

MILPERSMAN 1210-145

DIVING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (7201)

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1. **Purpose.** This article discusses diving officer (designator 7201) professional requirements and management.

2. **Background.** Diving officers (designator 7201) hold a position of special trust and confidence within the Diving enterprise, 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 effectively analyze, plan, staff, advise, manage, and lead full-spectrum diving operations in support of broader warfare objectives.

3. **Designator Description and Duties**

a. Diving officer functions include:

(1) Serving as Navy's commissioned technical leadership authority in manned diving and hyperbaric operations.

(2) Serving as technical experts who lead complex peacetime and combat-related diving missions at-sea and ashore.

(3) Managing underwater ship husbandry (UWSH), salvage, special warfare, and undersea research and development missions in support of type, systems, and unified command requirements.

(4) Utilizing significant operational and technical experience to safely execute high-risk diving-enabled operations.

(5) Managing all administrative facets of the command's diving program, including life support system maintenance, repair, and certification.

(6) Providing critical onsite operational risk management, ensuring verbatim procedural compliance, and maintaining clear command, communication and control throughout the course of a specified diving operation.

(7) Managing and advising key dimensions of force generation, management and employment as well as capability resourcing and policy alignment.

(8) Maintaining proficiency in the maintenance, repair, mobilization, administration, operation, and supervision of all hyperbaric systems and diving methods employed by the joint force.

b. Diving officer duties include:

- (1) Staff officer
- (2) Department head at-sea and ashore
- (3) Company commander
- (4) Officer in charge
- (5) Division officer ashore
- (6) Project officer
- (7) Advisory team member

4. **Procurement**. Diving officers are procured and commissioned via the annual Limited Duty Officer and Chief Warrant Officer In-service Procurement Board.

5. **Insignia**. Once commissioned and designated as 7201, officers subject to this article must replace their enlisted diving qualification insignia with the diving officer insignia per NAVPERS 15665J, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations.

6. **Qualification.** All diving officers are qualified Navy divers.

a. Officers subject to this article must attain job-specific qualifications and maintain related proficiencies per [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 UWSH. While highly repetitive, technically specialized assignments are desired, non-specialized detours are available to qualified officers in the areas of training, special programs, submarine escape and rescue, saturation diving, program management, research, and experimentation. The designator career pattern sheet located at <https://mynavyhr.navy.afpims.mil/Career-Management/Community-Management/Officer/Active-OCM/LDO-CWO/Career-Pattern-Sheets/> provides milestone details.