What’s Changing and Why?

Aboard Navy submarines, the Career Tools Afloat (CTA) common access point is replacing Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) at Sea, the application previously used by Sailors to log into Navy Career Tools Afloat (NCTA) applications installed at sea, such as: Navy eLearning (NeL) Afloat, Electronic Training Jacket (ETJ) Afloat, and Fleet Training Management and Planning System (FLTMPS) Afloat.

NKO at Sea has limited functionality (less than ten web pages containing minimal content) and serves primarily to authenticate user access to NCTA applications. The CTA application replaces this core functionality with a streamlined format.

Please note that submarines with NIAPS 1.2 or below will lose access to all NCTA applications until upgraded to NIAPS 2.x. Also, some of the CTA links to afloat applications and systems are currently available only on surface ships. Below is the list of links that are available on submarines.

When can I expect the new CTA release?

Fall of 2012

Navy Career Tools Installed Onboard and Accessed via CTA

IMPORTANT: If any of the following systems are not available, please contact your submarine’s IT system administrator.

- Navy eLearning (NeL) Afloat
- Electronic Training Jacket (ETJ) Afloat
- Fleet Training Management and Planning System (FLTMPS) Afloat (available on NIAPS 2.3 and higher, or if submarine has received the MU1B-5 upgrade)
- Navy Career Tools Assistant (Tutorial)

NCTA applications are updated by the ship’s Navy Information Application Product Suite (NIAPS) via a data exchange process called “replication”. Periodically, NIAPS will replicate data between submarine and shore in order to synchronize afloat and ashore databases. Due to time delays inherent in the replication process, afloat applications may NOT be an exact copy of applications accessed via the Internet.

IMPORTANT: All other applications listed on the CTA link either to systems not installed on submarines or to systems that require access to the Internet. Please disregard all links with the exception of those listed above.
1.) Title Bar and Login Status Indicator

2.) Career Tools Afloat

* A link to the Navy Career Tools Assistant is displayed on the CTA home page. This will take the user to a Job Performance Aid (JPA) on CTA that provides the following information:
- CTA Description
- CTA Major Functions
- How to Launch CTA
- How to Establish a CTA Account
- How to Change a CTA Password
- How to Resolve CTA Login Problems
- How to Access GDSC Help Desk
- How to Access CTA Help

3.) Help and Feedback

PLEASE NOTE: You may see either GDSC or NAVY 311 contact information in this section. Both will take you to the same help desk to get the support you may require.

4.) Career Tools Internet

PLEASE NOTE: Links in this section are non-functional in the SUBFOR environment.