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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1414.9B

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 1414.9A.

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. The warfare qualification programs and the listed corresponding sponsors in subparagraphs 5a(1) through 5a(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 (COMNAVEXPDCMBTCOM).

(3) Expeditionary warfare specialist – COMNAVEXPDCMBTCOM.

(4) Explosive ordnance disposal warfare specialist– COMNAVEXPDCMBTCOM.

(5) Fleet marine forces warfare specialist– 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 specialist – Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Chief of Civil Engineers.

(9) Special warfare combatant-craft crewman – COMNAVSPECWARCOM.

(10) Submarine warfare specialist – Commander, Submarine Forces.

(11) Surface warfare specialist – Commander, Naval Surface Forces.

b. Each warfare program 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.

c. The authority for mandating qualification or re-qualification requirements for all enlisted Sailors assigned to designated warfare-qualifying commands rests with each warfare program sponsor listed in subparagraph 5a. Additionally, warfare program sponsors will establish specific qualification and re-qualifying timelines.

6. 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 (DON/AA), Directives and Records Management Division (DRMD) 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 DON/AA DRMD program office.

7. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Director Navy Staff 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 cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the

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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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