



Military Service Obligation (MSO)

What is a (MSO)?

Your **M**ilitary Service Obligation is defined as: **t**he time that you must serve in a regular or Reserve component of the armed forces as required by the Military Selective Service Act of 1967 or Title 10 United States Code Section 651, as amended.

Why is the MSO important?

Understanding **y**our MSO is important because every enlisted member of the U.S. Air Force is required to serve an initial total of eight (8) years when they enlist. It does not matter if your first enlistment term was signed for six (6) years, you will still need to serve two (2) years at the end of this term whether it be via reenlistment in the Reserve or choosing to go into the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR).

If you choose to reenlist, you will need to be aware that the reenlistment must cover the full eight (8) year period. In some cases, certainly not all, this could result in you reenlisting for a longer period to cover your 8 year MSO. If you fall into this category we will explain the process utilizing your past and current history documents in your PRDA records before reenlistment.



If you choose to go into the *IRR (managed by HQ/ARPC), you will be placed in an inactive status. However, you can be called back into duty should the need arise.

*If you would like to know more about the IRR, please see a Group and/or Wing Career Assistance Advisor on that process.

How do I know if I have completed my MSO?

Simply stated, if you have completed 8 years (or more) in the military, Active Duty, Reserve, or IRR, you have successfully completed your MSO. If you have any further questions, comments, or concerns about this, feel free to come in and see your **Wing** and/or Group Career Assistance Advisor(s).