

MILPERSMAN 1210-140

DIVING OFFICER

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Governing Directives	NAVPERS 15839I, Manual of Navy Officer Manpower Personnel Classifications, Volume I, Major Code Structures NAVMED P-117, Manual of the Medical Department NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations OPNAVINST 5510.162 NAVSEA 0910-LP-708-8000, U.S. Navy Diving Manual DFAS-DJMS Procedures Training Guide (DFAS PTG)
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1. Designation

a. Designation of Diving Officers is described by Navy Officer Billet Classification (NOBC) codes and Additional Qualification Designator (AQD) codes.

b. The NOBC and AQD codes reflect the degree of training and/or operational experience that an officer has gained or that a billet requires. Complete descriptions of NOBC/AQD codes used in this article are contained in NAVPERS 15839I.

c. Designation as a Diving Officer for selected

(1)	Unrestricted Line (117X, 112X),
(2)	Restricted Line/Staff Corps (146X, 144X, 210X, 510X),
(3)	Limited Duty (61XX, 648X, 653X), and
(4)	Warrant (71XX, 72XX, 748X, 753X)

officers accomplished through various diver training courses and assignments in billets requiring diving and/or salvage-related experience. The officers retain their designators and are assigned to billets which require both specific designator skills and diving/salvage expertise.

d. Designation as a Ship Salvage Operations Officer shall be requested by letter to Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM) (PERS-416), via the commanding officer. The letter shall contain a chronological summary of all diving and ship salvage billets held and describe the officer's participation in significant diving and/or salvage operations.

2. **Eligibility**. Navy Personnel Command (PERS-416) may, on a case by case basis, exempt those officers previously qualified as U.S. Navy divers from repeating all or part of the initial training for which they were qualified. Applicants must satisfy the requirements of this paragraph prior to assignment to training and/or a diving related billet:

a. Physically qualified Unrestricted Line (URL), Restricted Line (RL), and Staff Corps Officers volunteers of selected designators.

b. Be less than 30 years old on the day NAVPERSCOM (PERS-416) receives the application. If applicant has a previous diving qualification, NAVPERSCOM (PERS-416) may waive this requirement.

c. Agree to serve on active duty for a period of 2 years or until completion of previously acquired minimum obligated service, whichever is longer, subsequent to completion of training. If involuntarily disenrolled because of disqualification, the member will incur no additional obligation and will serve on active duty until completion of prior minimum obligated service unless released earlier by Chief of Naval Personnel.

d. Meet medical standards as specified in NAVMED P-117, article 15-36.

e. Be screened by a qualified screening activity according to procedures specified in MILPERSMAN 1220-100 - 1220-330 and this article (except officers with previous experience in the program applied for).

3. **Application.** Applications for Diving Officer training shall be submitted via the commanding officer and Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery to Commander, NAVPERSCOM in the following format: (Use proper letter format.)

From: (Rank, Name, SSN/Designator)
To: Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-416)
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, (member's present command)
(2) Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (MED-21)

Subj: (TYPE TRAINING)

Ref: (a) MILPERSMAN 1210-140
(b) NAVMED 15-36

Encl: (1) SF 88, Report of Medical Examination and
SF 93, Report of Medical History
(2) Report of Program Screening (see MILPERSMAN
1220-100 - 1220-330)

1. Per reference (a), I volunteer for diving duty and request assignment to (type training).

2. Based on the results of a medical examination, enclosure (1), and screening results, enclosure (2), I submit my eligibility for (type training) (or, as applicable) I request a waiver to the following requirements: (specify requirements which need a waiver).

3. I understand the nature of Diving Duty, and I agree to

a. serve on active duty for a period of 2 years or until completion of previously acquired minimum obligated service, whichever is greater, subsequent to completion of (type training) unless released earlier by Navy Personnel Command.

b. serve the minimum obligated service specified, regardless of whether I retain diving qualification for 2 years.

(Signature)

4. **Application Endorsement**. Endorsement format:
(Use proper endorsement format.)

ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-416)
Via: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (MED-21)

Subj: DIVE TRAINING

1. Forwarded.
2. Commanding Officer's recommendation regarding the officer's suitability for dive training and subsequent assignment to diving duty.
3. Statement regarding availability of the officer. If the officer's availability is beyond 6 months, state reasons.

(Signature)

5. **Application Screening**. A screening will be completed by a qualified screening activity prior to requesting initial training. Qualified screening activities include any diving command or associated training activity whose primary mission is to conduct or train in diving operations. They must successfully complete the physical screening test for divers and the hyperbaric pressure test as described in MILPERSMAN 1220-100 - 1220-330.

6. **Training**

a. Course descriptions, prerequisites, class convening dates, and designated training activities for Diving Officer training are contained in NAVEDTRA 10500, Navy Formal Schools Catalog. This publication should be consulted for up-to-date information both at the time of application and prior to detaching a member for a specific training course.

b. Officers who voluntarily or involuntarily disenroll from initial training will be made available for reassignment. Administrative action will be taken to cancel the agreement to extend officer service and to determine the remaining active duty obligation. Officers who voluntarily disenroll from training must serve a minimum of 1 year before reapplying for the same or similar training.

7. **Insignia**

a. Qualified Diving Officers are authorized to wear the "Basic Diving Officer" insignia as prescribed in NAVPERS 15665I. Authority to wear this insignia shall continue indefinitely from initial qualification. The Diving Officer insignia may be worn by

- Basic Diving Officers,
- Ship Salvage Diving Officers,
- HeO2 Qualified Diving Officers,
- Saturation Diving Officers,
- Diving and Salvage Engineering Officers, and
- Ship Salvage Operations Officers

upon completion of initial diver training and assignment of NOBC and AQD codes.

b. Medical Officers may wear the Medical Department Diving Officer insignia after successful completion of the Under Sea Medicine course of instruction.

8. Requalification

a. Commanding officers are directed to provide every opportunity for Diving Officer qualifications to be maintained in the proper periodicity. Diving requalification will be in accordance with MILPERSMAN 1220-100 - 1220-330.

b. Documentation of the requalification will be made as described in NAVSEA 0910-LP-708-8000 and MILPERSMAN 1220-100 - 1220-330. The appropriate NAVCOMPT forms will be sent according to DFAS PTG in all instances in which (Special) Diving and/or Hazardous Duty pay are affected.

9. Revocation/Reinstatement of Qualifications

a. Officers may request removal of Diving related NOBC's or AQD's by sending a letter to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-416) via their commanding officer.

b. Revocation of Diving Officer designations shall be considered only by an appointed board convened by the appropriate commanding officer or group commander in the officer's chain of command. The board shall evaluate the operational ability, motivation, and reliability of the officer in his or her performance of duty. The board's recommendation shall be forwarded via the convening authority to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-416) for final determination.

c. Officers may request reinstatement of former diving designations by sending a letter to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-416) via their commanding officer. Requests for reinstatement should include appropriate statements from the officer application format discussed previously.