



# AFI 36-2671, SKILLBRIDGE PROGRAM UPDATES

- New policy guidance establishes rank-based program categories, clarifies commander approval authority, and codifies manpower backfills are prohibited for participants.
- Ensures the operational readiness requirements are assessed while also considering Airmen's transition needs.

## New USAF Tiered Program Lengths by Rank:

### Category 1:



Rank: E-1 to E-5 & O-1 to O-3

Program Length: Up to 120 Max

Approval: 1st Field Grade CC W/ UCMJ

### Category 2:



Rank: E-6 to E-7, WO to CWO-3, and O-4

Program Length: Up to 90 Max

Approval: 1st O6 CC W/ UCMJ

### Category 3:



Rank: E-8 to E-9, CWO-4 to CWO-5, and O-5

Program Length: Up to 60 Max

Approval: 1st O6 CC W/ UCMJ

**O-6 Participation: Colonels require exception-to-policy approval as defined in the Colonels Handbook and PSDG. Active Guard Reserve (AGR) members require additional approval authorities as defined in the AFI and PSDG.**

For more details, please review the SkillBridge myFSS Article, PSDG, and FAQs. Contact [afpc.dpsfe.skillbridgeworkflow@us.af.mil](mailto:afpc.dpsfe.skillbridgeworkflow@us.af.mil) for additional questions.