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SECURITY CLEARANCE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN NWA

Below you will find the definition that was refined by PSCS Paul Matheny (PERS 812) who is a Subject Matter Expert (SME) on this topic. There have been many questions on the PC rating and PERS 812 determined the LS rating is not considered under paragraph 204. No security clearance eligibility is required for previous PC or current LS Sailors.

Over the past four advancement cycles, numerous examinations have been invalidated by BUPERS due to candidates not having security clearances as required by the Navy Advancement Manual (BUPERS 1430.16f) and SECNAVINST 5510.30. This is being sent to define the minimum requirement of "continuous security clearance eligibility". IAW SECNAVINST 5510.30 Chapter 7 para 3.4.a "The term "security clearance eligibility" has replaced "security clearance", when referring to a formal determination made by an authorized adjudicative entity that an individual meets national security standards." Chapter 7, para 3.4.b goes on to say; "When a command authorizes access to classified information pending completion and formal adjudication of the required PSI, this action was termed "interim clearance" in the past. However, EO12968 standards more accurately refer to this action as "temporary access" because it is an access determination under command purview. It is not a clearance." If in doubt, feel free to contact PSCS Matheny, his contact information is paul.matheny@navy.mil DSN 882-3224.

Bottom line, a DON CAF determination of eligibility for clearance is required. There is no waiver for this requirement. DO NOT allow a Sailor without a clearance to participate in an examination that is listed in para 204 of BUPERSINST 1430.16F. A commanding officer's granting of an "interim clearance/temporary access" does not constitute a waiver of this requirement.

Special Programs

The Navy is currently looking for qualified applicants to serve as Navy Equal Opportunity Advisors (EOAs) and Navy Drug Alcohol Counselor. Both programs require assignment of members to full-time counselor duty afloat and ashore. To be eligible for selection for an EOA assignment members must be E-6 or above and be interviewed by an EOA. For more information on EOA assignment see MILPERSMAN 1306-917. To be eligible for selection for Navy Drug Alcohol Counselor Intern you must be a Petty Officer E-5 through E-9. For a full list of qualifications see MILPERSMAN 1306-916. Sailors should talk to their Command Career Counselor to ensure they are fully qualified for the above programs.

Post 9/11 GI Bill Changes Coming

As mentioned last week, there have been over 20,000 requests made for Sailors to transfer benefits to family members. Remember, a Sailor can later make changes to the number of months of benefit the recipient receives, but once a Sailor leaves the Armed Forces, benefits cannot be transferred. Also, look for changes coming 1 Aug to the program that changes how much each user can receive as well as inclusion of trade schools.

Blue to Green is an Option for Separating Sailors

Today's Sailors face separation for many reasons to include High Year Tenure or Perform-to-Serve/Fleet Rating Identification Engine (PTS/Feet RIDE). Navy leadership reminds Sailors that Operation Blue to Green could keep them serving. According to the [Army's Operation Blue to Green website](#), the program allows highly qualified Sailors the opportunity to continue in military service, maintain benefits, and gain new training. Benefits of transitioning to the Army via Blue to Green include:

- * E-1 through E-5 retain their grade and date of rank.
- * Rates that convert into an Army Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) will only need to attend Basic Combat Training.
- * Retraining into another MOS may be possible for other ratings.

Today in Navy History

1943 - In first submarine resupply mission, USS *Gudgeon* lands 6 men, 2,000 pounds of equipment and supplies on Negros Island.

Quote of the Week

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. Ralph Waldo Emerson