

MILPERSMAN 1210-130

MEDICAL OFFICER DESIGNATION: QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES

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Reference	(a) NAVPERS 15665J, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations
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1. Board Address

Board for Qualification of Submarine Medical Officers
Naval Undersea Medical Institute
Naval Submarine Base, New London
Groton, CT 06349-5159

2. Candidate Qualifications. A candidate for designation as a submarine medical officer must:

a. Be a graduate of the Undersea Medical Officer (UMO) or the Undersea Medical Examiner courses given at the Naval Undersea Medical Institute (NUMI);

b. Successfully pass a comprehensive qualification examination to be completed during the first undersea medical assignment;

c. Prepare an acceptable thesis, technical paper, or project on some phase of undersea medicine;

d. Complete a submarine qualification card supplied by NUMI;

e. Have served on board a submarine for a minimum of 30 days (may be non-consecutive). Exceptions to this requirement may be granted in extraordinary cases on an individual basis by the Board for Qualification of Submarine Medical Officers; and

f. Upon completion of additional requirements issued by the Submarine Force, be recommended by the submarine commanding officer (CO).

3. **Thesis**

a. During, or after completion of, the prescribed course, the candidate must submit a formal request containing a brief outline and discussion of the thesis topic to NUMI for review and to receive approval of the thesis or project by the Board for Qualification of Submarine Medical Officers.

b. Upon completion of the thesis, the original and two copies of the thesis must be forwarded to the board for final review and acceptance.

c. A thesis is not required if the individual has published at least one scientific article concerning submarine or diving problems which meet the board's approval.

4. **Examination**

a. Upon graduation from the NUMI course, all candidates will receive instructions to prepare their comprehensive submarine qualification examination.

b. The examination will be completed during the first undersea medical assignment.

c. Completed examinations and correspondence will be addressed to the Board for Qualification of Submarine Medical Officers at NUMI.

5. **Submarine Qualification Card.** Upon arrival at the first undersea medical assignment, the UMO will complete the qualification card.

6. **Submarine Underway Time.** Documentation for 30 days at sea is desired.

7. **Completion of Requirements.** Upon completion of all requirements, submit a request for designation as a "qualified submarine medical officer" to the board at NUMI. Endorsements from the CO, as well as from the operational commander (when applicable), must be included.

8. **Designation**

a. Upon approval by the senior member of the board, the officer becomes qualified to wear the appropriate submarine insignia per reference (a).

b. Officer in Charge (OIC), NUMI will report such action to Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM) Medical Assignment Placement Branch (PERS-4415) with copies to the following individuals:

(1) Director, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
Requirements and Capabilities Division (N97)

(2) Force commander

(3) CO

(4) Service member

c. Upon receipt of the submarine medical officer designation letter from OIC, NUMI, the PERS-4415 detailer will note the date of receipt and record the additional qualification designator "6UM" in the officer's electronic record.