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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1414.9A

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: NAVY ENLISTED WARFARE QUALIFICATION PROGRAMS

1. Purpose. To issue basic overarching requirements for the qualification and designation of all enlisted warfare programs. This instruction is being reissued with a new date, updated version and signature authority to meet Chief of Naval Operations' (CNO) age requirement for Office of the Chief of Naval Operations instructions.
2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 1414.9.
3. Applicability. The provisions of this instruction are applicable throughout the U.S. Navy.
4. Discussion. Attainment of any warfare designation signifies that a Sailor has achieved a level of excellence and proficiency in that specific warfare program.
5. Requirements
 - a. Each warfare sponsor will establish and maintain an instruction that delineates strict prerequisites and formal procedures for qualification, re-qualification, disqualification, and failure to qualify within their specific warfare program.
 - b. The warfare qualification programs in subparagraphs 5b(1) through 5b(11) are in effect. Authority to establish additional programs remains with the CNO.
 - (1) Aviation warfare specialist - Commander, Naval Air Forces.
 - (2) Diving and salvage warfare specialist - Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC).
 - (3) Expeditionary warfare - NECC.

- (4) Explosive ordnance disposal - NECC.
- (5) Fleet marine forces - Surgeon General of the Navy (CNO (N093)).
- (6) Information warfare specialist - Commander, Naval Information Forces.
- (7) SEAL - Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command (COMNAVSPECWARCOM).
- (8) Seabee combat warfare - Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Chief of Civil Engineers.
- (9) Special warfare combatant-craft crewman - COMNAVSPECWARCOM.
- (10) Submarine specialist - Commander, Submarine Forces.
- (11) Surface warfare specialist - Commander, Naval Surface Forces.

c. Qualification and or re-qualification is mandatory for all enlisted Sailors assigned to designated warfare qualifying commands. Warfare sponsors will establish specific qualification and re-qualifying timelines. However, the maximum allowable time for initial qualification of all enlisted Sailors assigned to designated warfare qualifying commands will not exceed 30 months.

6. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

7. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Director, Navy Staff will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 5 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 5-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

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is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1.



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