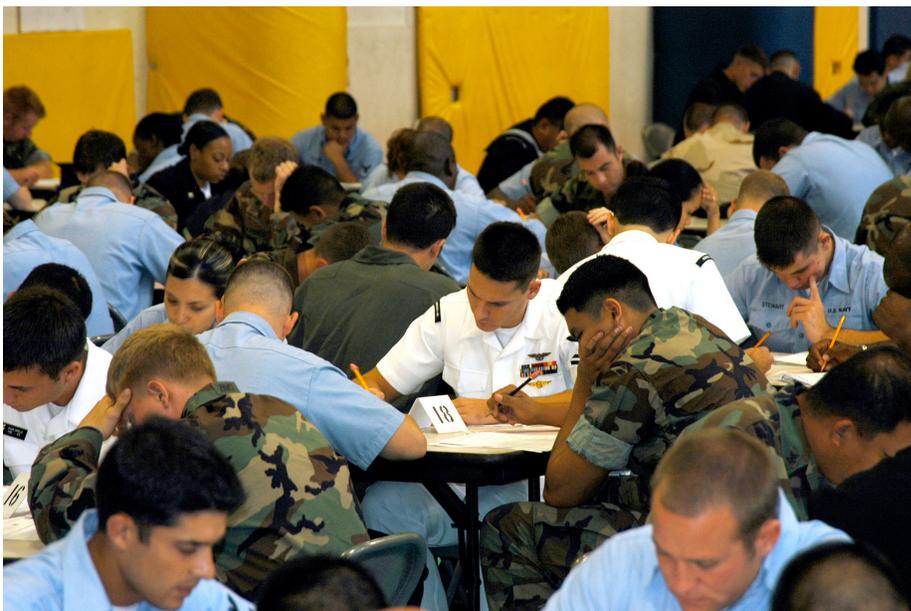




Navy Offers Flexibility for Exams as Part of New IA Initiatives

Sailors assigned to designated combat areas around the world will now have the flexibility to take advancement exams at alternate times authorized in NAVADMIN 290/06.



This change is part of a new set of initiatives aimed at rewarding individual augmentees serving in combat zones and is designed to allow Sailors to have the proper amount of time to study for advancement exams.

The initiative will allow commands with Sailors who are unable to participate in regularly scheduled exams to take the exams on a more flexible schedule. Sailors may take an exam up to two months prior to a scheduled departure to one of the designated combat zones, such as Iraq, Afghanistan, or the Horn of Africa.

Sailors who miss two exam cycles due to deployments in the combat zones will have the opportunity to take two make-up exams. If selected for advancement, their date of advancement will be backdated to the effective date of advancement for the previous cycle for which they missed.

For more information on this initiative, refer to NAVADMIN 290/06 located on the NPC Web site at www.npc.navy.mil/ReferenceLibrary/Messages/.