

MILPERSMAN 1210-250

SPECIAL EVALUATOR/NON-AERONAUTICALLY DESIGNATED OFFICERS ASSIGNED DUTY INVOLVING FLYING

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References	(a) NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations
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1. **Background.** Special Evaluators are Information Warfare (IW) officers of the Navy and Marine Corps assigned to duty involving flying as a crewmember with Fleet Air Reconnaissance and Maritime Patrol squadrons.

2. **Naval Aviation Observer (NAO).** The term Special Evaluator is not a designation, but reflects the authority to wear the NAO insignia as prescribed by reference (a). The following officers are authorized to wear this insignia as prescribed by reference (a) and upon completion of all requirements specified herein:

- Officers assigned as crewmembers in airborne command posts.
- Special evaluators flying as crewmembers in EP-3 or P-3 aircraft.
- Limited duty and chief warrant officers designated as 632X or 732X, who are assigned to billets requiring duty involving flying.
- Non-aeronautically designated officers assigned to duty involving flying as a technical observer (DIFTECH) under orders issued by Chief of Naval Personnel (CHNAVPERS).

3. **NAO Qualification Requirements.** Officers assigned to flight duty stated above and meeting the following requirements to qualify for the NAO insignia:

a. Qualify by Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) standards of knowledge of aircraft systems and safety procedures.

b. Successfully complete a course of instruction as prescribed by the appropriate type commander or a Job Qualification Requirement assigned by the officer's commanding officer (CO) associated with their flying mission.

c. Accumulate 200 hours of mission and/or training flight time related to the purpose of their assignment to duty involving flying.

d. Are assigned to duty involving flying for a period of not less than 6 months.

4. Procedure for Documenting Completion of Requirements

a. COs shall advise Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), Information Warfare (IW) Branch (PERS-472) of successful completion of all requirements and provide copies of the documents that certify completion of the requirements listed above.

b. NAVPERSCOM (PERS-472) will certify completion, grant authority to wear the insignia, and enter the NAO additional qualification designator **BD1** in the officer's record. Such authority to wear the insignia continues through subsequent tours, unless revoked by NAVPERSCOM, as long as the officer remains a volunteer for flight duty as Special Evaluator.