



Special Duty Assignment Pay Revised

NAVADMIN 156/09, announces revisions in special duty assignment pay (SDAP), which take effect July 26.

The revisions adjust SDAP levels for active and Reserve component full-time support (FTS) Sailors, but the majority of SDAP pay remains unchanged from 2008.



A new SDAP plan is typically released once per year. Out of 166 line items, 36 single-level and 21 multilevel line items have been reduced, with seven going to zero and 102 remaining unchanged.

Approximately 26,500 Sailors receive SDAP each month, and of these, 6,300 are affected by this message. Adjusted pay rates will be reflected in the August pay cycle.

Sailors whose SDAP will be eliminated will receive half of their previous SDAP entitlement for 12 months, or until the Sailor completes the tour, whichever comes first.

The SDAP program is an incentive for Sailors to serve in designated billets that are considered extremely difficult or entail arduous duty. Program levels change to reflect the current environment associated with each billet.

Commands holding SDAP billets are required to complete an annual recertification by Aug. 31. Guidance for this process can be found in NAVADMIN 168/09.

For more information on SDAP, visit www.npc.navy.mil.