIDERED PME COMPLETE FOR THE LANGUAGE PORTION OF THE RCLF PROGRAM. ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES ASSOCIATED WITH RCLF REGIONS ARE: AG- LEVANTINE, SUDANESE, TURKISH; BK- ALBANIAN, GREEK, SERBIAN-CROATIAN; CF- LINGALA; CM- NA; CS- UZBEK; EF- AMHARIC, EGYPTIAN, SOMALI, SUDANESE; LV- HEBREW, KURDISH-KURMANJI, KURDISH-SORANI, LEVANTINE,

TURKISH; NF- EGYPTIAN, SUDANESE; NS- CHINESE-CANTONESE, JAPANESE; SE - BAHASA INDONESIAN, CEBUANO, CHAVACANO, CHINESE-CANTONESE, THAI, TAGALOG; SH- SUDANESE, EGYPTIAN, HAUSA, YORUBA; SM- NA; SS- HINDI, PUNJABI; TC- AZERBAIJANI, TURKISH; WF- HAUSA, YORUBA; WS- KURDISH-KURMANJI, KURDISH-SORANI.

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