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SOURCE: Source, believed to be reliable (B), who is in a position to have access to this kind of information. Appraisal of Content: 6.

1. A new peacetime promotion policy for officers in the Soviet Army¹ went into effect in fall 1954. Source commented that there was a freeze on (officer) promotions in Soviet Army troop units throughout 1954, until the announcement of this new policy.² The following is the minimum length of service in grade now required for promotion for each of the ranks from junior lieutenant to lieutenant colonel:
 - a. Junior lieutenant to lieutenant - two years (the same as under the old policy).
 - b. Lieutenant to senior lieutenant - two years (the same as under the old policy).
 - c. Senior lieutenant to captain - three years (two years under the old policy). Source was not certain of the time requirements for this rank under the new policy but thought it was three years.
 - d. Captain to major - four years (three years under the old policy).
 - e. Major to lieutenant colonel - four years (three years under the old policy).
 - f. Lieutenant colonel to colonel - five years (three years under the old policy).
2. In addition to these time requirements, the candidate for promotion must also have a good efficiency rating. He must also occupy the T/O slot of the grade to which he is to be promoted for a minimum length of time. Source did not know how long an officer is required to occupy this slot but guessed that it was for a period of six months.

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1. [redacted] Comment: It is not clear from the text whether or not this also applied to the other services.
2. [redacted] Comment: It is not possible to determine from the text whether or not this applies to units other than troop units.

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