

## IGEP FACTSHEET

### **How much obligated service is incurred?**

Incurred Service, or obliserve, is 3 times the number of months of the education program commencing *after* initial service obligation is completed (not to exceed a total of 10 years from the date of commissioning).

### **How does IGEP affect my career path?**

The submarine career path is designed for officers to meet their milestone tours in order to screen for the next rank. Statutory Boards (rank selection boards) are based on lineal number, which the career path approximates by year group (YG). This is a projection and may change based on promotion rates. Your YG is the fiscal year in which you commissioned.

The first milestone a submarine officer needs to meet is the SOAC window (see Figure 1). The SOAC window is the period an officer can start the Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC) in order to report to their Department Head (DH) tour prior to the O-4 (LCDR) Statutory Board. Officers who participated in IGEP may have truncated DO Sea or DO Shore Tours in order to meet the SOAC window. Every case is different and shortened tours may not be required.

Example: YG22 Officers (commissioned between October 2021 and September 2022)  
IN ZONE Look for O-4: FY32, May 2031 O-4 Board (projected based on current promotion rates)  
SOAC window: up to 16 months prior to O-4 Board, January 2030

### **When am I eligible to resign my commission?**

Officers may resign once their minimum service requirement (MSR), minimum time on station (MTS), minimum sea tour obligation, and education obliserve are complete. PERS-42 typically allows a resignation window of Projected Rotation Date (PRD) +3 months. Resignations must be submitted 9-12 months prior to separation date.

The minimum sea tour obligation for the submarine community is 24 months. MTS varies based on retainability requirements, location and dependent status, but is 24 months for CONUS.

#### References:

OPNAVINST 1520.23C CH-3: Graduate Education  
MILPERSMAN (MPM) 1520-050: Nuclear Propulsion Training  
MPM 1301-108: Officer Distribution – Retainability  
MPM 1301-110: Prescribed Sea Tour (PST) and Recommended Shore Tour Lengths, Exhibit 2  
MPM 1920-200: Officer Resignation Procedures  
AP-TL-01: Tour Lengths and Tours of Duty Outside the Continental United States (CONUS)

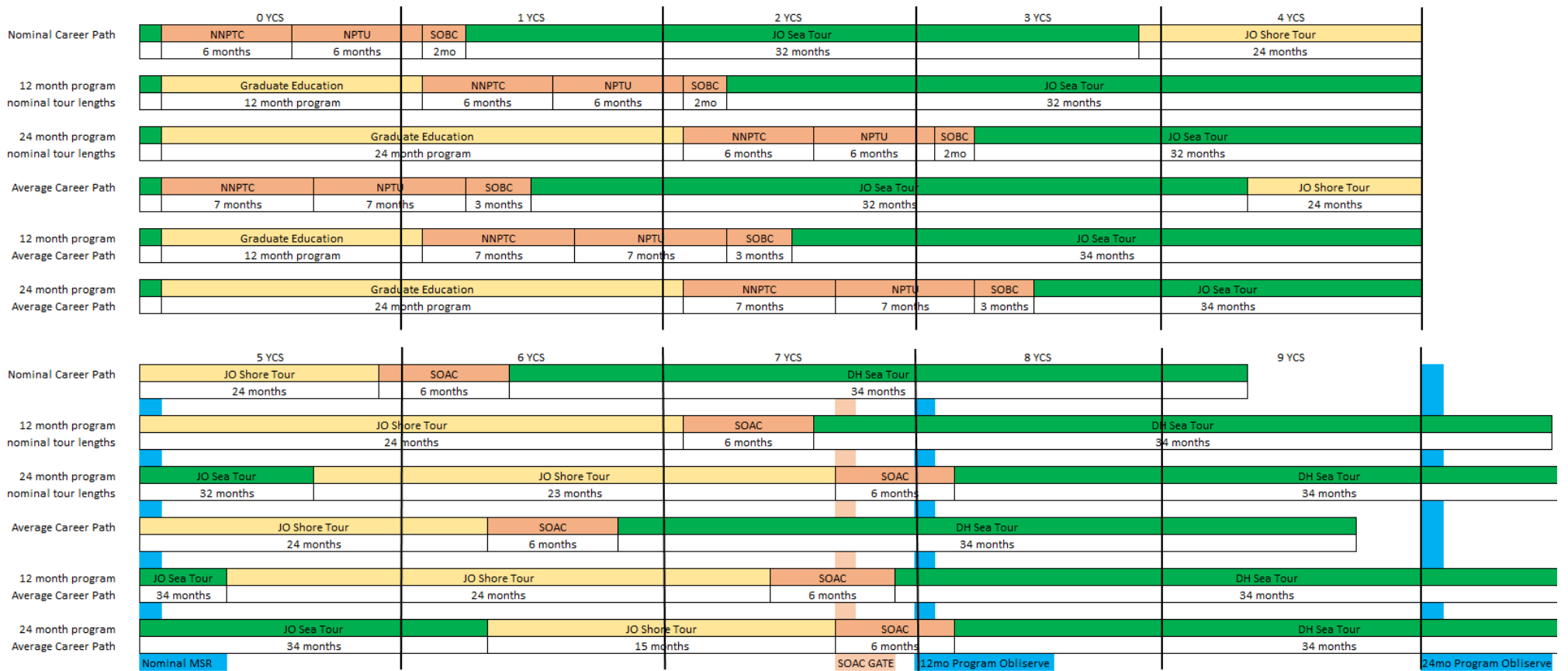


Figure 1. Nominal and Average IGEP Timeline