

Change 144
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To: Holders of the Manual of the Medical Department

1. **This Change** corrects two items in MANMED Change 126, Chapter 15, Physical Examinations and Standards, Section IV, article 15-65(1), Applicant, Student, and Designated Standards, page 15-51 of 12 Aug 2005:

a. The parenthetic descriptor following the term “designation” changes from (commissioning) to (winging) for when the Student Naval Aviator (SNA) or Student Naval Flight Officer (SNFO) physical standards become Class I or Class II physical standards respectively.

b. Changes the description of when physical standards for applicants to other Class II or III communities become “designated” from when orders to training are released to completion of the aviation training pipeline or required training syllabus.

2. **Background**

a. The current descriptor in parentheses “commissioning” is not equivalent to its preceding term “designation.” Commissioning will generally happen before entering the aviation training pipeline, so it may not be used as an alternative to designation when training is complete. The “winging” ceremony is, however, coincident with becoming a designated Naval Aviator or Naval Flight Officer respectively and hence a better descriptor.

b. For other Class II and III aviation training programs, the transition from applicant physical standards to designated physical standards is upon completion of that training pipeline or syllabus vice when orders to training are released.

3. **Action**

a. Remove page 15-51 and replace with like-numbered page.

b. Record this Change 144 in the Record of Page Changes.

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(f) Certain nondesignated personnel, including civilians, may also be assigned to participate in duties involving flight. Such personnel include selected passengers, project specialists, and technical observers. The specific requirements are addressed in the ARWG and OPNAVINST 3710.7 series (Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) General Flight and Operating Instructions) and shall be used to evaluate these personnel.

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**Authorized
Examiners**

(1) The aviation medical examination shall be performed by a medical officer who is authorized by the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery or by the proper authority of the Army or Air Force who has current clinical privileges to conduct such examinations.

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**Applicant, Student,
and Designated
Standards**

(1) Physical standards for SNA become Class I standards at the time of designation (winging) or redesignation as SNA; prior to that point in time SNA applicant physical standards shall apply. Physical standards for SNFO become designated NFO standards at the time of designation (winging) or redesignation as student flight officer (SNFO); prior to that point in time NFO applicant physical standards shall apply. Physical standards for applicants to other Class II and III communities transition from applicant to "designated" upon completion of the aviation training pipeline/completion of the required syllabus as per NATOPS, NAVPERSCOM, and/or HQ USMC guidance.

(2) Designation or redesignation as student (SNA, SNFO, SNFS, etc.) shall not occur prior to certification of physical qualification (PQ or NPQ/WR favorable BUMED endorsement of a Naval aviation applicant physical examination), and favorable endorsement of anthropometric qualification by cognizant line authority.

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**Physically
Qualified (PQ) and
Not Physically
Qualified (NPQ)**

(1) *Physically Qualified (PQ)*. Describes aviation personnel who meet the physical and psychiatric standards required by their medical classification to perform assigned aviation duties.

(2) *Not Physically Qualified (NPQ)*. Describes aviation personnel who do not meet the physical or psychiatric standards required by their medical classification to perform assigned aviation duties. Aircrew who are NPQ may request a waiver of aeromedical standards. A waiver must be granted by NAVPERSCOM or Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (HQ/USMC) prior to a disqualified member assuming flight duties. See disposition of personnel found NPQ, article 15-79 below.