

2017-2019 CORE SKILL REQUIREMENTS
NATIONAL SECURITY LAW
1203 SUBSPECIALTY
887/883 CURRICULUM

Billet subspecialty coding is to be based on the minimum education/training/experience level required for optimum performance. National Security Law (1203) subspecialty coding is justified when, in addition to the general criteria stated in NAVPERS 15839 series (Manual of Navy Officer Manpower and Personnel Classification) Part B, the following specific criteria are satisfied:

1. Description of Core Skill Requirement (CSR) Competencies. The listed CSRs are a set of quantifiable skills, traits and experiences that a subspecialist must possess to perform acceptably in a coded billet for the National Security Law (1203) subspecialty. The National Security Law subspecialty (1203) will provide a command with an officer who understands the fundamental concepts, and is familiar with the basic functional areas of National Security Law within the DON and the DoD. Specific capabilities and requirements include the following:

- a. CSR-1: Law of the Sea
- b. CSR-2: International Agreements
- c. CSR-3: Law of Armed Conflict/International Humanitarian Law

(1) Track 1: Further specialization in cyber law or intelligence law is permissible within the 1203 subspecialty. Officers selected for this track must additionally understand and be familiar with national security law, to include but not limited to the following areas: (1) Cyberspace Law; (2) Information Operations; and (3) Intelligence Law.

(2) Track 2: Further specialization in admiralty law is permissible within the 1203 subspecialty. Officers selected for this track must additionally understand and be familiar with the following areas: (1) Admiralty Law; (2) Collision Law and Limitation of Liability; (3) Law of Tugs and Towage; and (4) Regulation of Shipping/International Marine Conventions.

2. Applicable Officer Designator: 2500

3. Applicable Billet Designator: 2500

4. Educational and Significant Experience Criteria. Coded billets are authorized when the functions of the billet include the CSR competencies listed above (in paragraph 1). For additional clarification regarding definition of suffixes, refer to the NAVPERS 15839I, Vol 1.

Enclosure (6)

Subspecialty Code Suffixes Authorized				
Billet	Officer	Suffix	Definition	Notes
		C	Proven Doctor of Philosophy	
		D	Doctor of Philosophy	
		F	Proven Master's Degree that does not meet all ESRs	
		G	Master's Degree that does not meet all ESRs	
		H	Master's Degree desired, not required	
		L	Certificate degree at the Master's level	
		M	Proven Post Master's Degree graduate education	
		N	Post Master's Degree graduate education	
X	X	P	Master's Degree in approved Navy subspecialty	1
X	X	Q	Proven Master's Degree	2
		R	Proven Significant Experience	
	X	S	Significant Experience obtained through OJT	3

Note 1: P-coded officers are authorized when the officer completes the National Security Law 887/883 Curriculum Educational Skill Requirement (ESR). Full subspecialty will not be given if academic writing requirement is not completed. (NOTE: When academic writing requirement has been completed, student must apply to NPS registrar for new transcript which should be forwarded to PERS-43 to update Officer Master File.)

P-coded billets are justified when the billet requires significant qualitative and qualitative operational and international law expertise.

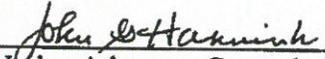
Note 2: Q-coded officers are authorized when the officer satisfies all requirements for a 1203 P-code and the officer has completed an assignment of at least 18 months in at least one National Security Law (1203) P-coded billet.

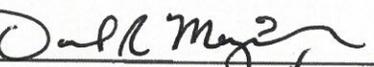
Note 3: S-coded officers are authorized when the officer has acquired significant quantitative and qualitative operational law experience; demonstrated proficiency in concepts of maritime law, international agreements, and law of armed conflict; and has filled a P-coded billet for more than 18 months with no subspecialty code in this field; or the officer's FITREP reflects that the officer has accomplished the tasks indicated above for more than 18 months.

5. Major Area Sponsor and Subject Matter Experts:

a. Major Area Sponsor: VADM John G. Hannink, JAGC, USN, Judge Advocate General of the Navy

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