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From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: FISCAL YEAR 2026 NURSE CORPS HEALTH PROFESSIONS LOAN
REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §2173
(b) DoD Instruction 6000.13 of 30 December 2015
(c) BUMED memo 1110 Ser N1/24UN10011 of 29 Aug 2024 (NOTAL)
(d) OPNAVINST 7220.17

Encl: (1) Sample Request for Health Professions Loan Repayment Program for Retention
(2) Sample First Endorsement of Health Professions Loan Repayment Program for Retention

1. Purpose. To announce the availability of loan repayments under the Health Professions Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP) to qualified health professionals currently on active duty for fiscal year 2026 (subject to availability of funding), and to provide information concerning eligibility and application procedures.

2. Scope and Applicability. Applies to active duty officers in the Navy Nurse Corps (NC).

3. Background. The HPLRP is an accession and retention incentive program within the Armed Forces Health Professions Financial Assistance Programs. The HPLRP is a means to assist eligible personnel in the repayment of qualified loans in exchange for an obligated period of active duty. Reference (a) establishes the HPLRP and designates responsibility for the program to the Secretaries of the various military departments. Reference (b) includes Department of War policy and guidance for the active duty HPLRP. Reference (c) delineates the number of available NC contracts and specifies the maximum allowable rate per contract. Reference (d) establishes policies and procedures to administer special pay for Navy Medicine.

4. Definitions

a. Active Duty Health Professional. Navy Nurse Corps Officers on active duty.

b. Qualified Loans. Government or commercial loans for the actual costs paid for tuition, approved educational and living expenses relating to the attainment of a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

5. Eligibility Requirements for Applicants

- a. Must be a commissioned officer on active duty in the NC.
- b. Must have completed 6 months of active service at the time the application is due.
- c. Must hold a current, unrestricted nursing license, if required to perform duties in the Navy.
- d. NC officers currently in a full-time duty under instruction status or under a duty under instruction obligation can apply for HPLRP, but the service obligation for each will be served consecutively.
- e. Loans that correspond to the Bachelor of Science in nursing are eligible and will be verified.
- f. Additional requirements:
 - (1) Must sign an agreement to incur an active duty obligation in exchange for loan repayment.
 - (2) Must meet all height, weight, and physical readiness requirements.
 - (3) Must have a qualifying debt.

6. Ineligibility Factors for HPLRP Applicants

- a. Must not be a member of a Reserve Component on extended active duty or mobilized to perform active duty.
- b. Must be free of any court judgment in favor of the United States creating a lien against the individual's property arising from a civil or criminal proceeding regarding a debt and not be in default of any Federal debt. The Secretary of the Navy may grant an exception to the default exclusion in cases when all other eligibility criteria are met, and when loan default disclosure, as well as substantiation that loan payments are up to date, is provided by the individual at the time of application.
- c. Must not be in a non-select promotion status.
- d. Must not have a punitive discharge or any other adverse personnel or administrative action pending or in effect.
- e. Must not have received HPLRP previously, either upon recruitment or for retention.

7. HPLRP Award Amount. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs sets the maximum annual award amount of loan repayment, currently established at \$40,000. Funds used in the HPLRP are taxable income and approximately 22 percent Federal income tax will be deducted prior to disbursement of funds to each lending institution.

8. Awards. NC will award 1-year contracts, worth up to a maximum of \$40,000 each.

9. Active Duty Obligation. Participants in the HPLRP will incur an active duty obligation consisting of 2 years for the 1-year benefit. The active duty obligation for HPLRP will be served in addition to (consecutive with) any educational or training active duty obligation. An active duty obligation for contractual multiyear pay to include multiyear incentives and accession bonus will be served consecutively and after the HPLRP active duty obligation. No portion of the active duty obligation for HPLRP will be fulfilled by prior active service. In addition, the member may not be relieved of his or her active duty obligation solely because of willingness and ability to refund all payments made by the government, pursuant to section 303a(e) of Title 37, U.S. Code.

10. Application Procedures

a. Submit a notice of intent to apply for HPLRP via e-mail no later than 13 March 2026 to the NC career planner. The NC career planner may be reached at (703) 681-8927 or usn.ncr.bumedfchva.list.bumed---nc-office@health.mil. The e-mail must include the following information: rank, last name, first name, specialty code(s), telephone number, estimated total health professions loan balance, and degree attained with the loan for which repayment is being sought.

b. Applications for HPLRP must be submitted via encrypted e-mail to the NC career planner. The e-mail address for applications will be provided in response to the notice of intent. A sample application request is contained in enclosure (1).

c. All applications and supporting documentation must be received by 6 April 2026. Each application must contain the details listed in subparagraphs 10c(1) through 10c(10):

(1) Name, rank, NC, business address, work, home, and cell telephone numbers, and work or home e-mail address.

(2) Complete loan information with supporting documentation (e.g., copy of original loan document(s), current monthly statement(s), or printout(s) from lender's website) that contains lender's contact information, account number, balance, and non-delinquent status of each loan for which repayment is requested. If educational loans were consolidated, all documents related to the consolidation must be included. The applicant is responsible for providing detailed documentation regarding educational loan consolidation. The Navy Medicine HPLRP specialist and recoupment coordinator reserves the right to disqualify a recipient on the basis that the

application is incomplete or does not provide comprehensive and clear loan data. The applicant must state the total loan obligation for the health professions degree and the current loan balance for which repayment is sought.

(3) Current active duty status, years of commissioned service, years of active service, and accession program.

(4) Copy of licensure, board certification, and eligibility documents, if applicable to the applicant's specialty.

(5) A brief motivational statement regarding the applicant's desire for continued military service. The statement will be no longer than one page, double-spaced.

(6) Copy of Physical Readiness Information Management System Member Report physical fitness assessment listing (summary of all physical fitness assessments taken).

(7) Copy of officer summary record.

(8) Copy of performance summary record.

(9) Copies of fitness reports covering the last 5 years, or all fitness reports since commissioning, if less than 5 years. Remove all social security numbers from the fitness reports (blacken out or white out).

(10) Commanding officer endorsement, see enclosure (2) for sample, to include verification that no punitive or other adverse personnel or administrative action is pending or in effect and that the applicant meets height and weight, and physical readiness requirements.

11. Application Review Process and Selection Notification

a. An administrative selection board will convene in April 2026 to review all completed applications and provide selection recommendations to Surgeon General of the Navy. The Surgeon General of the Navy will provide final approval of individuals for participation in the HPLRP.

b. There may be more requests for enrollment in the HPLRP than available awards, the selection process will be competitive. The administrative selection board will be governed by a precept approved by Surgeon General of the Navy. The criteria listed in subparagraphs 11b(1) through 11b(3), while not encompassing all details of the precept, will be considered by the administrative selection board in making approval recommendations:

(1) Potential for future naval service and leadership.

(2) Individual assignments, including operational assignments (past and future).

(3) Individual accomplishments and awards.

c. Individuals will be notified of their selection for enrollment in the HPLRP no later than 29 May 2026. Selected individuals will receive a contract for the HPLRP from Military Personnel Policy, Plans, and Special Pays, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) (BUMED-N13) delineating the obligations of all parties by 2 June 2026. The original signed contract must be returned to the Navy Medicine Accessions Program Manager (Attention: HPLRP), Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Detachment Bethesda, 8901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20889-5611, by close of business 10 June 2026. BUMED-N13 will coordinate loan repayments with the appropriate lending institution(s) for those officers signing HPLRP contracts.

d. For questions concerning application procedures or eligibility requirements, contact the NC career planner noted in subparagraph 10a of this notice.

12. 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 War Assistant for Administration, 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 OPNAV Records Management Program (DNS-16).

13. Information Management Control. Reports contained in paragraph 10 of this instruction are exempt from reports control per Secretary of the Navy manual 5214.1 of December 2005, part IV, subparagraph 7k.


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SAMPLE REQUEST FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS LOAN
REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR RETENTION

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From: [Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name], NC, USN
To: Fiscal Year 2026 Nurse Corps Health Professions Loan Repayment Selection Board,
7700 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church, VA 22042
Via: Activity head, name of activity, location when needed

Subj: REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 HEALTH
PROFESSIONS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Ref: (a) BUMEDNOTE 1110 of 9 Mar 2026 (Canc: Mar 2027)

Encl: (1) Personal motivational statement
(2) Copy of licensure and board certification documents
(3) Copy of Officer Summary Record
(4) Copy of Performance Summary Record
(5) Copies of last 5 years of Fitness Reports, or all, if less than 5 years of service
(6) Copy of Physical Readiness Information Management System Member Summary
Report of Physical Fitness Assessment
(7) Loan Information (e.g., lender monthly statement for each loan)

1. I respectfully request participation in the Health Professions Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP). Request consideration for a 1-year contract to repay current outstanding loans totaling \$ [fill in]. I attained a Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing degree with the loan for which I am requesting repayment.

2. I am regular active duty, not a member of the Reserve Component on extended active duty or mobilized to perform active duty. As of 29 September 2026, I will have completed [fill in] years of commissioned service and [fill in] years of total active service. I was commissioned via (fill in program, e.g., direct accession, the Nurse Candidate Program, etc., along with the number of years in that program), with a current specialty of [fill in specialty code(s)].

3. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted.

4. I understand that I must sign and return the original HPLRP contract if approved for participation in the HPLRP. I also understand that HPLRP funds are taxable income and income tax withholding will be deducted prior to disbursement of funds to each lending institution.

Enclosure (1)

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5. I further understand that failure to satisfy all Department of War and Service specific HPLRP requirements, to include provision of necessary loan documentation, could result in forfeiture of any loan repayments that may be awarded. I may be reached at Defense Switched Network (DSN) number, commercial number, or e-mail address. My command mailing address is [address].

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SAMPLE FIRST ENDORSEMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
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(command letterhead)

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on [rank, name, NC, USN, ltr 1100 of DD Mmm YYYY])

From: Activity head title, name of activity, location when needed

To: Fiscal Year 2026 Nurse Corps Health Professions Loan Repayment Program Selection Board, 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church, VA 22042

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1. Forwarded, recommending approval.
2. I verify that no punitive or other adverse personal or administrative action are pending or in effect and that [name of applicant] meets height, weight, and physical readiness requirements.
3. Additional comments.

(signature block)

Copy to:
Service member

Enclosure (2)