

Program Authorization: Appointment of student program participants as ensign, U.S. Navy, designator 1955 (Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC) in the Reserve Component (RC)) inactive status and ultimately as designator 2500 (JAGC in the Active Component (AC)) after bar acceptance and applicable training. Judge Advocate General's Corps Officer Community Manager (BUPERS-316F) is the AC JAGC officer community manager (OCM). Reserve Officer Community Manager (BUPERS-351) is the RC JAGC OCM. Commander, Navy Recruiting Command (CNRC) is the program manager.

1. Program Authority: Title 10 U.S. Code sections 12201 through 12207 and 8132.
2. Cancellation: Program Authorization 209 of July 2019.
3. Quota: As prescribed by the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Personnel, Manpower, and Training, N1.
4. Qualifications:
  - a. Citizenship: Applicants must be citizens of the United States.
  - b. Sex: No Restrictions.
  - c. Age: Applicants must be at least 21 years old and be able to complete 20 years of commissioned active-duty service by their 62nd birthday.
  - d. Education: Applicants must currently be enrolled in and expect to earn a juris doctorate from an American Bar Association (ABA) approved law school or be a graduate of an ABA-approved law school who has not yet had the opportunity to take the first available bar exam following graduation.
  - e. Physical: In line with the Manual of the Medical Department, Chapter 15. Selectees must maintain eligibility for worldwide assignment.
  - f. Duty Preference: Not applicable.
  - g. Marital Status: No restrictions.
  - h. Program Specific Requirements: JAGC student program participants (designator 1955) must be eligible to become a member of the bar of a federal court or of the highest court of any state, territory, commonwealth or the District of Columbia. Prior to appointment as designator 2500 and commencing extended active duty, all participants must successfully pass the bar exam of any state, territory, commonwealth or the District of Columbia.
5. Waivers: Not applicable.

6. Accession Source:

a. Civilians.

b. Navy officer and enlisted personnel of the AC or RC with an approved conditional resignation/release.

c. Officer and enlisted personnel of the AC or RC of other armed services with an approved conditional resignation/release.

7. Indoctrination: All newly appointed officers will receive military orientation training at Officer Development School (ODS) in Newport, RI and basic lawyer training at Naval Justice School in Newport, RI prior to reporting to their first Active Duty assignment.8. Enlistment: Not applicable.

9. Constructive Credit: After bar acceptance and applicable training, entry grade credit will be awarded to the Active Duty appointment (designator 2500). Upon appointment as designator 2500, JAGC student program participants with no prior commissioned service will be credited with 3 years and appointed as lieutenant junior grade (LTJG) based on entry-grade credit. Participants with prior commissioned service may be credited with up to 1 additional year and may be appointed as lieutenant (LT) based on entry-grade credit. Entry grade credit is awarded in line with Appointment of Active and Reserve Officers in the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, OPNAVINST 1120.11A.

a. Constructive Entry Credit Matrix:

<u>Qualification</u>	<u>Entry Grade Credit</u>
(1) Active Duty list commissioned service in any of the uniformed services.	Refer to OPNAVINST 1120.11A.
(2) Juris doctor awarded per OPNAVINST 1120.11A.	Three years
(3) Unusual cases involving special experience or unique qualifications as determined by the Secretary of the Navy.	One-half year for each year, up to a maximum of three years of credit.

b. Routing: Entry grade credit is awarded in line with OPNAVINST 1120.11A. CNRC will prepare appointment documents based upon entry grade computations.

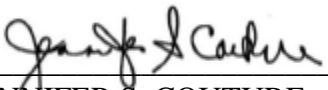
c. Approval Authority: The Judge Advocate General.

d. Notifying the Applicant: Once requirements have been met, the credit will be applied to the Active Duty appointment.

10. Appointment: Reserve appointment (designator 1955) will be as an ensign in the Navy Reserve (Inactive Ready Reserve (IRR) status). After bar acceptance and applicable training the officer's status will change to an Active Duty appointment (designator 2500) consistent with paragraph 9.

11. Service Obligation: Officers will incur 4 years of active-duty obligation commencing from completion of ODS and Naval Justice School training.

12. Pay and Allowances: While attending an ABA-approved law school, students will remain in an IRR status, except when called to active duty for training. Upon appointment as designator 2500 and commencing extended Active Duty, officers will receive pay and benefits based on assigned paygrade.

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