



**TRIAL DEFENSE SERVICE
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**WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CHAPTER 11, AR 635-200
ENTRY LEVEL SEPARATION**

This handout provides general information concerning Chapter 11, AR 635-200, Entry Level Separation. AR 635-200 contains more specific information. If you have additional questions, please consult with a Trial Defense Service (TDS) attorney.

I. **Basis for Chapter Elimination:** Soldiers who have completed no more than 180 days of active duty (AD) or initial active duty for training (IADT) on the date of the initiation of the separation action may be separated under the provisions of Chapter 11. Separation is based on unsatisfactory performance or misconduct (or both), which is evidenced by:

1. Inability;
2. Lack of reasonable effort;
3. Failure to adapt to the military environment;
4. Minor disciplinary infractions; or
5. For pregnant female Soldiers still in a training status, when the separation authority and obstetrician determine the Soldier cannot fully participate in MOS training due to the pregnancy.

II. **Command Requirements before Separation:** Before initiating separation under Chapter 11, the commander must insure that the Soldier has had adequate counseling and an adequate opportunity for rehabilitation. Rehabilitation efforts vary, but may include change to a new section or platoon within the unit or to a new unit.

III. **Soldier Rights before Separation:** Soldiers have the right to consult with a TDS attorney or with private counsel at no expense to the government and to submit matters for the separation authority to consider before the separation authority makes a final decision regarding separation. All Soldiers pending Chapter 11 separation should consult with an attorney before making any decisions concerning the Chapter 11 separation.

IV. **Separation Authority:** The separation authority is normally the Soldier's first Lieutenant Colonel commander in the chain of command.

V. **Characterization of Service:** The Soldier's service will be uncharacterized.

VI. **Separation Pay:** Separation pay is not authorized.