



Changes Coming to Standardize EIB Tasks, Requirements

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Significant changes are coming to the manual and task requirements for the Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB).

Since 1944, the EIB has set a high standard for Infantry training in the Army. It has evolved into 30 tasks — 10 each in weapons, patrol, and medical lanes. Now, new changes are about to be implemented.

MSG Charles Evans from the Office of the Chief of the Infantry is leading the effort to rewrite the manual for all 30 tasks in the EIB. He conducted a pilot program recently at Fort Benning, GA, with Infantry Soldiers from across various units.

“Their feedback was really essential to rolling out this new standard, making sure it was validated before it hit the horse,” said Evans. “Just working out all the kinks and making sure that all the tasks were applicable, realistic, and up to date with the latest doctrine.”

Most of the changes in the manual are intended to standardize and streamline the options for units in how to conduct the testing. Nevertheless, there will be significant changes to some of the tests themselves. Indirect fire, move under fire, grenades, CPR, and care under fire tasks are all being reworked.

“The reason we did this event was to make sure it wasn’t just written from a single perspective, that it had feedback from all the different types of units across the Army,” said Evans.

The purpose of the EIB is to recognize Infantrymen who have demonstrated a mastery of critical skills that build the core foundation for individual proficiency that allow them to locate, close with, and destroy the enemy through fire and maneuver and to repel an enemy through fire and close combat.

To view the latest EIB requirements and testing information, go to http://www.benning.army.mil/Infantry/EIB/index.html?_=6270.

An Infantryman assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, completes a task at the move under direct fire station during Expert Infantryman Badge testing at Schofield Barracks, HI, on 13 June 2018.

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