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SUBJ/NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL MASTER'S DEGREE OPPORTUNITY FOR NAVY ENLISTED
EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL OPERATORS//

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NARR/REF A IS OPNAVINST 1160.8B, SELECTIVE REENLISTMENT BONUS PROGRAM.
REF B IS OPNAVINST 1520.23C CH-3, GRADUATE EDUCATION//

RMKS/1. This NAVADMIN solicits enlisted Sailor applications for in- resident enrollment at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) 18-month Master of Science in Defense Analysis in Special Operations/Irregular Warfare or 24-month Master of Science in Undersea Warfare programs. In line with reference (a), this opportunity is one of many efforts to enhance Explosive Ordnance Disposal's (EOD) warfighting capabilities for the Navy, while building a dynamic, professional workforce.

2. This program is only available to Active Duty E6 to E9 members in the EOD rating. Eligibility criteria and the nomination process are located on the EOD enlisted community manager website at <https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Career-Management/Community-Management/Enlisted/Special-Operations/EOD/>. Applications must be submitted to NPS no later than 6 months prior to the start date.

3. Selectees will be assigned to Navy-funded education as full-time students under Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders to Monterey, CA. As full-time students, Sailors will be required to carry a full academic load year-round. Degree requirements must be completed in 18 or 24 months, depending on chosen program.

4. At this time, the program is only available to Active-Duty members in the EOD technician rating who meet the following criteria:

a. Must possess a baccalaureate degree from an institutionally accredited school. For the Undersea Warfare program, your undergraduate degree program must include a calculus sequence and a calculus-based physics sequence. Sailors not meeting the academic requirements for direct input may enter the program early for a one or two quarter refresher of math and/or physics as required.

b. Must be an EOD technician, E6 or above, and eligible for CONUS/shore assignment no later than August 2026 for the September 2026 start. E8 with no more than 20 Years of Service (YOS), and E9 with no more than 24 YOS.

c. Selected member must complete active obligated service (OBLISERV) requirements in line with reference (b). OBLISERV is computed from the NPS class convening date. Prior to receiving PCS orders to NPS, selected members must OBLISERV for a period of 72 months (6 years) for Undersea Warfare programs and 60 months (5 years) for Special Operations/Irregular Warfare.

(1) If reenlistment and/or obtainment of OBLISERV prior to transfer will cause potential monetary loss, the member may qualify for the following OBLISERV option: NAVPERS 1070/613 (Administrative Remarks), entry in lieu of hard OBLISERV in line with reference (b).

d. Must be within Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) standards with no PFA failures within the last 3 years.

e. Must have no evaluation marks below 3.0 within the last 5 years.

f. Must hold or be eligible for a secret clearance. Applicants without a current secret clearance should work with their special security office to initiate the clearance request. Orders to NPS will not be issued until secret clearance is finalized.

g. Must possess a conditional letter of acceptance from NPS. Sailors must apply for a conditional letter of acceptance to NPS at <https://nps.edu/web/admissions/apply> and select special operations and irregular warfare, curriculum number 699 or undersea warfare, curriculum number 525. Upon application submission, Sailors must arrange for submission of an official transcript to the NPS admissions office from each institution attended for all undergraduate and graduate education, as well as all Sailor/Marine American council on education registry transcripts, or joint service transcripts. Applicants will be notified by NPS via e-mail regarding their conditional acceptance. Prior application submissions to this program do not disqualify an applicant.

5. Prospective applicants should contact their detailer immediately to discuss implications for their current assignments. Failure to do so may result in the withdrawal of selection.

6. Applicants in receipt of a letter of conditional acceptance from NPS should forward a written request via their commanding officer, using the below format, in line with paragraph 8:

From: (Rate, Full Name, Last 4 digits of SSN)
To: Explosive Ordnance Disposal Enlisted Community Manager /
Technical Advisor
Via: (Commanding Officer)
Subj: APPLICATION FOR ENLISTED UNDERSEA WARFARE MASTER'S DEGREE
OPPORTUNITY AT THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL (NPS)
Ref: (a) (cite this NAVADMIN)
Encl: (1) Copies of all undergraduate transcripts
(2) Certified copies of the last five performance evaluations
(3) Command financial screening for assignment to a high cost of living area without barracks and dedicated housing for bachelor's or geographic bachelors
(4) Member's single page statement of preparedness and motivation to earn a masters degree, and future goals
(5) Naval Postgraduate School conditional letter of acceptance

1. I request selection to earn a Master's of Science in (Undersea Warfare or Special Operations/Irregular Warfare) at the Naval Postgraduate School for a (Enter NPS provided start month) 2026 start date: I meet all eligibility

requirements specified in paragraph (3) of ref (a). Enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted to support my request.

2. I understand that if selected for this opportunity, I will incur a (72 month or 60 month) Active-Duty service obligation starting from the NPS class convening date. If I fail to complete the required service (voluntary or due to misconduct), I agree to reimburse the United States Navy for the cost of the graduate education received prorated for the obligated time served.

3. Upon completion of degree requirements, I understand I will be assigned based upon the needs of the Navy and EOD community.

4. I can be contacted at (provide phone, personal and work email, and mailing address).

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7. Commanding Officer's endorsement should address member's preparedness for this significant academic opportunity, ability to work independently, communication skills, potential for increased responsibilities, and any special considerations.

8. Applications must be sent via encrypted e-mail or DoD SAFE (<https://safe.apps.mil/>) to eod_comm_mgr.fct@navy.mil within two weeks of notification of conditional acceptance by NPS. If required, please visit <https://dod411.gds.disa.mil/> to download the required mailbox certificates to encrypt the email.

9. Selection results will be disseminated via official e-mail from an EOD community management office. Due to the highly competitive nature of this program, notification of selection via official e-mail is a binding commitment, which selectees must accept or decline within five working days of receipt.

10. Point of contact for this program can be contacted via e-mail at eod_comm_mgr.fct@navy.mil.

11. This NAVADMIN will remain in effect until superseded, or 1 September 2026, whichever occurs first.

12. Released by Vice Admiral Jeffrey J. Czerewko, N1.//

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