

PNEO EXAM SCHEDULE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Updated March 2026

1. Below is a list of PNEO exam dates. Contact your local schoolhouse or PERS-42 to confirm the most updated information.

2026 Exam	In-Person Interview	Class
January	Jan 21 st /22 nd	2601
February	Feb 4 th /5 th	2602
March	Mar 4 th /5 th	2603
April	Apr 1 st /2 nd	2604
May	Apr 29 th /30 th	2605
June	May 28 th /29 th (Thurs/Fri)	2606
July	Jun 24 th /25 th	2607
August	Jul 29 th /30 th	2608
September	Aug 26 th /27 th	2609
October	Sep 23 rd /24 th	2610
November	Oct 28 th /29 th	2611
December	Dec 2 nd /3 rd	2612

2. Written examinations are proctored at the local schoolhouse, normally the Monday prior to the in-person interview date. Students fly to Washington, DC for the oral exam, which is normally a Wednesday or Thursday. In the event an interview must be conducted virtually, dates will be coordinated on a case by case basis with Naval Reactors Headquarters.

3. There are 60 seats per class, 30 per interview day. Typically, east coast officers interview on the first day and west coast officers the second day. Officers may be shifted a day to balance interviews.

4. Submit CO Recommendation and Duty History forms **at least 4 weeks prior to reporting to PNEO** to reserve a seat for the desired interview date.

5. The preferred delivery method for documents is emailing electronic copies to your local PNEO schoolhouse.

6. Waivers requiring Naval Reactors approval must be approved prior to an officer starting PNEO.

7. Candidates are expected to arrive at building 104, in the proper uniform (correct shoulder boards, warfare devices, ribbons, and correct shoes), for their interview NLT 0700. This is to ensure efficient execution of the planned schedule.

8. Contact your local PNEO schoolhouse or PERS-421N at 901-874-4441 with any questions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PNEO REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) The requirements for attending PNEO are found in BUPERSINST 1540.41F.
- 2) If any of those requirements cannot be met, a waiver may be requested from NR via ISIC and TYCOM and should provide a detailed explanation of why the officer does not meet the requirements and what the command did to mitigate the requirement not being met. TYCOM is the waiver authority for candidates who will be serving on board as a nuclear-trained officer greater than 20 months. Contact your schoolhouse with questions.
- 3) Do not short JOs time they've earned on duty history forms--remember months are inclusive. For example, 3/25-7/25 is 5 months, not 4 months.
- 4) When counting months of nuclear Division Officer time, EOOW/PPWO time, and time on board, the month before the interview does not count, as that month is required to be dedicated to PNEO study only.
- 5) Meeting the time on board requirement of 16-20 months is not helpful if officers don't have the requisite experience as a Division Officer or time in the propulsion plant.

ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE:

The most important aspect of PNEO preparation is engineering experience and plant operation. We need to keep the big picture in mind: passing PNEO is qualifying to be a ship Engineer.

RIDE TIME ON ANOTHER SHIP:

If a JO has ride time on another ship, that command needs to be included on the duty history form. This includes any Division Officer job they performed and duration of time cross decked--more detail is better. Prior to a JO cross decking to another ship, commands needs to discuss JO Division Officer jobs to ensure there is an opportunity for the cross decked JO to gain as much engineering experience as possible. Even one or two months as an Engineering Division Officer on a 6 month underway makes a difference. As stated above, experience is the most important thing.

WAIVERS:

If a command is submitting a waiver for any requirement, they need to give DETAILED justification for why they are requesting the waiver. Waivers are approved or disapproved on a case basis by NR, so providing detailed information on what the command did to mitigate the requirement helps them to make a more informed decision. All waivers except the >20 month waiver need to be on the CO recommendation form, along with the detailed justification. It is recommended that ships submit all waiver requests to their ISIC at least 4 weeks prior to first day of class to allow ISIC, TYCOM, and NR adequate time to review, concur, and approve waivers. **If a waiver by NR is required, NR must receive the waiver request and a copy of the CO Recommendation and Duty History form at NSSC_NRLLineLocker@navy.smil.mil with "PNEO" in the subject line. Waivers requiring NR approval must be approved prior to an officer starting PNEO.**

SCHOOLHOUSE PAPERWORK:

When scheduling students via the PERS-4 SharePoint, it is imperative that all details of the spreadsheet are complete and accurate. Instructors should verify all data entered prior to submission. Additionally, there have been instances of candidates being added to class rosters late with no notification to NRHQ. **Any changes to a class requires immediate notification to NRHQ.**

TRAVEL INFORMATION

1. All upcoming PNEO Candidates need to call the WNY Visitor Center, 202-433-3738, to set up a PIN for the turnstiles or else they will have to walk to a manned gate to gain access to the WNY. It can take 24-48 hours for the PIN to be attached to their CAC.
2. DO NOT travel without approved DTS authorization. Travel that occurs without approved authorization will not be reimbursed and will be paid for out of pocket. PNEO is NOT emergent travel.
3. Students need to submit travel for authorization NLT one month before travelling and preferably before starting PNEO study. This ensures any errors can be fixed in time and avoid last minute issues.
4. PERS-42 is able to answer questions regarding DTS and setting up travel, however students should ask their command DTS travel specialist if issues arise, as most of questions can be answered by the command, and most issues have to be fixed by the command. If you continue to have any issues booking travel after consulting the command, contact PERS-42N at 901-874-4080 as soon as possible for resolution. Note: PNEO travel coordination is NOT PERS-42N's only duty.
5. **When scheduling departure flights, candidates should NOT schedule flights any time before 1800, this allows sufficient time for the briefing process to be completed.**
6. Lodging is only authorized at the approved Per Diem rate for the dates of travel required. GSA.gov Per Diem Rates for District of Columbia has all the current per diem amounts for the dates of your travel to District of Columbia.
7. DOD has deemed that AirBnB is not "Commercial" lodging because the company itself has no culpability for individual properties, therefore it is not legal for reimbursement.
8. Airfare and lodging require vendor receipts for reimbursement. A statement of lost or missing receipt will not be accepted. Airfare and lodging organizations are required to keep records for several years. Obtaining a duplicate only requires a phone call to the vendor.
9. Ensure appropriate receipts are submitted. All receipts should be retained and provided if requested by the Approving Official. Ensure that you claim parking if you drove to the interview and upload receipts in DTS when completing your voucher. Any expense greater than \$75 requires a receipt.
10. The maximum reimbursement for DC area transportation is \$35. This is based on the cost of a 3-day DC Metro pass.
11. When submitting travel vouchers, ensure you digitally sign the DTS voucher or you include a signed DD Form 1351 with full SSN with your voucher.

12. The funding DTS organization is below:

Use LOA: 26SEA08 INTER (27SEA08 INTER for October-December)

Routing List: NUCPWR INTERVIEWS

The Approving Official is PERS-42N: Mr. Thomas Pacileo

Phone: (901) 874-4080