

MILPERSMAN 1210-145

DIVING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (7201)

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References	(a) OPNAVINST 3150.27C (b) OPNAVINST 1420.1B (c) NAVPERS 15665I U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations
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1. **Purpose.** This article discusses the professional requirements for diving officer (designator 7201) procurement, sustainment, placement, and eligibility.
2. **Background.** Per reference (a), diving officers (designator 7201) hold a position of special trust and confidence within the diving community, focused on project oversight, technical management, and compliance with established Navy diving policy. These highly specialized officers possess the unique professional pedigree and commissioned authority necessary to successfully analyze, plan, staff, advise, manage, and lead full-spectrum diving operations in support of broader warfare objectives.
3. **Designator Description and Duties**
 - a. Diving officers are the Navy's commissioned technical leadership authority in manned and unmanned diving and hyperbaric operations.
 - b. Diving officers serve as technical experts who lead complex peacetime and combat-related diving missions at sea and ashore.

c. Diving officers oversee underwater ship husbandry, salvage, special warfare, and undersea research and development missions in support of type and unified command requirements.

d. Diving officers utilize significant operational and technical experience to safely execute high-risk diving-enabled operations.

e. Command diving officers manage all administrative facets of the command's diving program, including life-support system maintenance, repair, and certification.

f. Qualified watch station diving officers provide critical onsite-operational risk management, ensure verbatim-procedural compliance, and maintain clear command, communication and control throughout the course of a specified diving operation.

g. Strategically, diving officers manage and advise key dimensions of force generation, manpower allocation, operational requirements, equipment resourcing, and policy alignment.

h. Diving officers are proficient in the maintenance, repair, transportation, administration, operation, and supervision of all hyperbaric systems and diving methods employed by the joint force.

i. Diving officer duties:

(1) Intermediate and depot level ship husbandry diving officer

(2) Mobile diving and salvage (MDS) company commander

(3) Area search platoon (ASP) commander

(4) Mobile diving and salvage unit (MDSU) readiness and training officer (RTO)

(5) Immediate superior in command and type command staff officer

(6) Department Head and Officer in Charge, Chief of Naval Operations Special Programs

(7) Department Head and Unmanned Systems (UMS) Officer, Sea, Air, Land (SEAL) Delivery Vehicles Team (SDVT) Diving

(8) Division Head, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Training and Evaluation Unit (TEU)

(9) Division Head, Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center (NDSTC)

(10) Program Director, Naval Safety Center (NSC)

(11) Diving Officer, Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC)

(12) Echelon 1 directorate technical advisor and chief warrant officer advisory team (CWO-AT) member

4. **Procurement**. Diving officers (designator 7201) are procured and commissioned per reference (b) and related messages.

5. **Insignia**. Once commissioned and designated 7201, officers subject to this article must replace their enlisted diving qualification insignia with the diving officer insignia per reference (c).

6. **Qualification**. All diving officers are qualified Navy divers per reference (a).

a. Officers subject to this article must attain job-specific qualifications and maintain related proficiencies per reference (a) and [MILPERSMAN 7220-090](#).

b. Lapse of qualification due to exceptional circumstances must be addressed per [MILPERSMAN 7220-090](#) .

c. Per [MILPERSMAN 1301-227](#), officers subject to this article who are found ineligible for a security clearance are ineligible for retention.

7. **Placement**. Technical expertise and proficiency in a given mission area are of the utmost importance in diving officer detailing and placement. Wherever practicable, detailing and placement business practices must permit diving officer specialization in mobile diving and salvage, naval special warfare, or underwater ship husbandry. While highly repetitive, technically specialized assignment is desired, non-specialized detours are available to qualified officers in the areas of training, special programs, submarine escape and rescue, saturation, program management, research, and experimentation. The designator [career-pattern sheet](#) provides milestone details.