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QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO NUCLEAR PROPULSION PROGRAM SCHOOLS

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| References | (a) NAVMED P-117, Manual of the Medical Department (MANMED) (b) NAVMED P-5055, Radiation Health Protection Manual (c) Manual for Courts-Martial, United States (2005 Edition) (d) SECNAVINST 5510.30B |
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1. Suitability for the Nuclear Propulsion Program

a. **Academic Prerequisites.** The Nuclear Propulsion Program schools are academically difficult, and a sound understanding of mathematics, physics, and chemistry is necessary for successful completion.

b. **Motivation.** Strong motivation, interest in the program, and willingness to work diligently in the academic and operational training phases are important prerequisites for the program.

c. **Reliability.** While the highest standards of personal conduct and reliability are required of all members of the Naval Service, it is especially important that members assigned to duty involving operation, maintenance, and supervision of naval nuclear propulsion plants are of unquestioned reliability.

d. **Applicant Evaluation.** Conscientious efforts are necessary to examine and evaluate each applicant's character, background and potential for meeting program requirements.

2. Requirements for Assignment to the Nuclear Propulsion Program. Responsibility for determining members' qualifications rests with the commanding officer (CO). Prior to recommending

members for the Nuclear Propulsion Program, COs interview and evaluate nominees per the following requirements:

a. **Paygrade/Occupational Area.** Be paygrade E-2 through E-6 on active duty.

(1) Members selected for the program will be placed in one of three nuclear operator categories (mechanical, electrical or reactor operator) at the beginning of basic Nuclear Power School based on experience and needs of the program.

(2) Members will be converted to the source rating appropriate to their operator training (MM, EM or ET) upon successful completion of the Nuclear Field "A" School course.

b. **Motivation.** Be motivated for the program and aware of the demanding academic effort required to complete the training program (e.g., general study and class time usually totals at least 12 hours per day).

c. **Scores**

- $MK + EI + GS + AR = 252$, or
- $VE + AR + MK + MC = 252$

Fleet personnel do not have to take the Navy Advanced Placement Test (NAPT).

d. **High School Diploma.** Have a high school diploma.

e. **Algebra.** Have completed at least 1 year of high school level algebra with no less than a "C" (70 - 79% on a 100% base).

f. **Chemistry, Physics, or other Sciences.** Should have completed high school level or higher instruction in chemistry, physics, or other sciences.

g. **Age.** Have not reached 25th birthday on class convening date at Nuclear Power School.

h. **Physical.** Be physically qualified per

(1) reference (a), article 15-106 and reference (b) for members applying for **submarine duty**; or

(2) reference (a), article 15-103 and reference (b) for personnel applying for **nuclear field duty**.

i. **Academic Performance.** Have demonstrated good academic performance at Class "A" and other service schools (evidenced by a standing within the upper half of the class).

NOTE: Members who did not stand in the upper half of the above schools will be considered on a case basis if other evidence of academic achievement clearly indicates potential to successfully complete nuclear propulsion training.

j. **Citizenship.** Be a U. S. Citizen.

k. **Active Service.** Not have completed more than 4 years active service on class convening date for Nuclear Power School. Waivers will be considered on a case basis for particularly outstanding candidates.

l. **Disciplinary Record.** Have a clear record for at least 1 year insofar as the CO can determine by inspection of current service record, and not more than one minor offense during the past 2 years. (A minor offense is defined in reference (c), chapter 128.b.)

(1) **Convictions.** Members convicted of a serious offense will not be accepted. (A serious offense is one that may jeopardize eligibility for security clearance, such as theft or an offense that suggests unreliability.)

(2) **Drug Abuse.** Evidence of drug abuse is disqualifying; however, a waiver may be granted for preservice experimental use of marijuana. This waiver policy applies only to preservice use of marijuana which was of a clearly experimental nature and was acknowledged by the individual during recruitment.

(3) **Other.** Cases may arise which, in the judgment of the CO, do not clearly fall within the disciplinary guidelines provided above. In such cases, recommendations containing supporting information should be submitted to Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), Nuclear Power/Submarine Assignment Branch (PERS-403F) for decision.

m. **Performance.** Must have overall performance marks of 3.0 or better, with no individual performance trait marks below 2.0 for 2 years prior to entry into Nuclear Power School, except for

cases in which one minor offense has resulted in an evaluation trait mark below 3.0. Selection for nuclear propulsion training will depend on the nature of the minor offense and an evaluation of the member's overall performance record.

n. **Security Clearance**. A security investigation and clearance are required for the Nuclear Propulsion Program.

(1) A SECRET clearance is required for all students prior to the commencement of training in the Nuclear Propulsion Program. The requirements for granting a SECRET clearance are contained in reference (d).

(2) Prior to completion of the CO's endorsement on a member's request for entry into the Nuclear Propulsion Program, it must be determined if the appropriate security documents are available in the service record. If they are not, a National Agency Check (NAC) request must be submitted simultaneously with the submission of member's NAVPERS 1306/7 (Rev. 1/03), Enlisted Personnel Action Request.

(3) The member cannot be ordered to Nuclear Field "A" School until a satisfactory NAC is completed and documented in the service record.