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BUMED INSTRUCTION 1200.1A

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION DESIGNATOR FOR CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, AND NUCLEAR MEDICAL DEFENSE

Ref: (a) JP 4-02 of December 2017  
(b) NAVPERS 15839I  
(c) Description of the National Military Strategy 2018  
(d) OPNAVINST 5450.215E

1. Purpose. To establish policy for the Navy additional qualification designator (AQD) for chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) medical defense. The establishment of this program complies with the accepted solution to a Naval Capabilities Board validated gap identified in reference (a) which is available at [https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Doctrine/pubs/jp4\\_02ch1.pdf](https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Doctrine/pubs/jp4_02ch1.pdf). This instruction is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety. The changes in subparagraphs 1a through 1c have been implemented.

a. Removed language referring to creation of Navy enlisted classification codes.

b. Revised the criteria for eligibility per reference (b), Manual of Navy Officer Manpower and Personnel Classifications, Volume 1, Part D which is available at <https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/References/NOOCS-Manual/NOOCS-VOL-1/>.

c. Re-incorporated a required annual review of all current Navy instructions pertaining to AQD for CBRN medical defense.

2. Cancellation. BUMEDINST 1200.1.

3. Scope and Applicability. All Navy Medicine (NAVMED) personnel who meet eligibility criteria per reference (b), Manual of Navy Officer Manpower and Personnel Classifications, Volume 1, Part D, pages D-559 and D-560.

4. Background

a. The Navy requires a readily identifiable community of CBRN medical defense personnel capable of assessing and responding to known and emerging threats, and to inform consequence management, medical countermeasures for patient care, and force health protection, planning,

and capability development across the full range of military operations including humanitarian assistance. As part of the 2018 National Military Strategy, reference (c) (available at [https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Publications/UNCLASS\\_2018\\_National\\_Military\\_Strategy\\_Description.pdf](https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Publications/UNCLASS_2018_National_Military_Strategy_Description.pdf)), the Department of Defense must focus on lethality and survivability of the Joint Force, allies, and partners. Increasing survivability of the Department of Defense and naval forces includes the ability to execute National Defense Strategy priorities in CBRN environments. As a result, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) CBRN Medical Defense office (BUMED-M53) serves a pivotal role in identifying NAVMED personnel capable of performing missions in CBRN environments, and properly informing force health protection to ensure continuity of operations and mission execution.

b. One of the five Joint Force prioritized mission areas is to deter the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, per reference (c). Near-peer adversaries and violent extremist organizations with CBRN capabilities can pose significant destructive potential. Achieving the Joint Chiefs' vision, outlined in reference (c), requires unification of Service capabilities across materiel and non-materiel solutions. This policy establishes the growth of CBRN medical defense knowledge, skills, and abilities in NAVMED by identifying a community of specialists with the expertise required to lead medical operations during future operating concepts, such as distributed maritime operations for increased force lethality.

## 5. Eligibility

- a. Designator: 210X, 230X, 290X.
- b. Manpower Type: Active and Reserve.
- c. Grade: lieutenant commander (O-4) and above.

## 6. Roles and Responsibilities

- a. Director, BUMED-M53 must:

(1) Serve as the office of primary responsibility for the weapons of mass destruction and CBRN defense AQR-holders and adhere to the mission and functions per reference (d), enclosure (1), subparagraph 13d.

(2) Coordinate between BUMED and the CBRN defense community to ensure consistency of programmatic efforts, dissemination of information, and provide guidance on sustainment training opportunities.

(3) Review CBRN medical defense AQR nomination packages and ensure nominations meet awarding criteria.

(4) Provide CBRN medical defense AQD approval letters to Navy Personnel Command for award and annotation of the AQD in official personnel files.

(5) Maintain an active and accurate list of CBRN medical defense AQD officers and provide the current roster for contingency or humanitarian missions.

(6) Maintain CBRN Medical Defense Community knowledge, skills, and abilities with a list of suitable training to achieve those knowledge, skills, and abilities.

b. CBRN Medical Defense Specialist with AQD must:

(1) Perform duties and responsibilities per reference (b), Manual of Navy Officer Manpower and Personnel Classifications, Volume 1, Part D.

(2) Ensure operational readiness, deployability, and maintain CBRN defense currency.

(3) Participate in CBRN-specific training and exercises, and be able to serve on NAVMED platforms as a CBRN subject matter expert.

(4) Lead professional development efforts at the local level to expand the CBRN medical defense community.

7. Application Materials. CBRN medical defense specialist application instructions and requirements can be obtained by e-mailing BUMED-M53 mailbox at [usn.ncr.bumedfchva.mbx.wmdd-office@mail.mil](mailto:usn.ncr.bumedfchva.mbx.wmdd-office@mail.mil).

8. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy Directorate for Administration, Logistics, and Operations, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the Department of the Navy Directorate for Administration, Logistics, and Operations, Directives and Records Management Division program office.

9. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, BUMED-M5 will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy

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and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.



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