

*Surely you want a bunch...*

# DRAFT LOTTERY

1. Q. WHAT HAS THE LOTTERY CHANGED?  
A. The lottery system affects the order of call, the order in which men classified I-A, I-A-O, and I-O are drafted. The deferment system, with all its inequities and inconsistencies, remains intact.
2. Q. HOW IS THE NEW ORDER OF CALL DIFFERENT FROM THE OLD ONE?  
A. Under the new system, your birthday is much more important as is the year you turn nineteen. Once you are I-A, I-A-O, or I-O, you have only one year of prime eligibility. After that year your chances of getting drafted go down as you get older instead of up as under the "oldest first" rule that the lottery has replaced.
3. Q. WHEN DO I RECEIVE MY LOTTERY NUMBER?  
A. Toward the end of the calendar year in which you turn nineteen.
4. Q. DO I RECEIVE A NEW NUMBER EACH YEAR?  
A. No; your original lottery number is permanent, regardless of the results of other drawings in other years.
5. Q. IF I DON'T GET A DEFERMENT, WHEN WILL I BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAFT?  
A. You will be most eligible during the calendar year following the year of your nineteenth birthday. In following years you will be placed in successively lower eligibility groups, and will probably not be drafted.
6. Q. CAN I BE DRAFTED INTO ANY SERVICE OTHER THAN THE ARMY?  
A. Yes. In Oct., Nov., and Dec., 1969, about one out of every seven men drafted went into the Marine Corps. IN Jan., 1970, one out of every five draftees will join the Marines.
7. Q. HOW IS 1970 DIFFERENT FROM OTHER YEARS? WON'T THE POOL THIS YEAR BE LARGER?  
A. This year's pool of eligible men will probably be larger than in years to come because this year everybody aged 19 to 25 who is or becomes I-A, I-A-O, or I-O will be in the first priority group. In succeeding years, only those I-A's, I-A-O's, and I-O's who turned nineteen and thus received a lottery number during the previous calendar year, and those under twenty-six who lose their deferments during that year will be in the first priority group.
8. Q. IF MY NUMBER IS 189 AND MOST BOARDS ARE ONLY CALLING NUMBER 78, CAN I BE DRAFTED?  
A. Yes. Everything depends on your local board. If they have very few I-A's, I-A-O's they will have to call higher numbers sooner than other boards. One board might never get past number 50 in a year when most other boards reach 200.
9. Q. IS THE PRESIDENT'S PREDICTION THAT THOSE IN THE LAST THIRD OF THE LIST PROBABLY WON'T BE DRAFTED THIS YEAR ACCURATE? AM I REALLY SAFE IF MY NUMBER IS OVER 266?  
A. We expect not. If men in the first third enlist instead of waiting to be drafted, and if the second third seek and get deferments, then the men in the last third will be the only ones left, and will be drafted. This is already happening at some boards but it depends entirely on the manpower availability at each local board.
10. Q. WHAT IF I'M I-A AND MY NUMBER COMES UP, BUT I CAN'T GO BECAUSE OF PENDING APPEALS, ETC?  
A. If you are still I-A after all such procedural delays, you will be drafted immediately even if the calendar year during which you were first called has ended, or even if (if you have ever had a deferment) you have turned twenty-six. Such cases are explicitly provided for in the regulation.
11. Q. WHAT IF I'M I-O?  
A. You will, as under the old system, be called for alternative service at the same time you would have been drafted if you had been I-A or I-A-O.
12. Q. IF I GET A DEFERMENT AND LATER LOSE IT, WHEN WILL I BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR INDUCTION?  
A. The new regulation seems to us to say that you'll be eligible for the calendar year in which you lose your deferment. If your lottery number has already been called, you will be called immediately; if not, you'll be eligible should your number be called before the year ends.
13. Q. WHAT IF I'M I-A FOR PART OF A YEAR BUT GET A DEFERMENT BEFORE MY NUMBER IS CALLED?  
A. There can be no clear answer to this question as yet, and there may not be until after several years of practical experience and legal wrangling. However, the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors suggests, and our reading of the new regulation agrees, that you will again be placed in the first priority group when your deferment expires. In order to enter a lower priority group, you probably must be I-A at the end of a calendar year, in which your lottery number was not reached.
14. Q. WHAT IF I'M I-A FOR A WHOLE YEAR, DON'T GET DRAFTED, AND IN A LATER YEAR GET A DEFERMENT AND THEN BECOME I-A AGAIN?  
A. You will be returned to your old priority group, the same as if you'd never received the deferment. The regulation seems fairly clear on this point.

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