



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND**

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJCOM COMMANDERS
MAJCOM A1s

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SUBJECT: TDY In-Place Designation for Virtual In-Residence – Remote (VIR-R) Course Attendance

1. To comply with higher headquarters guidance and ensure the safety of Airmen, AETC took measures to cancel or postpone officer and enlisted Professional Military Education (PME) and Professional Continuing Education (PCE) TDY courses. While these actions were necessary, we recognize the impact they have on the ability of officer, enlisted, and civilian Airmen to complete education necessary for career progression milestones.
2. AETC's position is to "fight through" the challenges and constraints created by COVID-19. As a result, Air University (AU) has developed Virtual In-Residence – Local (VIR-L) and Remote (VIR-R) platforms to safely and effectively resume several in-residence PME and PCE courses. VIR-R replicates the in-residence experience as much as possible with students participating in, and completing, programs and earning in-residence credit while interacting with fellow students and instructors remotely from their home stations.
3. VIR-R is not the same as Distance Learning (DL). DL versions of several PME courses already exist (NCOA, SNCOA, SOS, ACSC, and AWC). They were deliberately designed to deliver course material separated from the source of instruction and allow students to decide when they will engage with the curricula, whether instruction is self-study or faculty-facilitated.
4. Unlike DL, VIR-R course participation will require each student's full attention during the duty day. Therefore, it is imperative for commanders at all levels to take measures to consider students "TDY In-Place" to permit focused participation as full-time students when engaged in VIR-R PME and PCE coursework.
5. Attached is a summary of the in-residence courses AU is considering to execute via VIR-R. You will note some courses like ACSC and AWC are prepared to start in VIR-L format if required. Decisions are still pending for several courses currently scheduled to begin on or after the current 30 June 2020 Stop Movement expiration date. Status of these courses will be shared with your teams once decisions are made.
6. AU will continue to work with your A1 staffs, AFPC and functional communities to provide status of courses and facilitate registration and enrollment for courses identified to resume in the VIR-R format.


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Attachment
AU Projected Course Summary