

Program Authorization: Reserve Component (RC) Special Duty Officer (Oceanography), designator 1805 direct commission officer (DCO) program. BUPERS-351 is the RC oceanography (OCEANO) officer community manager (OCM).

1. Program Authority: Sections 12201 to 12209 of Title 10 U.S. Code.
2. Cancellation: Program Authorization 208B, April 2020.
3. Quota: As prescribed by the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education) (DCNO N1).
4. Qualifications
  - a. Citizenship: Applicants must be citizens of the United States.
  - b. Gender: No restrictions.
  - c. Age: Applicants must be at least 18 years old and less than 42 years old at the time of commissioning. Waivers beyond age 54 will not be considered. Prior qualifying service will be considered for year-for-year credit up to age 50.
  - d. Education:
    - (1) Minimum of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution is required. This requirement cannot be waived.
    - (2) Major fields of study directly related to science, meteorology, oceanography, mathematics, physics, and engineering are most strongly preferred, but not required.
    - (3) An undergraduate cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 or greater on a 4.0 scale is required. Candidates with otherwise exceptional qualifications may request a waiver if their cumulative undergraduate GPA is 2.6 or greater. Waivers for a GPA under 2.6 will not be considered. A conferred graduate-level degree from an accredited institution with a cumulative graduate program GPA of 3.0 or greater will supersede an undergraduate degree with a non-qualifying GPA.
    - (4) Completion of a calculus series (minimum of calculus I and II) with a “C” or better average and completion of a calculus-based physics series (physics I and II) with a “B” or better average are required. Waiver requests for the calculus-based physics I course may be considered on a case-by-case basis for candidates with a “C” average in that course.
  - e. Physical: In line with the Manual of the Medical Department, Chapter 15.
  - f. Duty Preference: Not applicable.
  - g. Marital Status: No restrictions.

h. Program Specific Requirements:

(1) Work Experience: Prior military or civilian experience in physical oceanography, meteorology, hydrographic survey or geospatial information and systems is strongly desired.

(a) Additional consideration will be given to candidates with quantifiable experience in artificial intelligence/machine learning or space professions.

(b) Military work experience shall be validated with submission of the applicant's three most recent observed enlisted performance evaluations.

(c) In line with COMNAVIFORESINST 1120.1B (Direct Appointment Program Standard Operating Procedures), temporary rated enlisted personnel shall complete initial training requirements and make their rate permanent prior to applying.

(2) Leadership: A quantifiable record of leadership, management or supervisory experience in academia, civilian and/or military organizations is strongly preferred.

(3) Security Clearance Eligibility: Candidates must meet the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), Intelligence Community Directive (ICD) 704 eligibility standards for access to sensitive compartmented information.

(a) Applicants are required to complete a pre-nomination interview with the local special security officer prior to the convening of the professional recommendation board.

(b) Being a dual citizen (i.e. a U.S. citizen and a citizen of another country) is not necessarily a disqualifying criterion. Associated risks to national security will be determined on a case-by-case basis; refer to ICD 704.

(4) Interviews: Interviews will be conducted per COMNAVIFORESINST 1120.1B.

5. Waivers: In cases where the applicant does not meet all of the qualifications, but otherwise has an exceptional record or proven skillset required by the Navy, waivers may be authorized in limited numbers. If a waiver is requested, follow the steps below prior to the convening of the professional recommendation board.

a. Application Contents:

(1) Age: Application package, including a signed maximum age statement of understanding, indicating the applicant acknowledges he or she may not be able to serve long enough to obtain a retirement (regular or non-regular).

(2) Undergraduate GPA: Transcripts, resume, and (if applicable) three most recent observed enlisted performance evaluations.

(3) Physics requirement: Transcripts, resume, and (if applicable) three most recent observed enlisted performance evaluations.

b. Routing: Recruiters shall submit waiver requests to Commander, Navy Recruiting Command (CNRC) waiver portal to facilitate a RC OCEANO OCM recommendation.

c. Approval Authority: CNRC.

d. Notifying the Applicant: CNRC.

6. Accession Source

a. Civilians (U.S. citizens).

b. Enlisted personnel in the Selected Reserve (SELRES) or Individual Ready Reserve of any service. SELRES on extended active duty orders may apply but must complete their active duty obligation under current orders before being commissioned.

7. Indoctrination

a. Selectees will complete the following in consecutive order:

(1) The five week Officer Development School (ODS) (CIN: P-9E-003), Newport, RI, within one year of commissioning.

(2) Information Warfare Basic Course (CIN: J-3A-2301), 3 weeks in course length at Information Warfare Training Command Virginia Beach (IWTC VB), Dam Neck, VA.

(3) Basic Oceanography Accession Training (CIN: S-5A-0011), 7 weeks in course length at Meteorology and Oceanography Professional Development Center, Gulfport, MS.

(4) Meteorology and Oceanography qualification program (NAVEDTRA 43203-G) within 36 months from date of commissioning.

(5) Information Warfare Officer qualification program (NAVEDTRA 43360-A) within 60 months from date of commissioning.

b. Failure to complete and maintain minimum professional requirements (including security clearance eligibility) will result in separation under SECNAVINST 1920.6D (Administrative Separation of Officers).

8. Enlistment: Not applicable.

9. Constructive Entry Credit: Not applicable.

10. Appointment: Candidates will be commissioned in the Restricted Line of the U.S. Navy Reserve as an ensign, designator 1805.

11. Service Obligation: Selectees will incur an 8-year ready reserve obligation, the first 3 years of which must be served in the SELRES.

12. Pay and Allowances: Not applicable.

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