

MILPERSMAN 1210-040

FLIGHT NURSE SUBSPECIALTY DESIGNATION

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Governing Directives	NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations OPNAVINST 3710.7R NAVMED P-117, Manual of the Medical Department
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1. **Policy**. Chief of Naval Personnel (CHNAVPERS) designates qualified Nurse Corps officers as Naval Flight Nurses. This authority may be delegated to Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). Flight Nurses, upon designation, are authorized to wear the appropriate insignia as prescribed in NAVPERS 15665I.

2. **Qualifications**

a. Successful completion of the approved course of instruction for student flight nurses at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base.

b. Meet physiology training requirements and flight physical regulations as prescribed by OPNAVINST 3710.7R and NAVMED P-117.

3. **Restrictions**

a. Should any flight nurse fail to meet the prescribed physical requirements for flying, such failure shall be set forth in the report of physical exam for flying, SF88, Report of Medical Examination, with appropriate addenda, and the report forwarded to BUMED which will submit its recommendation to CHNAVPERS. The case shall be disposed of as follows:

(1) Permitted to continue Class II flight status subject to waiver of physical defects by CHNAVPERS;

(2) Restricted from flight duties, but allowed to retain designation to continue ground duties of Naval Flight Nurses;

(3) Restricted from flight duties, but allowed to retain designator; or

(4) Restricted from all flight duties with revocation of designation.

b. For those cases where appeal of the recommendation or decision is requested, CHNAVPERS may convene a formal board of senior flight nurses at BUMED. This board shall review all aspects of the case. The decision of this board shall be final. Appellants may request appearance before this board. Upon such requests for appearance, the appellant may be issued temporary additional duty orders authorizing government air travel, at no additional expense to the government, per existing directive.

4. Revocation

a. The right of personnel to wear Naval Flight Nurse insignia continues unless specifically revoked by CHNAVPERS. Recommendations for revocation will be tendered by a flight nurse evaluation board, appointed and convened by BUMED, to evaluate the motivation and adaptability of Naval Flight Nurses. Revocation shall normally be limited to those individuals who express a lack of motivation for flying, refuse to fly, or fail to fulfill the duties of a flight nurse as delineated by BUMED. Flight nurse found by other boards to be incompetent to practice nursing or unsuitable for military service shall be considered disqualified to practice as a naval flight nurse and that designation shall be revoked.

b. In case the right to wear the Naval Flight Nurse insignia has been revoked, the member involved shall not be permitted to wear the insignia until such time as the officer is again authorized the insignia by CHNAVPERS upon recommendation of a duly appointed board convened by CHNAVPERS in each case so concerned.