**[Title 38] §3301. Definitions**

(2) The term "entry level and skill training" means the following:

(A) In the case of members of the **Army**, **Basic Combat Training** and **Advanced Individual Training** or **One Station Unit Training**.

(B) In the case of members of the **Navy**, **Recruit Training (or Boot Camp)** and **Skill Training (or so-called "A" School)**.

(C) In the case of members of the **Air Force**, **Basic Military Training** and **Technical Training.**

(D) In the case of members of the **Marine** **Corps**, **Recruit Training** and **Marine Corps Training (or School of Infantry Training**). \*See additional clarification

(E) In the case of members of the **Coast Guard**, **Basic Training** and **Skill Training (or so-called "A" School)**. \*\*See additional Clarification

**Additional Clarification**

**Army:** Enlisted Soldiers attend Basic Training (BCT):

* Either combined with Advanced Individual Training (AIT) also known as One Station Unit Training (OSUT) or AIT occurs at another location to earn an military occupational skill (MOS)
* Additional skill identifier or other training should not be identified as training. (i.e., Airborne School, Defense Language Institute, Ranger or Special Forces Training…). This time is fully creditable under Chapter 33 unless performed by a member of the National Guard. For National Guard members it may or may not be creditable service

**Navy:** Enlisted Sailors attend Recruit Training or Boot Camp (RTC):

* Many attend advanced skill training (apprenticeship) or “A” School to earn a “rating”
* Others go directly into the fleet without additional training serving as an airmen, fireman or seaman

**Air Force:** Enlisted Airmen attend Basic Military Training (BMT):

* Attend Technical Training to earn their Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) which is similar to a Navy “Rating” or the Army and Marines MOS job identification.

**Marines**: United States Marine Corps (USMC) enlistees enter Boot Camp:

* Then willattend either School of Infantry (SOI) or Marine Combat Training (MCT)
* \*Subsequent job skill training or MOS training should not be identified as training. This time is fully creditable under Chapter 33.

**Coast Guard:** Enlisted Guardians attend Basic Training:

* Similar to the Navy, attend “A” School to earn a rating.
* \*\*NOTE: Only Basic Training should be identified for those enlisting and entering service prior to January 4, 2011. [PL 111-377 added A-school to the definition of entry level and skill training for Coast Guard.]

**When it is needed to Identify *Initial Entry* and *Initial Skill Level* Training?**

ID Key: **O** = Optional. **Y** = Required entry. **N** = Do not Identify as “Training”

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| Scenario | ID | Reason |
| 30 continuous days of creditable service, separated for a service connected disability | O | Enter Initial Entry and Initial Skills Training into the Long Term Solution (LTS) if known, and remove if system does not calculate correct benefit level. Known issue: In certain instances LTS will not indicate 100% benefit level. |
| No honorable or creditable service | O | Enter Initial Entry and Initial Skills Training into LTS if known, do not develop. Eligibility will not change. |
| 30 months or more of creditable service | O | Enter Initial Entry and Initial Skills Training into LTS if known, do not develop. Benefit level will not change. |
| Less than 30 months of creditable service with more than one year of service prior to 9/11/01 | O | Enter Initial Entry and Initial Skills Training into LTS if known, do not develop. Presumed to have been completed prior to 9/11/01. |
| Any length of service and excluding first 3 years for Loan Repayment Plan (LRP) | O | Enter Initial Entry and Initial Skills Training into LTS if known, do not develop. Benefit level will not change. |
| Less than 30 months of creditable service as an officer | N | Do not identify officer training, this is fully creditable. |
| Less than 30 months of creditable service as an enlisted member | Y | Identify initial entry and skill level training and enter this data into LTS. Develop when not in block 12h of a DD214, not listed in VIS or whenever uncertain. |

**NOTE:**

* *All Reserve and National Guard required* Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) is ordered under *title 10 USC 12301(d)*
* *Some portions of IADT may not* need to be identified, only those courses codified in 38 USC 3301 are to be identified as training under Chapter 33
* *Title 10 Active Duty Training (ADT), Active Duty Operational Support (ADOS) and Active Duty for Special Work (ADSW) is performed under 12301(d) and is creditable service*
* *Title 32 ADT, ADOS and ADSW is not creditable service unless in support of a National Emergency and supported by Federal Funds (which is rare.) Do not enter non-creditable service into the LTS*

**Acronyms for some *initial training* performed by Officers (Do not ID as Training):**

 