

CONFERENCES EXEMPTION CRITERIA (as of 6 Nov 2013)

paragraph	29 SEP 12 GUIDANCE	CURRENT GUIDANCE	CHANGE
a	Meetings Necessary to carry out statutory command and staff oversight functions. This exemption would include activities such as investigations, inspections, audits, or non-conference planning site visits.	Meetings Necessary to carry out statutory command and staff oversight functions. This exemption would include activities such as investigations, inspections, audits, or non-conference planning site visits.	No Change.
b	Meetings to consider internal agency business matters held in government/ military facilities. This exemption would include activities such as meetings that take place as part of an organization's regular course of business, do not exhibit indicia of a formal conference as outlined above, and take place in a government/ military facility.	Meetings to consider internal agency business matters. This exemption would include activities such as meetings that take place as part of an organization's regular course of business.	deleted "do not exhibit indicia of a formal conference as outlined above" and "held/ take place in government/ military facilities"
c	Meetings necessary to carry out planning or execution of operational or operational exercise activities or pre-deployment, deployment, or post-deployment activities. This exemption would include activities such as planning and preparation for, as well as execution of, war games, military exercise, and operational deployments.	Meetings necessary to carry out planning or execution of operational or operational exercise activities or pre-deployment, deployment, or post-deployment activities. This exemption would include activities such as planning and preparation for, as well as execution of, war games, military exercise, and operational deployments.	No Change.
d	Bi-lateral and multi-lateral international cooperation engagements that do not exhibit indicia of a formal conference as outlined above, focused on diplomatic relations. This exemption would include activities such as International Military Education and Training events, Traditional Commander's Activities, and other regional assistance programs. It would also include the activities of the Department's Regional Security Centers that do not exhibit indicia of a formal conference as outlined above.	Bi-lateral and multi-lateral international cooperation engagements. This exemption would include activities such as International Military Education and Training events, Traditional Commander's Activities, and other regional assistance programs. It would also include many of the activities of the Department's Regional Security Centers.	deleted "that do not exhibit indicia of a formal conference as outlined above, focused on diplomatic relations." similarly, deleted "that do not exhibit indicia of a formal conference as outlined above" from the activities of the Department's Regional Security Centers. added "many of" the activities of the Department's Regional Security Centers instead to clarify not all activities.
e	Formal classroom training held at government/ military facilities. This exception would include activities such as regular courses of instruction or training seminars at the War Colleges, National Defense University, Judge Advocate General School, or Defense Acquisition University.	Formal classroom training. This exemption would include activities such as regular courses of instruction or training seminars. These activities may be offered by government organizations, institutions of higher learning or professional licensure/certification, or other training entities. However, events are not exempt simply because they offer continuing education credits or the equivalent.	deleted "held in government/ military facilities" and specific instruction/ training. deleted "at the War Colleges, National Defense University, Judge Advocate General School, or Defense Acquisition University." added that "These activities may be offered by governmental organizations, institutions of higher learning or professional licensure/certification, or other training entities." and "However, events are not exempt simply because they offer continuing education credits or the equivalent."
f	Change of command, award, funeral, or other such ceremonies held in government/ military facilities.	Change of command, award, funeral, or other such ceremonies	deleted "held in government/ military facilities"
g	Events where the primary purpose of DoD's participation is military recruiting and/or military recruitment advertising.	Events where the primary purpose of DoD's participation is military or civilian recruiting and/or recruitment advertising	added "civilian" recruiting
h		Meetings of advisory committees subject to DoD Instruction 5105.04, where the membership of the committee consists of one or more individuals who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees.	added a new exemption (h.) to account for advisory committee meetings subject to DODI 5105.04

 = Changes to 29 SEP 12 policy