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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Leader and Professional Development Command

Subj: APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR AY 27 POST GRADUATE DENTAL
EDUCATION YEAR-1 ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY
AND GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

Ref: (a) BUMEDINST 1520.37D
(b) OPNAVINST 1120.5B
(c) Manual of the Medical Department (MANMED), Chapter 6, Article 6-20
(d) BUMEDINST 1520.41A
(e) DoD Instruction 6000.13 of 30 December 2015
(f) OPNAVINST 7220.17
(g) SECNAV M-5210.1 of Sep 2019

Encl: (1) HPSP Contract 1131_131 (Rev July 12, 2018)
(2) Academic Year 2027 Postgraduate Year-One (PGY-1) Education Availability
Announcement
(3) Sample Request Letter for Advanced Dental Education
(4) Dental PGY-1 Application Brief Sheet
(5) Licensing and National Board Statement
(6) Application Checklist
(7) PGY-1 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) by Dental Students
(8) NAVMED 1520/17

1. Purpose. To announce application procedures for Navy sponsored Post Graduate Year One (PGY-1) Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) and General Practice Residency (GPR) Programs for Academic Year (AY) 2027.

2. Cancellation. NAVMEDLEADPRODEVCMDCMD NOTICE 1520 of 15 Jul 2025.

3. Background. Per Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) Contract 1131_131 enclosure (1), all dental HPSP students graduating in 2027 are to apply for PGY-1 training to allow them to continue to develop their clinical and treatment planning skills. Per reference (a), Navy PGY-1 programs are required to be accredited by the American Dental Association Council on Dental Accreditation (ADA CODA).

4. Scope. All HPSP and Health Services Collegiate Program (HSCP) Dental Scholarship Students, and eligible approved direct accession dentists or active duty dentists with less than one year of dental practice are eligible.

5. Eligibility. Per reference (b), to be eligible to apply for a PGY-1 training program, applicants must be in one of the following categories:

a. Senior dental school student currently enrolled in one of the following programs: HPSP and HSCP.

b. Senior dental student approved for accession into the Navy or who is working with a Navy Officer Programs Recruiter to access into the Navy following graduation.

c. Civilian dentist working with a Navy Officer Programs Recruiter who will have less than one year of practice by the time the candidate would be projected to start a PGY-1 program.

d. Active duty dentist who will have less than one year of practice by the time the candidate would be projected to start a PGY-1 program.

6. Requirements. The following are required prior to beginning a PGY-1 program:

a. Possess a dental degree from an accredited U.S. dental school.

b. Successfully pass the Integrated National Board Dental Exam (INBDE).

c. Commissioned as an officer in the U. S. Navy Dental Corps.

7. Licensure. It is highly recommended for candidates to possess an active unrestricted license to practice dentistry in at least one U.S. state prior to beginning a PGY-1 program.

8. Availability of Programs. References (b) through (e) describe requirements for Department of the Navy (DON) PGY-1 training programs for dental officers. The needs of the Navy determine the programs available for training and number of trainees projected in each program. Enclosure (2) provides a list of AEGD and GPR program locations and contains contact information for the Navy's PGY-1 Programs (AEGD/GPR) Specialty Leaders and the Graduate Dental Programs Office.

9. Program Descriptions.

a. Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD). This clinically based, one-year residency is structured to develop competent and confident Naval Dental Officers who are able to transition into any military clinic in the world and contribute to mission readiness. The programs are designed to expand the scope and depth of the graduates' knowledge and skills enabling them to provide comprehensive oral health care to a wide range of population groups. Graduates of these programs will have the foundation to act as independent clinicians providing and managing patient-focused care from diagnosis to restoration of oral health and function.

b. General Practice Residency (GPR). This one-year hospital dentistry residency provides broad-based training in all dental specialties, and also includes exposure and familiarization with trauma, medical emergencies, anesthesia, and the treatment of medically compromised patients.

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10. Application.

a. Applicants must submit the following:

(1) Letter of Request. Write and sign a letter of request using enclosure (3) as a template.

(2) Statement of Motivation. Prepare a one-page statement explaining the reasons you are requesting training. If you have a preference for a GPR or an AEGD program, please state such and indicate the reason for your preference. The document must be only one page in length and be in Times New Roman 12 font with one-inch margins. It may be single or double spaced. Applicant's name must be typed on the bottom, and it MUST be signed by the applicant.

(3) Advanced Dental Education Application Brief Sheet (enclosure 4).

(4) Official Dental School and Graduate School Transcripts. Request an official transcript for dental school and other significant graduate education be sent directly to the Graduate Dental Programs office either electronically using the office e-mail:

usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.list.nmpdc-dental-corps-gp@health.mil, or using the address listed in this subparagraph. When attempting electronic submission, if an error is encountered stating the agency does not accept the e-mail address, please contact the Graduate Dental Programs office for the alternate e-mail address. Undergraduate college transcripts are not requested and will not be accepted.

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(5) Dean's Endorsement. Letters should include comments addressing whether the student is in good standing with the program. If the dental school transcript does not provide a class rank and/or grade point average (GPA), this letter should provide your class rank, or equivalent. If your dental school does not rank students, the Dean's letter must state so. All letters must be submitted directly to the Graduate Dental Programs Office. E-mail notification of good standing and class rank submitted from the Dean's or Registrar's office directly to the Graduate Dental Programs Office is acceptable. Letters and e-mails submitted from the applicants will not be accepted.

(6) Licensing and National Board Statement of Understanding (enclosure 5).

(7) Evaluation for Advanced Dental Education (enclosure 8). Request letters of evaluation using NAVMED 1520/17. Evaluations are confidential and not released to the applicant. Evaluators should be dental school instructors or dentists in your community and must send completed forms directly to the Graduate Dental Programs Office. For credentialing purposes, this evaluation may also be released to the applicant's residency command or, if not selected for a PGY-1 program, their credentialing tour command. Applicants can request a maximum of three letters of evaluation. It is recommended that the applicant complete the "Applicant Information" section prior to sending to the evaluator. Check "PGY-1" and place "AEGD" and/or "GPR" in the appropriate preference box(es). If the applicant desires only one or the other, only write that as your First Preference. If there is no preference, write "AEGD or GPR Equally" in First Preference. Note that if the narrative does not fit into the provided space, the evaluator may elect to do the narrative on a separate page or pages and submit it as an attachment to the form. If this is done, the evaluator should put "See Attachment" in the narrative box. A completed NAVMED 1520/17 must accompany a separate letter of evaluation, and the evaluator must score the applicant. Use only the form included in this announcement of the AY27 PGY-1 application process. Do not search for the form online, as the form has been updated and old forms can still be found on the web. If you or your writers have any difficulty with the authorized form, contact the GDP Office immediately.

a. All items must be sent to the Graduate Dental Programs Office. Electronic delivery via email is highly preferred, but traditional mail will be accepted, if the applicant accounts for 2-3 weeks of delays. Of the items listed in paragraph 10a, the items listed in subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), and (7) may be mailed or submitted as PDF via e-mail by the applicant. Official transcripts, Dean's letter, and INBDE results (paragraph 10a, subparagraphs (4) through (6)) must be submitted directly by the educational institution or testing agency from which they are requested. Electronic copies of these items are preferred if they are sent directly by the educational or testing institution. Letters of evaluation (paragraph 10a, subparagraph (8)) must be mailed or submitted via email as a PDF directly by the evaluator.

(1) Electronic submissions are preferred and all documents should be in a PDF format that has not been altered via a third-party software or website. Emailed documents should remain as individual PDFs. Do not combine into a PDF portfolio format. Links to documents via a cloud service is not compatible with military networks. Submissions must use the office e-mail address: usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.list.nmpdc-dental-corps-gp@health.mil.

(2) Applications sent via ground mail are discouraged, but if used, must be sent to the address below. Please note that it may take up to three or more weeks for items to reach this office via regular USPS, FEDEX or other mail service. This office recommends you utilize an express mail service of your choice with letter/package tracking and a receipt. Mailing address:

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b. For questions concerning the application process, please contact the Graduate Dental Programs Office. Point of contact, telephone number, and e-mail information can be found in enclosure (2).

11. Obligation. The PGY-1 year is considered a neutral year for training per references (b) and (e). There is no additional active-duty obligation (ADO) incurred in exchange for this training, however, payback for previous educational training (USNA, ROTC, HPSP, HSCP) or Direct Accession Bonus does not begin until after the PGY-1 program ends.

12. Dental Special Pays. Dental special pays for officers in residency programs will comply with reference (f).

13. Application Deadline. Applications for PGY-1 programs beginning in AY 2027 must be received at usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.list.nmpdc-dental-corps-gp@health.mil or via mail postmarked no later than October 23, 2026. Early submission is highly encouraged. It is the applicant's responsibility to verify receipt of all parts of the application by the Graduate Dental Programs Office by the deadline. New applications postmarked later than October 23, 2026, will not be accepted without permission from the PGY-1 Specialty Leader.

14. Application Checklist. Please use the application checklist (enclosure 6) to track and ensure your application package is complete. It does not need to be returned with the required documents.

15. Detailing. A Detailing Information Sheet will be provided to each applicant after the conclusion of the PGY-1 Selection Board process. The Assignment Officer will utilize this information as a starting point for deciding the applicant's location assignment for the PGY-1 program. Locations for all PGY-1 programs are listed in enclosure (2). Every attempt should be made to successfully complete Officer Development School (ODS) prior to PGY-1 training.

a. Questions regarding the assignment process can be directed to the Assignment Officer:

CDR Christopher Bradley, DC, USN
christopher.d.bradley15.mil@us.navy.mil
 Phone: (901) 874-4093

b. Questions regarding specific programs and locations can be directed to the PGY-1 Specialty Leaders. Please see enclosure (2) for contact information.

16. FAQs. A list of frequently asked questions by applicants is included as enclosure (7).

17. Notification. The AY 2027 PGY-1 Selection Board will meet in November 2026. Board results are published shortly after the board meets via the Weekly Dental Update and selected individuals will be notified by e-mail. Upon receiving electronic notification of acceptance, selectees must respond as requested within two weeks to confirm their appointment. Failure to respond within the designated period may result in the selectee relinquishing his/her appointment to an alternate selectee.

18. Disenrollment. Misconduct, failure to remain within physical standards, and/or poor academic performance are grounds for disenrollment from a PGY-1 program.
19. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per reference (g).
20. Forms. The following NAVMED forms are available from the Naval Forms website. Local reproduction is authorized.
 - a. NAVMED 1520/17, Evaluation for Advanced Dental Education.
<https://www.med.navy.mil/Directives/NAVMED-Forms/>

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