

FY-25 LEP Selection Board Applications Fact Sheet

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NAVADMIN 159/23 announces the call for applications for the FY 2025 Law Education Program (LEP) Selection Board. The board will convene February 2024. **Applications are due NLT September 30, 2023**.

## Who needs to know?

• Active Duty Officers with less than 6 years of active service

# What you need to know - key points

- Officers selected for LEP must begin legal training no later than September 2024 and prior to their 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Active Duty commencement date.
- The Navy will pay all school expenses for 36 months.
- Applicants are required to prioritize the list of accredited law schools they have applied to – including one in-state tuition school, one school close to their current duty station, and one school located in a fleet concentration area. Law schools must have a current Education Service Agreement with Naval Post Graduate School.
- Sailors will continue to serve on active duty while completing the course and will receive pay, allowances, benefits, and privileges of their current paygrade.



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### Sample POD/POW Note

 INTERESTED IN BECOMING A JAG – Junior Officers with less than 6 years of active service by September 2024, can now apply for the FY-25 Law Education Program (LEP). Applications are due September 30, 2023! Check out NAVADMIN 159/23 and <u>SECNAVINST 1520.7G</u> for more information about eligibility and applications.

# FAQ

### Q. Who can apply for LEP?

**A.** Commissioned Officers with less than six years of service time by the start of legal training beginning NLT September 2024 may apply for LEP. Additional requirements based on an Officer's current community are outlined in SECNAVINST 1520.7C. Officers who interested should contact Ms. Melissa Waldron to review their eligibility.

### Q. Am I required to have any particular undergraduate degree?

**A.** No. Officers are not required to have any particular undergraduate degree. All applicants must have an official Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score included in their application. LSAT scores may be submitted separately but must be prior to the board convening in February 2024.

### Q. What is the minimum score on the LSAT I need to have?

**A.** No minimum but the program is competitive and LSATS are a required application component.

### Q. Is there are periodicity required for my LSAT?

**A.** While the Navy does not have a periodicity requirement for LSAT scores, individual law schools may have requirements that applicants must adhere to.

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### Q. Does the Navy assist with LSAT testing cost?

**A.** Applicants must take the LSAT at their own expense.

### Q. Can nuclear-trained Officers apply?

**A.** Nuclear Power trained Officers must meet all requirements outlined in SECNAVINST 1520.7G and verify these requirements with their Community Manager. Their applications must have documentations showing they have met all eligibility requirements.

### Q. Can Officers who were prior enlisted apply?

**A.** Officers who were prior enlisted can apply for LEP, but still be must have less than six years of active duty service time at the start of their legal training. Legal training must begin NLT than September 2024.

### Q. If an Officer is selected for LEP and their law school of choice, will the Navy pay for a PCS?

**A.** Yes, you are eligible for a PCS.

#### Q. Are there any Exceptions to Policy (ETP) or waivers available?

**A.** Officers interested in LEP are highly encouraged to reach out to Ms. Melissa Waldron to review their eligibility. ETP or waivers are limited, many of the requirement (for example the 2 to 6 year AD requirement) are statutory and cannot be waived.

#### Q. What type of service commitment is incurred by Officers selected for LEP?

**A.** All LEP program participants will serve on active duty following completion of the program for two years (24 months) for each year (12 months), or any part thereof, of legal training in the program.

#### Q. How are applications submitted?

**A.** Applications are to be submitted via an Officer's Commanding Officer to Navy Personnel Command Attn: PERS-4416 5720 Integrity Dr. Millington, TN 38055-0000.

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