

Program Authorization. Dental Corps (DC) Officer (Designator 2200) direct appointment in the Dental Corps of the U. S. Navy. BUPERS-316F is the Officer Community Manager for the Dental Corps. Program Manager is CNRC N3412.

1. Program Authority. Title 10 U.S. Code 531, 532, and 533.
2. Quota. As prescribed by the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education) (N1).
3. Qualifications
 - a. Citizenship: Must be a citizen of the United States.
 - b. Gender: Open to men and women.
 - c. Education: Be a graduate of a dental school in the United States, Canada, or Puerto Rico approved by the Commission on Accreditation of Dental and Auxiliary Educational Programs of the American Dental Association.
 - d. Work Experience:
 - (1) Be actively engaged in the practice of dentistry except in those cases where the Chief, Navy Dental Corps verifies significant past clinical experience of a dentist licensed per paragraph (e). A recent graduate is exempt if date of application is within 6 months of date of graduation.
 - (2) Be in possession of valid credentials necessary to be granted clinical privileges as indicated in BUMEDINST 6322.66 series if a Reserve Dental Officer, in other than a SELRES status desires voluntary recall.
 - e. Licensure: Must be licensed to practice dentistry in a state, territory, or commonwealth of the U.S. or the District of Columbia as required by BUMEDINST 6322.66 Series. Recent graduates of dental schools (within six months) may be appointed before licensing; however, they must obtain a valid, current license within one year of graduation from dental school. Those dentists from states that require a fifth year (PGY-1) of training prior to licensure will be allowed an additional six months to obtain their license.
 - f. Examination of professional qualifications: The Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED), shall review the credentials and examine the professional qualifications of all applicants. The Dental Corps Program Manager, Navy Recruiting Command with the Chief, Navy Dental Corps shall review the credentials and examine the professional qualifications of all applicants for appointment in the Dental Corps or for voluntary recall of a reserve officer to active duty.

g. Age. In accordance with provisions of OPNAVINST 1120.5 Series and applicable Naval Military Personnel Manual articles. Must be able to commission by age 42 and/or be able to serve 20 years of active service by age 62. Applicants who exceed age limits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Officer Community Manager maintains authority to recommend age waivers.

h. Physical: In accordance with the Manual of the Medical Department, Chapter 15.

i. Marital status: No restrictions.

4. Source

a. Civilians (U.S. citizens)

b. Enlisted personnel of regular or reserve components of the Navy (active or inactive) or other armed forces provided an appropriate conditional release is authorized.


c. Commissioned personnel of any branch of the armed forces (active or inactive) who are not otherwise eligible for interservice transfer or superseding appointment, provided conditional release (other services only) or contingent release (USN/USNR only) is approved by the member's service component.

5. Indoctrination. Selectees will receive five weeks of military orientation training at the Naval Officer Development School (ODS), Newport, Rhode Island.

6. Appointment. Appointments shall be made subject to the guidance governing entry grade, date of rank, precedence, and application processes. DOD Directive 1300.04 and 1205.05 shall determine entry grade and date of rank of dental officers transferred from other uniformed services into the Dental Corps of the U. S. Navy.

7. Service Obligation. Three years from the date of appointment. The balance of service, sufficient to complete eight years total, may be served in a ready reserve status.

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