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From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: ACTIVE DUTY LIMITED DUTY OFFICER, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER AND
WARRANT OFFICER PROGRAMS

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 1420.1B
(b) 10 U.S.C.
(c) NAVMED P-117
(d) OPNAVINST 1160.8B

Encl: (1) General Information for LDO, CWO and WO1 Applicants
(2) Designator Application Guidance

1. Purpose. To update guidance for the basic eligibility requirements to apply for the Active Duty Limited Duty Officer (LDO), Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) and Warrant Officer (WO1) programs. This instruction supersedes Chapter 7 of reference (a).

2. Scope and Applicability. The LDO and CWO program provides commissioning opportunities to qualified Active Duty and Training and Administration of the Reserves (TAR) senior enlisted personnel. Chief Petty Officers (CPO) (E-7 through E-9) and E-6 personnel who are selection board eligible for E-7, may apply for these programs. For the WO1 program, E-5 and senior may apply. Reserve personnel apply under the Reserve LDO or CWO program to Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM) Reserve Affiliation and Redesignation Branch (PERS-92) via their unit Commanding Officer (CO).

3. Program Information

a. A baccalaureate degree is not required; however, is encouraged. Leadership ability, military qualifications and technical expertise remain the key factors leading to selection. The WO1 program is only open to Active Duty personnel.

(1) Active Duty and TAR personnel apply under the Active Duty LDO, CWO or WO1 program to NAVPERSCOM Enlisted Administrative Selection Board Branch (PERS-803) via their CO. Refer to the annual Active Duty LDO, CWO and WO1 In-Service Procurement Board (ISPB) Naval Administrative Message (NAVADMIN), which provides current program year information.

(2) Air Vehicle Pilot WO1 (737X) is an Officer Candidate School commissioning program, managed by Commander, Navy Recruiting Command. Applicants should refer to Program Authorization 106A for eligibility criteria.

(3) Submarine Communications (6290) and Supply (6510) LDOs are 'Off-Ramp' programs. Applicants selected for these designators will be required to earn their Bachelor's Degree. After two consecutive tours (4-6 years commissioned service), Submarine Communications (6290) LDOs will seek redesignation to Information Professional (1820) without board action and Supply (6510) LDOs will seek redesignation to Supply (3100) without board action.

b. LDOs are technically-oriented officers who perform duties limited to specific occupational fields and require strong managerial skills. CWOs are technical specialists who perform duties requiring extensive knowledge and skills of a specific occupational field at a level beyond what is normally expected of senior enlisted personnel. WO1s are technical specialists who perform duties requiring extensive knowledge and skills of a specific occupational field.

c. Unless otherwise directed, selectees will be honorably discharged from their enlisted status for the convenience of the government to accept permanent appointment to officer grade and will be appointed as LDOs, CWOs and WO1s if they continue to meet all eligibility standards as specified in this instruction. TAR personnel must reenlist in the U.S. Navy prior to accepting appointment. Each selectee will be assigned a date of rank in the grade to which appointed as prescribed by Officer Plans and Policy Branch (OPNAV N131) and PERS-803. All original appointments become effective for pay purposes upon acceptance, but not earlier than the date of rank assigned. If, before the appointment is effected, information is received that may render a selectee no longer qualified for an appointment (e.g., non-judicial punishment), failure to meet satisfactory-medium or higher physical fitness standards, civil conviction, alcohol abuse, drug use, loss of confidence in the member's abilities as demonstrated by poor performance of duty, removal of the CO's recommendation, etc.), such information will be immediately forwarded to PERS-803. This information is required to be routed via the selectee for comment in standard naval letter format, with a request that the selectee's appointment either be effected, delayed or rescinded (justification must be included with the request for disposition of appointment).

(1) Appointments to LDO will be made in line with subparagraphs 3c(1)(a) through 3c(1)(c).

(a) Enlisted personnel selected for LDO will be offered permanent appointment in the grade of Ensign (O-1E) upon commissioning.

(b) LDO selectees must agree to remain on Active Duty for a period of 10 years from the date of acceptance of appointment.

(c) As defined in section 8323 of reference (b), an LDO must complete more than 20 years of active service, of which at least 10 years was as a commissioned officer, to be eligible to retire as an officer.

(2) Appointments to CWO will be made in line with subparagraphs 3c(2)(a) and 3c(2)(b).

(a) Frocked Chief, Chief, Frocked Senior Chief and Senior Chief selected for CWO will be commissioned as a CWO2. Personnel wearing the rank of Master Chief will be commissioned as a CWO3. Sailors screened to complete the Senior Enlisted Marketplace for advancement to Master Chief will only be considered for CWO2, if not promoted to Master Chief at the time of initial application submission. Personnel selected for WO1 will be appointed to the grade of W1.

(b) CWO selectees incur an obligated service requirement and must agree to remain on Active Duty for a period of 6 years from the date of acceptance of appointment.

4. Eligibility Requirements

a. Basic Eligibility for Applicants:

(1) Citizenship: U.S. citizenship is required and cannot be waived.

(2) Education: Must be a high school graduate or possess an equivalency certificate.

(3) Character: Must be of good moral character and have no record of disciplinary action under Uniform Code of Military Justice, article 15, no courts martial or civilian felony conviction or conviction by a civil court for misdemeanors (except minor traffic violations) in the past 3 years as of 1 October of the year application is made. Any substantiated drug or alcohol abuse within the last 3 years as of 1 October of the year application is made will result in disqualification.

(4) Service requirement: Applicants must be serving on Active Duty at the time application is made and, if selected, they must remain on Active Duty until the appointment is tendered. Service with the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard may be credited to meet the minimum service requirement when it can be clearly documented by the applicant that service in another branch provided the requisite training, knowledge and expertise that directly relates to and parallels the needs and requirements of the naval service. If applicable, comments regarding experience gained in another branch of Service, to include relation of the experience with Navy's needs and requirements, should be included in the applicant's additional comments section of the application. The CO will attest to such qualifications in their endorsing statement.

(5) Candidates must be available for worldwide assignment and be qualified for operational duty assignments.

(6) Medical:

(a) Applicants must meet color perception requirements in line with reference (c) Chapter 15. Defective color perception is disqualifying for appointment in the following designators: LDO (611X, 612X, 618X, 62XX, 636X, 639X and 648X) or for CWO (711X, 712X, 715X, 717X, 718X, 726X, 732X, 736X). Proof of meeting color perception requirements, documented by a medical professional within the last 18 months, must be submitted as an enclosure to your application.

(b) Applicant must meet physical fitness standards, including height, weight, percent body fat standards and achieve a score of “satisfactory medium” or higher on most recent physical readiness test at the time of application.

(7) Duty Status:

(a) Enlisted personnel may seek appointment as a commissioned officer via the LDO, CWO or WO1 program. TAR personnel who are selected under the Active Duty LDO or CWO program will receive appointments in the U.S. Navy. These personnel will be honorably discharged from their enlistment in the Navy Reserve and concurrently reenlist in the regular Navy before being appointed as an LDO.

(b) Personnel serving in Humanitarian reassignments (HUMS) or Limited Duty (LIMDU) assignments are permitted to apply, but if selected, will not be permitted to accept their commission until the special situation is completely resolved. In the event an individual is assigned to HUMS or LIMDU on the effective date of commissioning, the CO will hold the appointment in abeyance and notify PERS-803 by message or official correspondence of the circumstances. If the HUMS or LIMDU situation is not resolved within 60 days of commissioning date, the CO will request further instructions from PERS-803.

(c) Applicants currently serving in an individual augmentation manpower management, Global Support Assignment (GSA) or overseas contingency operations support assignment may have their application endorsed by the field commander. All applications endorsed by field commanders must have parent command concurrence. A sample concurrence letter (Sample Addendum Letter) is located at <https://mynavyhr.navy.mil/Career-Management/Boards/Administrative/LDO-CWO>. For applicants who have or are currently serving in an individual augmentation manpower management, GSA or overseas contingency operations support assignment, include these tours in the assignment history section of the application. CO or Officer in Charge (OIC) recommendation must include validation of any listed individual augmentee or GSA assignment.

(8) Enlisted Advancement: For advancement in rating, enlisted members selected for permanent officer or warrant appointments to be executed on dates after the convening dates of E-7 and E-8 or E-9 selection boards are ineligible for further advancement by those boards unless formal, written declination is received by PERS-803 before the convening dates of the enlisted selection boards.

(9) Students enrolled in other officer accession programs are not eligible to apply for appointment under the LDO, CWO and WO1 programs. If applying for the LDO, CWO or WO1 program and after the application is submitted the service member is selected for another officer accession program, the individual must inform PERS-803 in writing. If selected for a commission under the LDO, CWO and WO1 programs, individuals will not be eligible to apply for other commissioning programs unless a formal declination has been filed with PERS-803.

(10) Applicants must maintain eligibility throughout the selection and promotion process. Applicants who are deemed ineligible after submitting an application must be declared ineligible by their current CO or OIC. Nuclear applicants who are deemed ineligible must be declared ineligible by their current CO via letter to Nuclear Program Manager (OPNAV N133).

b. In addition to the eligibility requirements, applicants must also meet the requirements in subparagraphs 4b(1) and 4b(2):

(1) Time in Service (TIS) requirements for LDO:

(a) Personnel must have completed at least 8, but not more than, 14 years of active service (day-for-day) exclusive of Active Duty for Training (ADT) in the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard Reserve as of the Fiscal Year (FY) the application is submitted. TIS waivers for greater than 14 years will be considered only as stated in the ISPB NAVADMIN for nuclear-trained applicants, eligibility will be 8-16 years for LDO. LDO TIS waivers greater than 16 years for nuclear-trained applicants will not be considered.

(b) Be serving as a Petty Officer First Class (E-6) or CPO (E-7 through E-9). An E-6 must have served in that capacity for at least 1 year as of the FY the application is submitted. Such service will be computed from the time in rate (TIR) date for an E-6. If broken service is involved, an E-6 must have served a total of at least 1 year as an E-6 as of 1 October of the FY applying for. For example, if promoted off the March exam cycle, applicant will be eligible to take the CPO exam for LDO purposes in January the following year. Personnel selected off the September exam cycle will have to wait two CPO exam cycles to meet the minimum time in grade (1 year) requirement.

(c) E-6 applicants must complete all eligibility requirements for E-7 and must successfully compete in the annual Navy wide examination for advancement to CPO, receiving a final multiple equal to, or greater than, the minimum final multiple for E-7 selection board eligibility. E-6 applicants must forward a copy of their most current examination profile sheet

with their application. An E-6 is exempt from the requirements of this subparagraph when notification has been received by the CO that the individual is a selectee for CPO or that advancement to CPO has been authorized.

(2) TIS requirements for CWO. Active Duty and TAR E-7 or E-8 personnel must have completed at least 14, but not more than 20 years of active service (day-for-day) exclusive of ADT in the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard Reserve as of the FY the application is submitted. Active Duty E-9 personnel must have completed as least 14 but not more than 22 years of active service (day-for-day) exclusive of ADT in the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard Reserve as of the FY the application is submitted. TIS waivers greater than 20 years for E-7 and E-8 and greater than 22 years for E-9 will be considered only as stated in the annual ISPB NAVADMIN.

c. General information for LDO, CWO or WO1 applicants are outlined in enclosure (1).

5. Application Procedures

a. Application Submission. Applicants must complete the application located at <https://mynavyhr.navy.mil/Career-Management/Boards/Administrative/LDO-CWO/> and submit via their chain of command. Applications will be submitted to and received by PERS-803 in line with the annual NAVADMIN. Addenda, in standard naval letter format, must be forwarded (via applicant's CO) no later than date announced in annual NAVADMIN. The selection board will convene at NAVPERSCOM (PERS-803) annually to consider applicants for the LDO, CWO and WO1 programs. Actual dates may change via annual NAVADMIN announcement of the LDO, CWO and WO1 programs.

b. LDO, CWO and WO1 Designator Options. LDO, CWO and WO1 designators provide positive identification of surface, submarine, aviation warfare, general series, staff corps and information warfare associated personnel and identify a broad occupational field or technical area. Subparagraphs 5b(1) through 5b(6) describe the different designator classifications and their associated warfare, general series, or staff corps fields:

(1) LDOs (61XX) or CWOs (71XX) are officers designated for duty indicated by their specialty in the operations, maintenance, training or support of surface warfare.

(2) LDOs (62XX) or CWOs (72XX) are officers designated for duty indicated by their specialty in the operations, maintenance, training or support of the naval nuclear propulsion program and submarine warfare.

(3) LDOs (63XX) or CWOs (73XX) are officers designated for duty indicated by their specialty in the operations, maintenance, training or support of aviation warfare.

(4) LDOs (64XX) or CWOs (74XX) are officers designated for duty indicated by their specialty in the operations, maintenance, training or support of all warfare enterprises.

(5) LDOs (65XX) or CWOs (75XX) are officers designated for duty within the respective staff corps of the Navy indicated by their specialty.

(6) CWOs or WO1s (78XX) are officers designated for duty indicated by their specialty in the information warfare community.

c. Designator Application Guidance:

(1) Candidates need not possess a particular warfare qualification to apply for an LDO or CWO designator in any particular community. Applicants should only apply for designators in which they are qualified and may be competitive as outlined in enclosure (2).

(2) Eligible candidates may apply for up to two designators, which may be in different occupational fields, e.g., ordnance (626X) and electronics (628X); the same occupational field, but different warfare communities, e.g., engineering and repair (surface 613X) and engineering and repair (submarine 623X); or a combination of the two, e.g., ordnance technician (submarine 726X) and electronics technician (surface 718X). A candidate may not apply for dual designators as a first and second choice, e.g., first choice 618X and 628X, second choice, 613X and 623X. If a candidate is qualified to compete in only one designator, only that designator should be requested. Candidates may apply for any designator they are qualified to perform.

(3) Nuclear trained enlisted personnel may apply for LDO only in the nuclear designator 620X. Non-nuclear trained enlisted personnel may not apply for LDO in the nuclear designator 620X. Sailors assigned to a nuclear training command or who hold a nuclear Navy Enlisted Classification (N1XX or N2XX) must obtain a conditional release from nuclear field duty when applying to a non-nuclear officer commissioning program. To obtain a conditional release, a Sailor must submit an Enlisted Personnel Action Request (NAVPERS 1306/7) to OPNAV N133 via their detailer at Navy Personnel Command, Enlisted Submarine and Nuclear Power Assignments Division (PERS-403). Applicants must obtain a conditional release prior to submitting their application for a non-nuclear officer program.

(4) LDO administration (641X) and CWO administration technician (741X) selectees who are enlisted submarine-qualified will be detailed exclusively and whenever possible to billets (coded SV1) in direct support of submarine warfare.

(5) If selected for LDO or CWO, any request for change of designator will not be approved until the initial obligation of 4 years, in line with MILPERSMAN 1212-030.

(6) Enclosure (2) should be used to help identify the best designator options for each enlisted rating under normal circumstances.

d. Unless otherwise directed, applicants must notify PERS-803 in writing, of any change in mailing address, upon selection and intent to enter another commissioning program or if they intend to separate or retire from the Navy.

e. An applicant may withdraw from consideration any time prior to selection or acceptance of appointment. An applicant wishing to withdraw should notify PERS-803 of their desire, via standard naval letter via their CO and ensure receipt by the appropriate office.

6. CO Guidance. Upon receipt of an application, the CO will:

a. Appoint a panel of commissioned officers to interview the applicant and review applicant's qualifications for the program. Use most current appraisal form (NAVCRUIT 1131/5, Interviewer's Appraisal Sheet) located at <https://mynavyhr.navy.mil/Career-Management/Boards/Administrative/LDO-CWO/>.

(1) Interview appraisal boards will be constructed and approved by the CO or OIC and consist of three Active Duty naval officers (LDOs or CWOs preferred). Every effort (including teleconference media) will be made to ensure the senior board member is from the LDO or CWO designator competitive category, e.g., Surface (61XX or 71XX), for which the applicant is applying. Nuclear applicants do not require interview appraisal boards.

(a) The senior member of the interview panel for applicants applying for LDO must be an in-designator commander (CDR) or senior. If not available, an LDO CDR or senior in another designator can serve in this capacity with at least one board member from the designator's competitive category. Officers who were CDR or CAPT LDOs that converted to another designator via the without board action process can serve as the senior member. In communities where there are no longer senior LDOs within the community, a CDR or CAPT from the parent community, e.g., Supply (651X), Supply Corps (3100), can act as the senior board member.

(b) For CWO applicants, the senior member of the interview panel for applicants applying for CWO must be an in-designator CWO5. If not available, a CDR (LDO preferred) or above can serve in this capacity with at least one board member from the in-designator or designator's competitive category (CWO preferred).

(c) Minimum grade requirements for board members are Lieutenant Commander or CWO3.

(2) Three (3) interview appraisals must be submitted for each applicant. Only the current version of the interviewer appraisal sheet will be accepted.

b. Provide a favorable recommendation using the CO's recommendation section of the application, ensuring the applicant meets all eligibility criteria. Identify and make recommendations in cases where any waivers (other than TIS) are required.

(1) CO or OIC endorsements must contain the following statement: "Applicant meets all requirements outlined in (this instruction), NAVADMIN XXX/XX, the physical fitness standards of OPNAVINST 6110.1K and is worldwide assignable." The endorsement must clearly identify the command, it must identify the members of the interview panel, must be signed by the CO or OIC and include the CO or OICs command point of contact information. A CO or OIC ranking is no longer required.

(2) Personnel Security Investigation. ****ALL OFFICERS MUST POSSESS A VALID AND WITHIN SCOPE SECURITY CLEARANCE**** Appropriate clearance (T3 or higher) is required to apply. The security manager must verify that the applicant possesses the appropriate clearance from the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency Consolidated Adjudication Services, formerly DoD Consolidate Adjudication Facility. Applications will be rejected if this section is not included. Applicants who do not have the appropriate clearance completed prior to commissioning will be held in abeyance.

c. CO's recommendation should also include information concerning the member's military and professional performance, degree and scope of technical competency and supervisory ability in present rating, potential to perform as a commissioned officer and ability to accomplish officer technical management and specialist functions of the program(s) and category(ies) requested. The CO will immediately inform PERS-803 and the applicant, if they remove their recommendation for an LDO, CWO or WO1 application submitted to the selection board. That application will be removed from consideration by the board, as the CO's recommendation is an eligibility criterion.

d. Only those individuals who have clearly demonstrated sustained superior performance, outstanding leadership abilities and the potential to serve as commissioned officers should be recommended for this program. A candidate must receive a favorable endorsement from the CO to be eligible to apply for these programs.

e. If the CO determines an individual is not qualified for LDO, CWO or WO1, the package should not be forwarded. Individuals not receiving a favorable endorsement are to be counseled on what they need to do to improve their records to ultimately receive a favorable endorsement.

f. If the applicant is transferred prior to submitting the application, a letter of recommendation from the applicant's last CO will be forwarded to the new CO for inclusion with the application when submitted.

g. Forward applications as directed in the annual NAVADMIN.

7. Administrative Information

a. Advancement in Rating. Enlisted members selected for officer or warrant appointments to be executed on dates after the convening dates of E-7 and E-8 or E-9 selection boards are ineligible for further advancement by those boards unless formal, written declination is received by PERS-803 before the convening dates of the enlisted selection boards.

b. Selectee Discharge. Selectees may not be discharged prior to normal expiration of enlistment and reenlistment, as prescribed by MILPERSMAN 1160-030, if their expiration of enlistment, including any extensions, is subsequent to the date of appointment.

c. Selective reenlistment bonus payments. Refer to reference (d) regarding eligibility for and payment of selective reenlistment bonus in connection with appointment to LDO or CWO status.

d. LDO and CWO Academy. Selectees for LDO (Ensign), CWO and WO1 will be required to attend the LDO and CWO Academy Officer Training Command in Newport, RI. Supply Corps (651X or 752X) selectees are required to attend Supply Corps School. Attendance will normally occur enroute to the first duty station and normally no later than the end of the FY of appointment and commission. Selectees to be assigned to the Department of Energy in Naval Reactors Representatives Offices are exempt from this requirement.

e. Inquiries can be directed to the contact listing provided in subparagraphs 7e(1) and 7e(2):

(1) Information and questions concerning the LDO, CWO and WO1 programs should be addressed to:

Military Community Management (BUPERS-3)
Attn: BUPERS-319, BLDG 453 (Room 234)
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-0003
(901) 874-3044 or DSN (312) 882-3044
Email: ldocwoocm.fct@navy.mil

(2) Information and questions concerning the Annual LDO, CWO and WO1 ISPB should be addressed to:


Navy Personnel Command (PERS-803)
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-8010
(901) 874-3170 or DSN (312) 882-3170
Email: npc_ldo-cwo_selbd.fct@navy.mil

8. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy Assistant for Administration, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the OPNAV Records Management Program (DNS-16).

9. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, OPNAV N131 will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, Secretary of the Navy and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or canceled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10 year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.


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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR LDO, CWO AND WO1 APPLICANTS

1. Applications must be submitted as outlined in the annual ISPB NAVADMIN, which provides current program year information. (Note: Not applicable to Air Vehicle Pilot 7371).
2. Applicants must use the application template, eligibility checklist and interview appraisal form that are available on the LDO or CWO ISPB website located at <https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Career-Management/Boards/Administrative/LDO-CWO/>.
3. LDO, CWO and WO1 application. (Complete, legible, correct name, rate, SSN, designator(s)* applying for and original signature).
4. For all LDO, CWO and WO1 applicants, include a listing of enclosures in application.
5. U.S. citizenship by birth or naturalization (If naturalized citizen, provide the requested information in application). If naturalized, have CO verify and sign page 13.
6. Verify TIS and TIR** eligibility as addressed in subparagraphs 4b and 4c of this instruction.
7. Evaluations or award citations. Do not send information that is already in your Performance Summary Record (PSR) on BUPERS On-Line. Attach one copy of each document that is not in your PSR. E-6 applicants: Ensure copy of "Selection Board Eligible" profile sheet is attached.
8. Vision Test. If applying for a designator listed in subparagraph 4a(5)(a) of this instruction, documentation of adequate color vision testing must be current within 18 months of 1 October of the year of application.
9. Three (3) appraisal sheets. NAVCRUIT 1131/5 will be completed, signed and will include all three board members' names, designators and grades.
10. CO's recommendation. (Applicant's correct name, rate, SSN, specific recommendation, original signature).

* Applicants are reminded that they do not have to apply for a primary and a secondary designator. If an applicant feels qualified to compete in only one designator, only that designator should be applied for.

** Net time (active) for eligibility computed to 1 October of the FY applying for: WO1 must be at least 6 years, LDO must be at least 8 years, CWO must be at least 14 years. If computation results in Active Duty greater than 14-00-00 or above, the member is ineligible for the WO1 or LDO program. If greater than 20-00-00, the member is ineligible for CWO program (unless 22-00-00 if member is an E-9). TIS waiver requirements (LDO and CWO only) will be addressed in the annual announcing NAVADMIN.

DESIGNATOR APPLICATION GUIDANCE

SURFACE

<u>ENLISTED RATING</u>	<u>CWO CATEGORY AND DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>LDO CATEGORY AND DESIGNATOR</u>
BM AND QM	BOATSWAIN (711X)	DECK (611X)
OS, STG, QM and CTT	OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN (712X)	OPERATIONS (612X)
EN, MM, GS, EM, HT, DC and MR (see Note 1)	ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN (713X)	ENGINEERING and REPAIR (613X)
SO with Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) O26A (5326) or O23A (5323) (see Note 2)	SPECIAL WARFARE TECHNICIAN (715X)	Not applicable
SB with NEC O52A (5352)	SPECIAL WARFARE COMBATANT-CRAFT CREWMAN (717X)	Not applicable
STG, STS, FC, FCA, FT, ET, ETV, CTT, GM, IC, MN, MT and TM	ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (718X)	ELECTRONICS (618X)

NUCLEAR POWER AND SUBMARINE

<u>ENLISTED RATING</u>	<u>CWO CATEGORY AND DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>LDO CATEGORY AND DESIGNATOR</u>
Any rating qualified in nuclear power	Not applicable	NUCLEAR POWER (620X)
ND with NEC MMDV (5341) or M1DV (5342)	DIVING OFFICER (720X)	Not applicable
EN, MM, GS, EM, HT, DC, MR and ND see note 1	Not applicable	ENGINEERING and REPAIR (623X)
FC, GM, MN, FT, STS, MT and TM see note 1	ORDNANCE TECHNICIAN (726X)	ORDNANCE (626X)
STG, STS, FC, FT, IC, ET, ETV and CTT	Not applicable	ELECTRONICS (628X)
STG, STS, AWO, AWR with NEC 708B (0416), V44B (0417), T42A (0501), 712B (0507), 715B (0551) or V59B (0553) see note 1	ACOUSTIC TECHNICIAN (728X)	Not applicable
ITS (see Note 3)	Not applicable	COMMUNICATIONS (629X)

AVIATION

<u>ENLISTED RATING</u>	<u>CWO CATEGORY AND DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>LDO CATEGORY AND DESIGNATOR</u>
ABE, ABF and ABH	AVIATION BOATSWAIN (731X)	AVIATION DECK (631X)
AWR, AWO, AWV, AWF, AWS, CTI, CTR, CTT (must possess NEC C06A or C06B)	AVIATION OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN (732X)	Not applicable
AD, AME, AM, PR, AS, AZ, AF, AV, AT, AE, AWF and AWV	AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN (733X)	AVIATION MAINTENANCE (633X)
AO	AVIATION ORDNANCE TECHNICIAN (736X)	AVIATION ORDNANCE (636X)
AC	Not applicable	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL (639X)

GENERAL SERIES

<u>ENLISTED RATING</u>	<u>CWO CATEGORY AND DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>LDO CATEGORY AND DESIGNATOR</u>
YN, YNS, PS, NC and LN	ADMINISTRATION TECHNICIAN (741X)	ADMINISTRATION (641X)
MU	Not applicable	BANDMASTER (643X)
EOD-must possess NEC M03A (5335) or M04A (5337)	Not applicable	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (648X)
MA	SECURITY TECHNICIAN (749X)	SECURITY (649X)

STAFF

<u>ENLISTED RATING</u>	<u>CWO CATEGORY AND DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>LDO CATEGORY AND DESIGNATOR</u>
CS, RS and LS (see Note 3)	Not applicable	SUPPLY (651X)
CS	FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN (SC) (752X)	Not applicable
BU, CE, CM, UT, EA, EO, SW and CU	Not applicable	CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS (CEC) (653X)

INFORMATION WARFARE

<u>ENLISTED RATING</u>	<u>CWO AND WO1 CATEGORY AND DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>LDO CATEGORY AND DESIGNATOR</u>
AG	OCEANOGRAPHY (780X)	Not applicable
CTT, CTR, CTI and CTM	CRYPTOLOGIC WARFARE (781X)	
IT, ET and CWT	INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN (782X)	
IS with NEC K10A (3910), K13A (3913), K23A (3923) or K24A (3924) see note 2	INTELLIGENCE TECHNICIAN (783X)	Not applicable
CWT must possess NEC H13A (9308), H14A (9326), H15A (9327) or H16A (9328)	CYBER (784X) (WO1 accessions only)	Not applicable

Notes:

1. Open to Submarine, Surface and Expeditionary ratings with maintenance or repair backgrounds.
2. Applicants must place the Core Competency Area (CCA) title behind the 715X SEAL and 783X Intelligence Technician designator on the application (i.e., 715X SEAL CORE or SDV; 783X OPINTEL, HUMINT or GEO). Applicants holding qualifying NECs in more than one field may request a secondary CCA.
3. Off-ramp designators. Applicants for LDO off-ramp designators must comprehend designator specific off-ramp requirements and procedures as defined in NAVADMIN 128/19 (629X) or NAVADMIN 014/18 (651X).