

MILPERSMAN 1542-010

LATERAL TRANSFER INTO NAVAL AVIATION

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1. **Policy**

a. This article promulgates policies, procedures, and responsibilities for lateral transfer into naval aviation. A lateral transfer board will determine selectees for training leading to designation as naval aviators (pilot or naval flight officer).

b. The board will base selection on past performance, physical qualifications, age, year group, needs of the applicant, and needs of the Navy.

2. **Applicability of this Article.** This article is applicable to Regular and Reserve officers desiring lateral transfer or change of designator. Eligibility criteria for initial entry and commissioning into aviation training are addressed in MILPERSMAN 1131-010.

3. **Service Criteria for Consideration.** The following service-related criteria must be met in order to be considered by the board:

a. Applicants must hold a commission as ensign or above in the Regular Navy or the Navy Reserve, and not presently reside in the aviation (13XX) community.

b. **Applicants for Pilot Training.** Applicants must not have been previously separated from any flight training program of the Army, Navy, or Air Force, except by reason of being temporarily physically disqualified. This provision may be waived by Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), Aviation Officer Career Management Division (PERS-43) on a case-by-case basis as needs of the Navy dictate. Individuals who have previously attrited from naval air training, for reasons other than

temporary physical disqualification, must route their application to Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) (Code N311) for endorsement prior to routing it to NAVPERSCOM:

**Chief of Naval Air Training
(N311)
Naval Air Station
Corpus Christi, TX 78419-5100**

c. Applicants for Naval Flight Officer Training.

Applicants must not have been disenrolled for any reason, other than physical or flight failure, from any military flight training program. This provision may be waived by Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM, PERS-43) on a case-by-case basis as needs of the Navy dictate. Individuals who have previously attrited from naval air training, for reasons other than physical, must route their application to Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) (Code N311) for endorsement prior to routing to NAVPERSCOM:

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d. Officers Serving in Afloat Billeets. Officers are required to attain their warfare qualifications before receiving orders to naval aviation training. Exceptions to this provision may be granted only under extraordinary circumstances (e.g., when applicant's age warrants such considerations, ship in extended overhaul, assigned to pre-commissioning unit, etc.).

e. Officers can expect assignment to Naval Aviation Schools Command (NAVAVSCOLSCOM), Pensacola, FL for flight training within 1 year from approval for lateral transfer, change of designator, or at projected rotation date, whichever occurs earliest.

f. While outstanding performance remains the key, timing is also critical. Commissioned officers applying for flight training must be junior enough to permit normal career progression upon completion of training. Generally, the applicant should not have completed more than 2-1/2 years of commissioned service upon application for flight training.

4. **Academic Criteria for Consideration.** The following academic-related criteria must be met in order to be considered by the board:

a. Applicants must have successfully completed the requirements for a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.

b. Applicants must meet Aviation Selection Test Battery (ASTB) minimum scores.

(1) **Applicants for Pilot Training.** Applicants will attain a minimum score of "4" on the Academic Qualifications Rating and "5" on the Pilot Flight Aptitude Rating.

(2) **Applicants for Naval Flight Officer Training.** Applicants will attain a minimum score of "4" on the AQR and "5" on the Flight Officer Aptitude Rating.

c. Results are valid for an indefinite amount of time and the minimum time between tests is 30 days. The original examination answer sheet must be sent to Naval Operational Medical Institute (NOMI) (Code 3411) for certification. United States applicants may take the ASTB at any recruiting district. Remote CONUS military facilities, or deployed or overseas commands may request temporary custody of the ASTB from the following address:

**Naval Operational Medical Institute
(NOMI-341)
220 Hovey Road
Naval Air Station Pensacola
Pensacola, FL 32508-1047**

5. **Physical Criteria for Consideration.** The following physical criteria must be met in order to be considered by the board:

a. **Pilot Applicants.** Applicants must not have passed their 27th birthday at the time of the convening date of the lateral transfer board. For applicants with prior active duty military service, waivers may be granted on a month-for-month basis up to **24 months** for active duty served prior to their 27th birthday, to maximum age of 29.

b. **Naval Flight Officer Applicants.** Applicants must not have passed their 27th birthday at the time of the convening date

of the lateral transfer board. For applicants with prior active duty military service, waivers may be granted on a month-for-month basis up to **48 months** for active duty served prior to their 27th birthday, to maximum age of 31.

c. **Applicants Older than 27 at the Convening Date of the Lateral Transfer Board.** Applicants are required to submit a formal waiver request to BUPERS (BUPERS-313).

**Bureau of Personnel Command
Aviation Officer Community Manager
(BUPERS-313)
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-0003**

d. **Flight Physical.** Applicants must be physically qualified and aeronautically adapted for duty involving the actual control of aircraft or duty involving flying as a naval flight officer. Applicant flight physical documentation should be submitted to Naval Operational Medical Institute (NOMI-342) for review and endorsement. The flight physical must be completed and submitted to NOMI-342 prior to the convening date of the lateral transfer board. Methods of submission are web-based program Aeromedical Electronic Resource Office (AERO) or encrypted e-mail at: NOMI-physquals@med.navy.mil. Submissions can be marked "Please Expedite for Lateral Transfer Board Convening [date]."

6. **Submission of Request.** Officers who meet the above eligibility requirements may request pilot/naval flight officer training by submitting a lateral transfer package per MILPERSMAN 1212-010 with inclusion of the ASTB official score letter (sample format below).

7. Contents of Letter Request:

From: [Grade, name, branch of service, last 4 SSN/designator]
To: Commander, Naval Personnel Command (PERS-433E)
Via: Commanding Officer, _____

Subj: REQUEST FOR [PILOT TRAINING/NAVAL FLIGHT OFFICER
TRAINING]

Ref: (a) MILPERSMAN 1542-010

Encl: (1) Aviation Selection Test Battery (ASTB) Official Score Letter

1. I hereby apply for [pilot training/naval flight officer training] under reference (a).

2. The date of my birth is [date]. [Note: If age is greater than 27 at time of the convening date of the lateral transfer board, submit a separate age waiver request via chain of command to BUPERS (BUPERS-313).]

3. [One of the following certifications must be included as paragraph 3:]
[For pilot training:] "I certify that I have not been previously separated from any flight training program of the Army, Navy, or Air Force for reasons other than temporary physical disqualification." [Or for naval flight officer training:] "I certify that I [have/have not] been previously separated from a flight training program of the Army, Navy, or Air Force for reasons other than physical or flight failure." [If requesting a waiver for pilot/NFO training, indicate reasons for previous disenrollment and add CNATRA as a via addressee.]

4. I [will receive/received] a baccalaureate degree in [field of study] from [university or college] on [date].

5. I [will accept/accepted] a commission as [grade] in the line of the Regular Navy/Navy Reserve on [date]. My commissioning source was [indicate USNA, NROTC, scholarship, NROTC College, OCS, ECP, etc.]. At the time of this application I have had [fill-in] years, [fill-in] months of commissioned service.

6. I took the ASTB examination on [date] at [location] and scored [fill-in]. Enclosure (1) is forwarded per reference (a).

7. [For 11XX:] I became qualified in my warfare specialty on [fill-in date] after [fill-in] months on board my command. [If not warfare qualified, a waiver must be requested. If applicable, CO should address this issue in his command endorsement.]

8. I received a flight candidate physical on [date] at [location/command] and was tentatively found [qualified/unqualified] for aviation training. On [date], this physical was submitted to NOMI-342 for final approval.

9. My home and work e-mail/phone numbers are: [fill-in]

10. This is my [first/second/etc.] request for flight training. [Provide details of previous applications including: programs applied for, command attached to, date and results.]

11. I agree:

a. [For Pilot training:] To not resign from Naval Service during the course of instruction and to serve on active duty for a period of 8 years or until completion of previously incurred obligated service, whichever is longer, subsequent to completion of training within the Naval Air Training Command, unless released earlier by the Navy.

b. [For NFO training:] To not resign from naval service during the course of instruction and to serve on active duty for a period of 6 years or until completion of previously incurred obligated service, whichever is longer, subsequent to completion of training within the Naval Air Training Command, unless released earlier by the Navy.

c. That the period of minimum service specified in the paragraph above will be served whether or not I retain the designation of naval aviator or naval flight officer for the full period, unless released earlier by the Navy.

d. That if I am disenrolled for any reason I will serve on active duty until completion of incurred minimum required service, unless released earlier by the Navy.

e. That if I am disenrolled because of physical disqualification, I will serve on active duty until completion of previously incurred minimum required service, unless released earlier by the Navy.

f. That I will serve on active duty at least 2 years from the date of the designator change to Aviation (13XX).

(Signature)