Program Authorization: Appointment on Active duty to Unrestricted Line Submarine Officer (Engineering Duty (ED) Option) (1170/1120/1460). Individuals attending the United States Naval Academy (USNA) or a civilian college or university as a member of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) may apply to the Navy Personnel Command for the Submarine Officer (ED Option) Program.

If selected for the program, the officer's record will indicate the ED Option. Submarine Officer (ED Option) candidates will complete the same training track as regular Submarine Officers and will be assigned duties identical to those of regular Submarine Officers. Selected officers will have the opportunity to exercise the option to transition to the Engineering Duty (ED) community after completing a Department Head tour in a submarine.

Community Manager for the Submarine Officer (ED Option) is N133. Program Sponsor for the Submarine Officer (ED Option) is N87.

1. **Program Authority:** 10 USC 12201, 12205 and 12209.

2. **Cancellation:** Program Authorization 101F of July 2002.

3. **Billet Availability:** Available billets are announced yearly by the Engineering Duty and Submarine Officer Community Managers and approved by Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (MPT&E). Billet availability does not obligate accessions sources to meet these targets.

4. **Qualifications:**
   a. **Citizenship:** Applicants must be citizens of the United States. Waivers will not be granted.
   b. **Gender:** No restrictions.
   c. **Age:** Applicants must meet age limitations specified for commissioning via the USNA or NROTC programs, as applicable.
   d. **Education:**
      1. Candidates must have completed a baccalaureate Degree in Engineering or Physical Science from an accredited college or university.
(2) Evidence of academic excellence is required. In general this shall mean that program applicants must have a grade point average of 3.0 or above and a class ranking in the top 25 percent.

(3) A Masters of Science degree or higher in Engineering or Physical Science from an accredited college or university supersedes the baccalaureate requirement.

(4) Between their Division Officer and Department head tours, Submarine Officer, ED option candidates are required to complete a Master’s Degree in a technical major approved by the ED community. Normally, this Master’s Degree will be obtained by attending Naval Postgraduate School utilizing the Submarine Officer Community quota. If a Submarine (ED Option) Officer requests and is approved to attend the Naval Construction/Engineering Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an ED Community quota will be used.

e. Physical: Applicants must meet physical standards for appointment as prescribed in the Manual of the Medical Department.

f. Marital status: No restrictions.

g. Selection Criteria: Candidates must meet all Submarine Officer selection criteria. Final selection of qualified candidates will be made by the Engineering Duty Community Manager with concurrence from the Submarine Officer Community Manager.

5. Source: Midshipmen at USNA or in NROTC units.

6. Appointment:

a. Originally appointed Ensign, USN, 1170.

b. Training track is the same as regular Submarine Officers.

c. Upon completing a Department Head tour on a submarine, the officer will have the opportunity to apply for transition to the ED community.

d. Warfare-qualified ED Option officers who become ineligible to serve as Submarine Department Heads but continue to meet all other program requirements may, with the concurrence of the Submarine Officer Community Manager, apply for transition.
to the ED community. Officers accepted for conversion to the ED community under this provision may be immediately redesignated without board action.

7. **Early Termination:**

   a. Submarine Officer (ED Option) candidates may terminate their participation in the Submarine (ED Option) program at any time prior to redesignation as 1460.

   b. When a Submarine Officer (ED Option) becomes ineligible or elects not to attend graduate school, another Submarine Officer of the same or an adjacent Year Group may apply, or be nominated, for the Submarine Officer (ED Option) program with the concurrence of the Engineering Duty and Submarine OCCMs.

8. **Conversion to ED:** Conversion to the Restricted Line community will be at the option of the ED community and the candidate. Officers may decide to remain in the Unrestricted Line throughout their entire career at no penalty.

9. **Active duty obligation:**

   a. Initial Active duty obligation for Submarine Officers not exercising the ED Option is 5 years.

   b. Upon redesignation to 1460, officers incur a minimum service obligation of 2 years from date of designator change, to be served concurrently with any other obligations.

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