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FLIGHT NURSE SUBSPECIALTY DESIGNATION

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References	(a) NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations (b) OPNAVINST 3710.7V (c) NAVMED P-117, Manual of the Medical Department (MANMED)
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1. **Policy**. Chief of Naval Personnel (CHNAVPERS) designates qualified Nurse Corps officers as naval flight nurses. This authority may be delegated to Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). Flight nurses, upon designation, are authorized to wear the appropriate insignia prescribed in reference (a).

2. **Qualifications**

a. Successfully complete the approved course of instruction for student flight nurses at the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

b. Meet physiology training requirements and flight physical regulations prescribed by references (b) and (c).

3. **Restrictions**

a. Should any flight nurse fail to meet the prescribed physical requirements for flying, such failure must be set forth in the report of physical exam for flying, [Standard Form 88](#) Report of Medical Examination, with appropriate addenda and the report forwarded to BUMED, who will submit a recommendation to CHNAVPERS. The case will be disposed of as follows:

(1) Permitted to continue class II flight status, subject to CHNAVPERS waiver of physical defects;

(2) Restricted from flight duties, but allowed to retain designation to continue ground duties of naval flight nurses;

(3) Restricted from flight duties, but allowed to retain designator; or

(4) Restricted from all flight duties with revocation of designation.

b. For those cases where appeal of the recommendation or decision is requested, CHNAVPERS may convene a formal board of senior flight nurses at BUMED. This board will review all aspects of the case. The decision of this board is final. Appellants may request appearance before this board. Upon such requests for appearance, per existing directive, the appellant may be issued temporary additional duty orders authorizing government air travel at no additional expense to the government.

4. Revocation

a. The right of personnel to wear the naval flight nurse insignia continues unless specifically revoked by CHNAVPERS. Recommendations for revocation will be tendered by a flight nurse evaluation board appointed and convened by BUMED to evaluate the motivation and adaptability of naval flight nurses. Revocation will normally be limited to those individuals who express a lack of motivation for flying, refuse to fly, or fail to fulfill the duties of a flight nurse as delineated by BUMED. Flight nurses found, by other boards, to be incompetent to practice nursing or unsuitable for military service will be considered disqualified to practice as a naval flight nurse and that designation will be revoked.

b. In a case where the right to wear the naval flight nurse insignia has been revoked, the member involved will not be permitted to wear the insignia until such time the officer is again authorized to wear the insignia by CHNAVPERS, upon recommendation of a duly appointed board convened by CHNAVPERS in each case so concerned.