



Navy Enlisted Advancement System (NEAS) Fact Sheet (01-26)

Operation Epic Fury Exam Administrations

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BLUF: NAVADMIN 070/26 updated guidance for Cycle 271 (March 2026) extends the regular exam administration window until 30 April 2026 in support of Sailors impacted by Operation Epic Fury. Advancement results will be delayed and published after Memorial Day.

Key takeaways

- Commands should make every effort to administer exams by the 30 April deadline
- Do not administer exams past the deadline and destroy exams received late or if unable to administer
- When unable to administer exams by the deadline:
 - Non-Billet Based Advancement (BBA) legacy Sailors - Commands must submit an exception to policy (ETP) for a Cycle 272 to Cycle 271 Standard Score Comparison (SSC).
 - BBA Sailors with an active Detailing Market Eligibility Indicator (DMEI) – No command action is required. The last Final Multiple Score (FMS) will be used for advancement eligibility in MyNavy Assignment (MNA) system.
 - BBA Sailors who took a Cycle 268 Navy Wide Advancement Exam (NWAE) – No command action is required. NAC will pull forward their most recent exam score for FMS calculations.
 - BBA Sailors who do not have a DMEI and did not take the Cycle 268 NWAE - Commands must submit an ETP for a standard score application for FMS calculations.

FAQs

Q1. Who should I contact at my command regarding my missed exam administration?

- A. Your command Educational Services Officer (ESO) is responsible for ordering, administering, and processing your exam, as well as starting the ETP process if needed.

Q2. Who submits the ETP for the missed exam cycle?

- A. COs and OICs must request an ETP for Sailors as detailed in the Advancement Manual. NAVADMIN 070/26 guidance permits an exception for missed exam requests, requiring the ETP to be directly emailed to NETPDC at usn.pensacola.netpdc.mbx.netpdc-n321-discrepancies@us.navy.mil. All other ETP requests must follow normal procedures and be routed to OPNAV N13 as outlined in BUPERSINST 1430.16H, section 104.

Q3. Will Sailors be disadvantaged if they are unable to take the spring cycle exam?

- A. No. Approved ETPs ensure no Sailor is disadvantaged. BBA Sailors will use a previous exam score or the cycle's standard Rating Knowledge Exam (RKE) score, while legacy rating Sailors will use the fall Cycle 272 (September) NWAE score to calculate the spring Cycle 271 FMS.

Q4. How does the Standard Score get calculated for BBA rating Sailors with no DMEI and no Cycle 268 NWAE score?

- A. The Navy Advancement Center (NAC) will use standard score application coupled with the Sailor's current Enlisted Advancement Worksheet (EAW) data to calculate the Cycle 271 FMS.

Q5. How does the Standard Score Comparison (SSC) ETP get processed?

- A. NAC will use the subsequent fall exam score from Cycle 272 coupled with the Sailor's current spring 2026 cycle EAW to calculate Cycle 271 FMS.

Q6. What if my answer sheet is received after results come out?

- A. Answer sheets received after publication of results will be processed to calculate the Sailor's FMS and advancement/BBA status. An updated profile sheet will be available via NEAS Web.

Q7. What if I garner an approved ETP but I also took the exam?

- A. An answer sheet received will be processed and override the ETP.