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Navy Legal Service Office Warns of Education Fraud

The Navy Legal Service Office recently warned service members about a scam involving the fraudulent sale of materials for the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) and College Level Exam Program (CLEP).



Education fraud is when a company advertises educational services and sells CLEP study guides to an unsuspecting person, creating false contracts and providing fake information concerning college credits.

Service members and retired military personal have become targets of some unscrupulous businesses. Some of these organizations advertise false information and claim affiliation with well-known schools to convince Sailors the service is legitimate.

Service members are encouraged to contact their local Education Service or Navy College to learn more about what classes they offer at their facilities. Most education service offices provide free study material covering as many as 36 different subjects.

CLEP study materials are available at the Navy Colleges on base and Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) Web site. If a service member becomes a victim of the education scam, contact the local Naval Legal Service Office or file complaints at www.ftc.gov.