

LOG BOLC FAQ's

1. Reporting

Question: When should I report to Fort Lee?

Answer: Report on your report date, no later or earlier. You will not receive reimbursement if you report early and early reporting is not authorized on your orders (i.e. the day before your report date).

2. Travel & Transportation

Question: Will I be reimbursed for a rental car during BOLC?

Answer:

- **COMPO 1 (Active Duty):** Reimbursement is not authorized unless explicitly stated in your orders.
- **COMPO 2/3 (Guard/Reserve):** Reimbursement depends on the specifics of your orders. Consult your unit or Defense Travel System (DTS) for guidance.

Question: Who is responsible for reimbursing travel expenses?

Answer: The Army Transportation Office and Finance Office at Fort Lee will process reimbursements during In-Processing.

Question: If driving from another installation, am I eligible for travel reimbursement?

Answer: Yes, if your Permanent Change of Station (PCS) or Temporary Duty (TDY) orders authorize travel by privately owned vehicle (POV), you will be reimbursed accordingly.

Question: Should I coordinate my DA 1610 through Student Detachment?

Answer: Yes, coordinate through Student Detachment (Commissioning Source) unless directed otherwise.

3. Lodging & Housing

Question: What is the contact information for the on-post hotel (IHG)?

Answer:

- Phone:** 804-733-4100
- Email:** amerftleedvqreservations@ihg.com

Question: Am I authorized to stay at the IHG hotel on post?

Answer:

- c. **TDY Status:** Yes, lodging is provided at the IHG hotel.
- d. **PCS Status:** No, you must secure off-post housing.

Question: Are children permitted during BOLC, and is childcare available?

Answer:

- e. **PCS Status:** Children are permitted. Child Development Centers (CDCs) are available on post; early application is recommended due to limited availability.
- f. **TDY Status:** Children are not authorized.

Question: If recently got married and have leased an apartment, can I reside off post?

Answer:

- g. **PCS Status:** Yes, off-post housing is authorized.
 - h. **TDY Status:** No, you are required to stay in on-post lodging.
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4. Pay & Entitlements

Question: What documents do I need to bring for Finance in-processing?

Answer:

- a. In order for Finance to in-process you and begin your pay/allowances, bring 10 copies of your orders (with amendments), DA Form 1610 - Request and Authorization for TDY Travel of DoD Personnel, DA Form 71 – Oath of Office, Prior SMP Contract (if applicable), and a full copy of your Lease/Mortgage Statement (if applicable).

Question: Will I receive Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) during BOLC?

Answer:

- a. **PCS Status:** Yes, if single you will get the w/o dependents rate.
- b. **TDY Status:** Yes, provided you submit appropriate documentation (e.g., lease agreement, marriage certificate, birth certificate, child support documentation, divorce decree). DA 5960s will be completed and signed at BOLC upon arrival. DA 5960s signed by NG/ER Company Commander are not accepted. Active duty students coming directly from their commissioning source are not entitled to BAH per the JTRs and DoDFMR.

Question: Am I eligible for per diem during BOLC?

Answer:

- c. **TDY Status:** Yes, per diem is authorized.
 - d. **PCS Status:** No, per diem is not authorized.
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5. In-Processing & Administration

Question: Can I access the installation without a Common Access Card (CAC), and when will I receive it?

Answer: It is highly encouraged to have a working CAC upon arrival. You can access the installation by presenting your orders and a valid photo ID at the gate.

Question: Will I be reimbursed for moving household goods prior to BOLC?

Answer: If you PCSed to BOLC, you are authorized expenses for household goods shipment. You will be reimbursed during In-Processing.

Question: Is leave authorized during BOLC?

Answer: Leave is limited. You may take passes or leave under certain conditions, ensuring you do not miss more than 40 hours of instruction.

Question: If reporting early, should I coordinate leave through Student Detachment or the Schoolhouse?

Answer: Coordinate with Student Detachment until you are officially assigned to Fort Lee.

6. Uniform Standards

Question: What is the required uniform during BOLC?

Answer: The required uniform is the Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) uniform with a patrol cap and authorized boots. Bring your Army Green Service Uniform (AGSU) or Army Service Uniform (ASU) for formal events. AGSU/ASU are required for graduation.

Question: Which shoulder sleeve insignia are authorized?

Answer: Authorized insignia includes your assigned unit, division, or follow-on unit patches. ROTC and USMA patches are not authorized.

Question: Can I wear civilian attire upon arrival?

Answer: The duty uniform for In-Processing is the Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP). Changing facilities are available on post if needed.

7. Arrival & In-Processing

Question: What is the reporting location upon arrival at Fort Lee?

Answer: Report to the Army Sustainment University, Building 12420, 562 Quarters Rd, Fort Lee, VA 23801-1724.

Question: What documents are required for In-Processing?

Answer: Bring the following:

- a. Ten copies of your orders and amendments
- b. Marriage certificate and children's birth certificates (if applicable)
- c. Vehicle registration, driver's license, and proof of insurance
- d. Medical and dental records
- e. Immunization records
- f. Any other documents specified in your welcome letter

Question: What is the procedure if I arrive after duty hours?

Answer: Report to the staff duty desk of the Army Sustainment University (ASU) to receive instructions.

8. Uniform & Equipment

Question: What uniforms should I bring to BOLC?

Answer: Bring the Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) uniform with a patrol cap and authorized boots. Also, bring your Army Green Service Uniform (AGSU) or Army Service Uniform (ASU) for formal events. In addition, bring a full set of PTs, short and long sleeve shirt, shorts, pants and jacket, along with hat and gloves.

Question: Will I be issued any equipment upon arrival? **Answer:** You must bring the TA-50/OCIE you have been issued at your commissioning source/unit. You will be issued any shortages (equipment required that has not already been issued to you) upon arrival. To access your Clothing Record to see what you are currently signed for, utilize the following link: <https://ism.army.mil/ism/SelfServiceServlet>.

Question: Will I need to draw TA-50 if I have my own TA-50?

Answer: If you were issued the equipment by your commissioning source/unit, you will not be re-issued equipment. You will be issued all shortages not currently on your Clothing Record upon arrival. If you forget equipment, Central Issue Facility will not re-issue you that equipment. If you fail to bring required equipment (already on your Clothing Record), you will need to personally coordinate/resource/fund the equipment via personal shipping, surplus store, or other means.

Question: Is there a list of OCIE that is issued?

Answer: Yes, please see the BOLC OCIE Reference Guide provided by your TAC, which is accompanied with the Welcome Letter.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE: IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU ENSURE YOUR ORDERS AUTHORIZE NUMEROUS BAGS FOR TRAVEL DUE TO THE EQUIPMENT YOU ARE REPORTING WITH, OR WORK WITH YOUR COMMISSIONING SOURCE/UNIT TO ENSURE THE ORDERS ARE ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THIS AUTHORIZATION.

9. Physical Fitness

Question: Will I be required to take a physical fitness test?

Answer: Yes, you will take the Army Fitness Test (AFT) during In-Processing.

Question: What are the physical fitness requirements?

Answer: You must pass the Army Fitness Test (AFT) to graduate from BOLC. Additionally, you are expected to meet height and weight standards in accordance with Army regulations. You will complete height and weight during your **first week**. Other physical events are the 4 miles in 36 minutes run and 12-mile ruck march.

10. Medical & Dental

Question: Will I undergo medical and dental screenings?

Answer: No, medical and dental screenings are not part of the In-Processing procedures. This is only students going OCONUS.

Question: Should I bring my medical and dental records?

Answer: Yes, bring copies of your medical and dental records, including immunization records. For ARNG/USAR, bring copies of your DD 2813 from your home provider.

11. Family & Dependents

Question: Can my family accompany me during BOLC?

Answer: Only if you are in Permanent Change of Station (PCS) status. If you are in Temporary Duty (TDY) status, you cannot bring your family.

Question: Is childcare available on post?

Answer: Yes, Child Development Centers (CDCs) are available on post. It is recommended to apply early due to limited availability.

12. Transportation

Question: Will I need a personal vehicle during BOLC?

Answer: While it is not mandatory, having a personal vehicle can be beneficial for off-post travel and personal errands.

Question: How will I get from the airport to Fort Lee?

Answer: You can use Uber, Lyft, or Richmond City Taxi.

13. Miscellaneous

Question: Can I bring a personally owned firearm?

Answer: No, do not bring a personally owned firearm.

Question: Will I receive any certifications upon graduating from BOLC?

Answer: No, although BOLC provides a strong foundation, it does not confer additional certifications beyond branch qualifications.