

MILPERSMAN 1212-030

REDESIGNATION OF LIMITED DUTY OFFICERS

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References	(a) OPNAVINST 1210.5B (b) 10 U.S.C. (c) Public Law 96-513
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1. **Policy.** Per reference (a), a limited duty officer (LDO) may, upon application submission to Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) Military Community Management Department (BUPERS-3) via the commanding officer (CO), be considered for redesignation in one of the competitive categories listed below:

If the LDO is in...	then he or she will be considered for...
the line of the Navy,	unrestricted performance of duty in the unrestricted line or the restricted line of the Navy.
the Supply Corps or Civil Engineer Corps,	unrestricted performance of duty in the Staff Corps concerned.

2. **Qualification Requirements.** For an LDO to qualify for redesignation in one of the competitive categories listed above:

a. Requests may be submitted after completion of 48 months of commissioned service as an LDO,

b. **Not** have completed more than 28 years of active naval service by 31 October of the year in which application is made,

c. Be serving in a grade **not** above commander,

d. Meet the physical requirements applicable to other officers in the same grade and competitive category for which application is made,

e. Meet the warfare qualification of the competitive category requested in the case of applicants for the unrestricted line (e.g., eligibility for 1110 requires qualification as a surface warfare officer),

f. Have the necessary professional or graduate degree which may be required for the competitive category requested, as specified in [MILPERSMAN 1212-010](#), and

g. Be recommended by the CO as qualified for redesignation in the competitive category requested.

3. Selection Board

a. A board to consider LDOs for redesignation in the regular Navy meets semi-annually in February and August.

b. Requests must be submitted per [MILPERSMAN 1212-010](#) in proper format to BUPERS-3, via the CO, to be received 60 days prior to the convening date of the selection board.

4. Application Information. Requests for redesignation must contain the following information:

a. Designator for which application is made,

b. Qualification(s) for requested designator,

c. Date of original commission as an LDO,

d. Rank and date of rank,

e. Agreement to remain on active duty for a period of 3 years following redesignation, and

f. Any additional information the applicant believes should be brought to the attention of the selection board.

5. Review of Health Record

a. Upon receiving applications from LDOs, COs must order a review of the applicant's health record by competent medical authority. Based on this review, the CO must state in the forwarding endorsement whether the officer is physically qualified. A statement identifying overweight applicants, indicating their height and weight, must be included.

b. If the officer is currently in a limited duty status or is considered in any way physically unfit for unrestricted duty, the CO must obtain the treating provider's medical assessment and prognosis for the individual's return to a deployable status, and must submit the information to BUPERS-3. The CO's forwarding endorsement must contain comments relative to the applicant's motivation and qualification for redesignation.

6. **Assignment of LDOs Approved for Redesignation.** An LDO approved for redesignation must be assigned to the designator recommended by the board and approved by the Secretary of the Navy under reference (b), section 8139(f).

7. **Termination of LDO Status.** When redesignated for other duty, LDOs will have their LDO designation terminated, and they will become subject to the selection and retirement procedures as other officers originally appointed under reference (c), as amended, and in the competitive category in which they are redesignated. No change will be made or authorized in their lineal position and precedence solely as a result of the removal of the LDO designator.