

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

- 1. Do I need to get a haircut before arriving at Basic Officer Training?**
 - a. Yes, it is highly recommended that you get a haircut before arriving since there will be no barbershops available during in-processing. Both male and female haircuts/styles must be in accordance with (IAW) AFI 36-2903.
- 2. Do I need to be physically fit before and during Basic Officer Training?**
 - a. Yes, you will be required to pass at least the minimum standards of the Air Force Physical Fitness Test within one week of your arrival to Basic Officer Training. Recommend that you train/prepare and be able to pass the test before arriving to Basic Officer Training (BOT). Review the AF PT website and AFI 36-2905 before coming to OTS to ensure you are ready to meet the standards at OTS
- 3. What paperwork is needed to do the DD 214?**
 - a. (Non-Prior) Already come with DD 214 complete
 - b. Enlisted contract (Prior Enlisted)
 - c. Records Review RIP from MPF (Prior Enlisted)
 - d. Virtual Education RIP (Prior Enlisted)
 - e. First Enlisted Contract (Prior Enlisted)
 - f. Point Summary (Reservist, in addition to above)
- 4. Can I wear desert boots?**
 - a. NO! As of Nov 2011 everyone in the Air Force is required to wear sage green boots with their ABUs (See AFI 36-2903 for a full list of dress and appearance instructions).
- 5. Are cell phones allowed at OTS?**
 - a. Yes, however you will not be allowed to use them until you reach a certain class status.
- 6. What is the cash availability at OTS?**
 - a. Withdrawing cash while at OTS will be complicated during the first 3-4 weeks so bring enough cash for expenses during that amount of time. Once you are given the privilege to move around the base there are ATMs located throughout the base to withdraw cash (i.e. Commissary, Base Exchange, Gas Station, OTS Shoppette). *In addition, you will be bringing about \$2,000 (in the form of cash or debit/credit cards) to purchase uniform items and any additional items necessary for OTS*
- 7. How many sets of civilian clothing should I bring?**
 - a. Bring 5 days worth of civilian clothing
- 8. When should my family and friends plan to arrive for graduation?**
 - a. Once you know you are graduating/commissioning, have family and friends arrive at least 2 days prior to graduation (ex. if graduation is on 18 January, family and friends should plan to arrive on 16 January); keep in mind, Officer Trainees will be allowed

to show family and friends around the base, but will NOT be allowed to show family and friends the OTS Complex until Open House, which is 1 day prior to graduation.

9. What should I wear for TD-0?

- a. During Summer time you may come in shorts and a T-Shirt; the summer in Montgomery, Alabama are hot and humid reaching temperatures of 95-100° F. During Fall/Winter seasons you may come in Jeans and a T-Shirt and bring a light Jacket or Sweater. Whatever you wear, you must present a professional image (no tight, revealing clothing, no torn up jeans, shirts with vulgar/racist slogans, etc).

10. Will I have access to my vehicle?

- a. You will have access to your vehicle during the first 3-5 weeks on limited occasions, depending on your Flight Commander. Once given a specific class status then you will be allowed to access your vehicle more frequently.

11. Can I bring food?

- a. Yes, you are allowed to bring some non-perishable food items to store in your room; however, OTs will not be allowed to have food in their rooms until after Phase 1 IAW OTSMAN 36-2202 7.4.1. Prepackaged foods ONLY (such as energy bars), may be stored in the dormitory when sealed in a container no larger than 12" X 8" and 4" deep, with the exception of Phase One trainees.

12. How soon/often will I be able to call my family?

- a. You will be able to speak to your family as soon as you arrive on Day 2 (TD-1). After that you will have telephones available to call family when time permits.

13. Should I bring more than one pair of running shoes?

- a. You are required to bring at a minimum of one pair of running shoes. However, if you want to bring more than one pair of running shoes it will be based on your discretion.

14. Will I be easily able to refill prescriptions and if not, what kind of medications can I bring?

- a. Prescriptions are easy to refill, just bring your prescription with you and the Independent Duty Medical Technicians (IDMTs) here at OTS will submit the prescription for refill and have the refill completed within 24 hours. The medications you can bring with you to OTS will be briefed to you during your MEPS orientation.