

(ii) Holds a commission in the Maryland National Guard as:

1. An officer in the grade of [captain] MAJOR or below; or
2. A warrant officer.

(4) (i) "Tuition" means the basic instructional charge for undergraduate credit courses and related fees AT AN INSTITUTION.

(ii) "Tuition" does not include charges for self-supporting programs.

(b) To the extent that funds are provided in the budget, the Military Department may provide assistance equal to 50 percent of the cost of in-State tuition for any regularly scheduled undergraduate credit course for any active member who is certified as eligible by the Maryland Adjutant General.

(c) (1) The Maryland Adjutant General may not certify a member as eligible unless the member:

(i) If enlisted, has at least 24 months remaining to serve on the member's current enlistment; or

(ii) If an officer or warrant officer, [the member] agrees in writing to serve for a minimum of 24 months.

(2) The [24 month] 24-MONTH requirement runs from the first day of classes for the semester.

(d) If a recipient of tuition assistance under this section is discharged from the Maryland National Guard for a reason designated by the Maryland Adjutant General, the assistance terminates and the member owes the Military Department within 30 days of discharge the amount of tuition assistance that was received for that semester.

[13.]

There shall be an unassigned list exclusively restricted to officers and enlisted men of the organized militia and none other, who are transferred thereto by the Governor; provided that such transfer shall not in anywise be considered a removal from office or affect the rank of an officer or enlisted man so transferred.]

14.

No officer of the militia shall incur any expense whatever to be paid by the State, except such as authorized in this article, without first obtaining the authority of the Adjutant General. In [extreme emergencies] STATE ACTIVE DUTY, however, the commanding officer of any organization or detachment of the organized militia may purchase such necessities as are absolutely required for the immediate use and care of his command, taking receipts in triplicate therefor; a report of such action, containing a statement of the articles purchased and the price thereof, with the receipts attached, must be made forthwith through the regular channels to the [Quartermaster General] MILITARY DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER. The Comptroller of the State shall be the auditor of all accounts for property purchased by