INACTIVE DUTY RESERVISTS WHO ARE STUDENTS OR GRADUATES OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS OR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

1. **Policy and Procedures.** Navy reservists who are students or graduates of medical or theological schools have limitations placed on their participation in the Navy Reserve per reference (a), sections 12317 and 12682, and reference (b).

2. **Limitations on Medical Students.** Medical student Navy Reserve participation limitations are as follows:

   a. Reserve officers with 19X5 designators who are in an accredited medical, osteopathic, or dental program of study located in the United States or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are assigned to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR). Upon completion of their program, they are required to seek reappointment in the appropriate Staff Corps per references (c) and (d).

   b. Reserve officers who are participating in the Navy Active Duty Delay for Specialist (NADDS) Physician Program are not authorized Selected Reserve (SELRES) assignments. NADDS physicians remain in an active status and may be assigned to the IRR either as a drilling member in a voluntary training unit or non-drilling member. They are encouraged to participate non-pay...
and to perform Annual Training so they will have “Observed” fitness reports submitted by Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED-513). Fitness reports and Navy Reserve Qualification Questionnaires become the primary sources of information for promotion consideration. (Refer to reference (e) for additional details.)

c. Reserve officers, with designators other than 19XX, 2105, or 2205, and enlisted reservists who are medical, dental, or nursing students may remain in the Ready Reserve; however, per reference (b), upon mobilization, they either may be deferred or shall be mobilized as a student, intern, resident, or fellow status until qualified in the applicable medical specialty, as prescribed by Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV). Order-issuing authorities should be cognizant of the member’s student status and be aware of their restricted mobilization. SELRES assignments should be limited to medical units where their skills can be used upon mobilization.

3. **Credentials Attainment.** Upon attaining the prerequisite medical credentials, members will be required to seek reappointment in the appropriate Staff Corps per references (c) and (d).

4. **Religious Studies and Vocations.** Reservists who are pursuing religious studies or working in religious vocations will notify Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), Reserve Officer Status Section (PERS-4911) by letter of their educational and vocational intent. They will be assigned as follows:

a. Navy reservists attending recognized theological or divinity schools, or their equivalent, in preparing for religious ministry are ineligible for assignment to the Ready Reserve and will be transferred to USNR-S1, USNR-S2, or Retired Reserve, as appropriate, unless they are accepted into the Chaplain Candidate Program per reference (f). (By statute, they may not be required to serve on active duty or participate in inactive duty training.)

b. Chaplain Candidate Program officers, designated 1945, are assigned to the IRR. They are encouraged to perform non-pay drills and may perform Active Duty for Training (ADT) with or without pay as authorized by their program manager. They must apply for and accept, if offered, a superseding appointment in the Chaplain Corps within 1 year of meeting Navy and faith group
eligibility requirements and comply with other provisions of reference (f).

5. **Ordained Ministers.** Navy reservists who are or become civilian clergy or ministers of religion must apply for appointment in the Chaplain Corps (4105) or request a waiver from NAVPERSCOM (PERS-4911) to remain in the Ready Reserve with another designator or rating.

6. **Waivers.** Reservists may send a request to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-4911) for a waiver to retain their present designator if Navy has need for the member to be reappointed as a 4105 or if there would be a significant rank disparity as a result of their appointment in the Staff Corps. A waiver in itself will not authorize retention in the Ready Reserve, AT with pay, or assignment in a pay billet, but rather allows members to continue their careers in their present designator.

7. **Screening Guidance.** Procedures for reporting members in any of the above categories are identified in the screening guidance provided in reference (g).