



## Dismissal or Recycle from Officer Candidate School (OCS)



### What happens if you are recommended for recycle or dismissal from OCS?

When a candidate goes through Officer Candidate School, the candidate may be dismissed from the course. The candidate may be dismissed when they lack the qualification for commissioning, and it is decided by the Commandant of OCS that the candidate should be removed. For example, a candidate could be dismissed for an honor code violation or violation of a regulation. OCS is governed by AR 350-51 and grants the Commander discretion on whether the candidate is removed or dismissed from OCS.

The Officer Candidate School Individual Student Assessment Plan (ISAP) outlines the procedures for appealing a dismissal from OCS. When a Candidate is recommended for recycle by that Candidate's Company Commander, they will have two duty days to provide a written rebuttal to the OCS Commandant. When a Candidate is dismissed by the OCS Commandant, they may appeal the dismissal in writing within two duty days to the appellate authority, the 199th Brigade Commander. If a Candidate is recommended for recycle or dismissal because of an investigation, they have ten duty days to provide a written rebuttal to the OCS Commandant IAW AR 15-6.

The Commander, 199<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, is the only Appellate Authority for dismissals and the Commander's decision is final. If the Commander decides to grant a candidate's rebuttal, the OCS Commandant will then decide where the Candidate will be inserted back into the course based on the logic of the appellate authority (the Commander).

If you have questions about a dismissal from OCS, please contact the Fort Benning Legal Assistance Office to make an appointment.



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