

Program Authorization for: Officer Candidate indoctrination and training of college graduates for appointment and active duty as:

**RESTRICTED LINE/SPECIAL DUTY OFFICER (OCEANOGRAPHY), OCEANOGRAPHY OPTION (1160/1800).** Upon completion of indoctrination and training, individual will be commissioned an Ensign, USN, designator 1160, Surface Warfare Officer (Student), Oceanography Option. The officer will be assigned to Division Officer Afloat duties on a fleet unit where they will complete an initial URL experience tour and qualify as a Surface Warfare Officer.

**RESTRICTED LINE/SPECIAL DUTY OFFICER (OCEANOGRAPHY), DIRECT ACCESSION.** Upon completion of indoctrination and training, individual will be commissioned an Ensign, USN, designator 1800, Special Duty Officer (Oceanography).

1. Program authority: 10 USC 532, 12201-12209, and 5587
2. Quota: As prescribed by the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education) (N1) in the annual Accessions Plan.
3. Qualifications:
  - a. Citizenship: Applicants must be citizens of the United States.
  - b. Gender: Open to men and women.
  - c. Education:
    - (1) Candidates must have completed a science-oriented Baccalaureate Degree from an accredited college or university with strong background in mathematics and physics.
    - (2) A degree in meteorology or oceanography is preferred but not required.
    - (3) Minimum requirements include an overall GPA of 2.2, C+ average in calculus series, and C+ average in calculus-based physics series.
  - d. Age: Applicants must not have passed their 35<sup>th</sup> birthday upon commissioning.

e. Physical: In accordance with the Manual of the Medical Department, Chapter 15, minor physical defects, non-organic in nature, may be waived by NSTC OD with the recommendation of the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). The candidates must meet the physical fitness weight and/or percentage of body fat standards at the time of application and at time of commissioning.

f. Selection: Applicants will be screened by a board established by Navy Personnel Command, Oceanography Distribution Branch (PERS-449) for entry into the program.

g. Marital status: No restrictions.

4. Source:

a. Civilian, male or female.

b. Enlisted personnel of the regular Navy or Naval Reserve (active or inactive).

c. Personnel of the other armed services with an approved interservice transfer.

5. Indoctrination: Selectees will attend Officer Candidate School. After commissioning, Direct Accession officers will attend Basic Oceanography Accession Training (BOAT) in Gulfport, MS. Oceanography Option officers will attend BOAT following initial surface warfare tour and redesignation to 1800.

6. Appointment:

a. Oceanography Option: Ensign, USN, Surface Warfare Officer Student, Designator 1160, upon completion of Officer Candidate School. These officers are assigned to Division Officer Afloat duties of a fleet unit where they will complete an initial Unrestricted Line (URL) experience tour in order to attain Surface Warfare qualification.

(1) Officers will be automatically redesignated to 1800 upon completion of Surface Warfare qualification and will be assigned to future duties as a Special Duty Officer (Oceanography) at the completion of their initial tour.

(2) Officers who no longer desire to execute their option to redesignate to 1800 shall submit a letter to Navy Personnel Command, Surface Officer Distribution Division (PERS-

412) via Oceanography Branch (PERS-449) stating their desire to remain a Surface Warfare Officer. The letter must be endorsed by the officer's Commanding Officer.

b. Direct Accession: Candidates will be commissioned in the restricted line of the Navy as Ensign, U.S. Navy, designator 1800.

7. Service obligation:

a. Officer must serve at least four years on active duty from the date of appointment. Officers must serve for two years following redesignation to 1800 or until the completion of four years from the date of appointment, whichever is later.

b. The balance of service, sufficient to complete eight years total obligated service, may be served in a ready reserve status.

Approved:



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