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26 August 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 4th Estate DACM Viewpoint on the Engineering and Technical Management
Functional Area Training Prerequisite Requirements

Reference: (a) Defense Acquisition University iCatalog
(b) Memorandum for the Director, Human Capital Initiatives – Functional Areas’
Transition Plans for Back-to-Basics Implementation – Engineering and Technical
Management; Test and Evaluation signed 30 April 2021
(c) DAU FY21-FY22 Engineering and Technical Management Crosswalk

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to formally document the Director, Acquisition Career Management (DACM) 4th Estate, viewpoint on prerequisite requirements for the Engineering & Technical Management (ETM) Functional Area for acquisition workforce (AWF) members who are seeking the ETM Practitioner Certification.
2. The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) offers nine (9) ETM 20X0 level courses as part of the core certification training requirements to obtain a Practitioner Certification. Per the DAU iCatalog, reference (a), eight (8) of the nine (9) ETM 20X0 level courses require prerequisites at the ETM 10X0 level.
3. With the implementation of new Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) framework, known as Back-to-Basics, on 01 February 2022, AWF members who obtained legacy career field certifications in Engineering (ENG), Production, Quality and Manufacturing (PQM), Science and Technology Manager (S&TM), and Information Technology (IT) transitioned to the ETM Functional Area certifications per reference (b) and the following:
 - ETM Foundational Certification
 - Level I in ENG, IT, PQM or S&TM;
 - Level II in PQM; and
 - ETM Practitioner Certification
 - Level II in ENG, IT, or S&TM;
 - Level III in ENG, IT, PQM or S&TM
4. The DAU FY21-FY22 ETM Crosswalk, reference (c), documents the nine (9) ETM 10X0 courses that align to the ETM Foundational Certification and the nine (9) ETM 20X0 level courses that align to the ETM Practitioner Certifications.



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5. Given the legacy certification transitions into ETM Foundational, the 4th Estate has determined that the required eight (8) ETM 10X0 (ETM 1010, ETM 1020, ETM 1030, ETM 1040, ETM 1050, ETM 1070, EMT 1080, and ETM 1090) prerequisites for the ETM 20X0 level courses may be waived for those AWF individuals who were grandfathered to the ETM Foundational Certification.
6. This waiver is effective until 01 October 2023 or if an updated memorandum is provided which will supersede this memo dated 26 August 2022.
7. For any questions related to this memorandum of record, please contact the 4th Estate DACM Office at 4thEstateDACM@dau.edu.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Otis Lincoln".

Otis Lincoln
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Enclosure
As stated