

EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD) TECHNICIAN

Steady hands and even steadier nerves



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In today's era of armed conflict, one of the enemy's most prolific weapons is the Improvised Explosive Device (IED). These devices, often taking the form of roadside bombs, pose a serious threat to any mission. It's up to the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technician to eliminate that threat.



Navy EOD Technicians are members of the Naval Special Operations (NSO) community, comprising men and women who take on the most impossible missions and the most elusive objectives.

JOB DESCRIPTION

As an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician, you will be part of a highly skilled group on call to respond to any type of ordnance – with specialized training to handle chemical, biological and even nuclear weapons. You will work side by side with other Sailors – carrying out dangerous and difficult missions, saving lives, and making the world a safer place. Investigation and demolition of natural or man-made underwater obstructions. Preparing coastal regions for amphibious landings.

Providing intelligence about potential threats, both in the United States and abroad. With expertise in the most conventional and unconventional of explosives, you will ensure the secure disposal of explosive weaponry.



SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Some of the many duties you may have as a Navy EOD Technician include:

- Carrying out the demolition of hazardous munitions, pyrotechnics and outdated explosives using detonation and burning techniques
- Performing underwater location and identification of foreign and domestic ordnance
- Working with cutting-edge technology to remotely disable unsafe ordnance
- Performing parachute/helicopter insertion operations in support of missions
- Supporting military and civilian law enforcement agencies
- Executing underwater mine countermeasure operations to clear waterways in support of the Fleet

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Your missions will take you to every corner of the world. One assignment may require you to parachute from over 17,000 feet, while the next may require insertion via an 11-meter Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) or a 20-ton rapid response vehicle. How you get there will be based on which unit you are integrated with and the type of mission to be completed, as well as the required equipment weight of each team member, weather conditions and other mission-specific risks.

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TRAINING AND ADVANCEMENT

Becoming an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician is no easy process. While the rigorous 51 weeks of training are both physically and mentally grueling, you will be rewarded with unrivaled leadership opportunities, first-rate compensation and sense of purpose.

QUALIFICATIONS

Both males and females are eligible to become Navy EOD Technicians. To qualify for EOD training, you must:

- Meet specific eyesight requirements: 20/200 bilateral correctable to 20/25 with no color blindness
- Meet the minimum Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) score:
AR+VE=109, MC=51 or GS+MC+EI=169
- Be age 30 or younger
- Be a U.S. citizen

PHYSICAL SCREENING TEST REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the Navy EOD program, you must complete the following minimum Physical Screening Test Requirements:

- Swim 500 yards using side- or breaststroke within 14 minutes
- Rest 10 minutes
- 42 push-ups within 2 minutes
- Rest 2 minutes
- 50 sit-ups within 2 minutes
- Rest 2 minutes
- 6 pull-ups (no time limit)
- Rest 10 minutes
- 1.5 mile run within 12 minutes 45 seconds

Note: If you're pursuing an EOD contract, much better PST scoring is expected.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

As a member of the Naval Special Warfare/ Naval Special Operations (NSW/NSO) community, you will have any number of unique opportunities to advance your knowledge. The courses in this field are demanding, but those who accept these challenges will be rewarded not only with extra pay, but extraordinary duty assignments anywhere in the world.

PAY RANGE

In addition to normal military pay and allowances, the Navy offers an enlistment bonus for certain NSW/NSO communities. You may also earn additional pay that includes special duty assignment pay, parachute jump pay, dive pay and demolition pay. Together, these incentives make these individuals among the highest-paid Enlisted operators in the U.S. military.

For complete details on available specialty pay and enlistment bonuses, contact a recruiter.

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READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS?

Once you're inspired, better informed and seriously interested, here's how to proceed:

1. TALK TO YOUR RECRUITER

- Find a local recruiter at navy.com/locator
- Ask questions
- Discuss your long-term goals
- Review your qualifications
- Go over relevant financial incentives and bonuses

2. APPLY FOR THE POSITION

- Go to navy.com/apply, follow the link at the bottom and complete the online application
- Provide personal information that includes your birth certificate, social security card and professional details (if applicable)
- Take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) to help assess your skills and interests
- Pass a full medical examination
- Participate in a precommitment interview

3. BEGIN YOUR TRAINING

- Attend Boot Camp in Great Lakes, Illinois (8 to 9 weeks)
- Get advanced skills training at a Navy "A" School (time varies depending on specialty)
- From there, you're ready to start serving as a Sailor and respected professional

MORE INFORMATION

Visit navy.com/EOD for more details. Or find a local recruiter by calling 1-800-USA-NAVY.

BENEFITS

When it comes to financial advantages, the Navy amounts to much more than a competitive paycheck. As a Sailor in the Navy, you can look forward to:

- Supplemental/bonus pay
- Scheduled pay raises and regular promotions
- Postgraduate education, fully funded by the Navy
- Post-9/11 GI Bill – funding for you or your family to use for school
- 30 days' vacation with pay earned every year
- Outstanding retirement benefits, plus a 401(k)-like thrift savings plan
- Comprehensive medical and dental coverage
- Tax-free allowances for housing and meals
- Tax-free shopping privileges at military stores
- Free or low-cost travel opportunities
- Access to military bases, clubs and recreational facilities all over the world
- Credentials/Certifications through Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (Navy COOL)

AFTER THE NAVY

The Naval Special Warfare/Naval Special Operations (NSW/NSO) communities value leadership, self-determination and organization. Employers in the military and civilian communities alike will value you as you mature in your field. Completing some of the most demanding training our country has to offer says that you have what it takes to accomplish any task an employer could throw your way. Careers within the NSW/NSO forces have comparable civilian counterparts that include anything from high-level security assessment to emergency medicine to Chemical-Biological-Radiological (CBR) protection and response. The opportunities are as numerous as they are rewarding.

