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FLIGHT METEOROLOGIST QUALIFICATIONS

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References	(a) NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations

1. **Definition**. The term Flight Meteorologist is applied to a Meteorology and Oceanography (METOC) officer, designated as 180X or 646X, or Aerographer's Mate, NEC J00A, who is assigned to duty that involves flying as a crewmember for the specific purpose of environmental (meteorological, oceanographic, ice) reconnaissance. Examples of such billets include Ice Reconnaissance Team Members, Strategic Command (STRATCOM) METOC Officers, etc.

2. **Qualification Requirements**. A member assigned to duty as stated above shall meet the following requirements to qualify as a Flight Meteorologist:

a. Have qualified under Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) (or equivalent U.S. Air Force (USAF)) standards of knowledge of aircraft systems and safety procedures.

b. Have successfully completed a course of instruction associated with their flying mission as prescribed by the appropriate type commander.

c. Have successfully accumulated and documented a minimum of 60 hours on-station time directly related to the purpose of the METOC mission.

d. Have been assigned to duty that involves flying for a period of not less than 6 months.

e. Have completed at least one of these formal educational criteria:

(1) Hold a baccalaureate or higher degree in the field of Meteorology or Oceanography from an accredited university.

(2) Successfully completed a course of instruction in the Air-Ocean Science Curriculum at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA.

(3) Successfully completed the course of instruction at Basic Oceanography Accession Training (BOAT).

(4) Successfully completed the course of instruction at the Aerographers Mate Class C-1 School.

(5) Successfully completed Analyst Forecaster (AG-J00A) Class C-1 School.

3. **Wearing the Naval Aviation Observer Insignia**

a. Flight Meteorologist is not a designation but does carry with it the authority to wear the Naval Aviation Observer (NAO) insignia as prescribed by reference (a). Personnel are authorized to wear the insignia upon initial qualification as a Flight Meteorologist.

b. Commanding officers (COs) shall advise Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), Oceanography Assignment/Placement Branch (PERS-449), via Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (CNMOC), of successful completion of all requirements. NAVPERSCOM (PERS-449) will certify completion and grant authority to wear the insignia.

c. Authority to wear the insignia continues through subsequent tours, unless revoked by NAVPERSCOM, and as long as the member remains a volunteer to Flight Meteorologist duty.