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SURFACE WARFARE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OFFICER (SWMDO) QUALIFICATION AND DESIGNATION

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References	(a)	NAVPERS	15665I,	U.	S.	Navy	Uniform	Regulations	

1. Assignment of Designator

a. Approved qualification shall be forwarded to Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), Staff/RL Officer Distribution Division (PERS-44). Upon receipt, NAVPERSCOM will assign the appropriate Additional Qualification Designator (AQD) to the officer qualified.

b. Qualified Surface Warfare Officers transferring into the Medical Corps and attaining Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer (SWMDO) designation will be assigned AQD LA7 in addition to retaining the AQD LA9.

2. Authority to Wear the Insignia

a. Qualification under the aforementioned standards and procedures entitles an officer to wear the SWMDO insignia per reference (a). The achievement should be recognized at an appropriate ceremony and relevant comments shall be included in the officer's next regular report of fitness.

b. Officers transferring into the Medical Corps who were previously authorized to wear other warfare specialty insignia may wear these insignia following reference (a).

3. Revocation Qualification

a. A SWMDO will retain such qualification until revoked by NAVPERSCOM.

b. A commanding officer (CO), or any immediate superior in command (ISIC) in the individual's chain of command, may

recommend revocation of the SWMDO designation when an officer's performance of surface warfare duties afloat is unsatisfactory.

4. Detachment for Cause (DFC). A recommendation for revocation of such qualification shall not be made in lieu of DFC, nor shall recommendations automatically be included in cases of DFC. Revocation may be considered and recommended coincidentally with a DFC, but shall be handled administratively as a separate action by NAVPERSCOM. Upon revocation, the officer's AQD of LA7 and LA9, if applicable, will be removed.