



Navy to Fund Professional Credentialing Exams for Sailors

Sailors pursuing occupational credentials can now receive funding to pay for approved credentialing exams, according to NAVADMIN 293/07, released Nov. 2.

By using Navy Credentialing Opportunities Online (COOL), Sailors can see how they can earn civilian certifications and licenses based on their ratings and jobs.

The Navy is funding approximately 14,000-16,000 credentials this year. The Navy may issue a pre-paid voucher or reimburse costs associated with credential exams, as well as renewal and maintenance fees, provided funding is available.

Some occupations have certain professional and technical standards. The process of meeting these standards and earning official recognition (in the form of credentials, licenses or certificates) is called credentialing.

The Navy's credential program is designed to further develop the personal and professional capability of the total Navy force, thus enhancing force readiness. Credentialing offers new, non-traditional training to enhance individual's capabilities and improve force readiness through workforce initiatives.

Currently, more than 1,500 occupational credentials have been identified as having a strong correlation with Navy jobs that qualify them for exam funding.

The program is being administered on a first-come, first-served basis, with funds being released each quarter of the fiscal year.

For more information, log on to Navy COOL at <https://www.cool.navy.mil>. Navy funding information is available on the Ccsts and resources page.

