

CHANGE TO CYBER WARRANT REQUIREMENTS

Question from the fleet regarding CWO Program...know that we purposely limited the W1 cyber program to CTNs, but did we intend to limit the W2-W5 track to CTNs as well? The latter is a change from the previous 2016 NAVADMIN (which was canceled in the update). Wasn't sure if it was an oversight or intentional change.

Response: The Cyber Warfare Designator, 784X, was established in 2010 with the first accessions in FY12. FY11-14 the applicants had to be a CTN with the ION NEC 9308. FY15-16 the applicant requirement was relaxed/changed due to a low applicant pool which allowed the IT rating and NPS Masters of Applied Cyberspace OPS (MACO) graduates to apply. FY17-18 removed the MACO requirement and limited applications to only those that have successfully passed the Computer Network Operations Test (CNT) or held one of the ION NECs.

Note: This change was intentional.

Moving forward, CTNs holding an ION NEC are the only candidates that will meet eligibility requirements due to previous relaxed requirements not yielding the technical specialist capable of performing a significant portion of the designator's identified assignments. Non CTN source ratings and Masters of Applied Cyberspace OPS will no longer be eligible to apply.

NAVADMIN 140/18 canceled the previous two NAVADMINS (259/13,177/16), modified the existing requirements for applicants applying for WO1/CWO2 (must be a CTN with applicable NECs) and introduced the Cyber Warrant Officer WO1 paygrade. NAVADMIN 140/18 also removed the alternate requirement to take and pass the CTN entry test as a means of eligibility.

The WO1 is only applicable to Cyber Warrant Officer designator 784X.

Ratings that previously were eligible for the Cyber Warrant designator 784X should look at applying for the IP designator 782X if they meet the requirements as outlined in the discrete requirements posted on the NPC website under Board Quotas>Active Duty here:

http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/boards/administrative/ldo_cwo/Pages/PreviousLDOCWOBoard.aspx