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FLIGHT SURGEON

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| Governing Directives | NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations |
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1. **Policy**. Chief of Naval Personnel (CHNAVPERS) designates qualified medical officers as Naval Flight Surgeons. This authority may be delegated to Commanding Officer, Naval Operational Medicine Institute (NOMI). Upon designation, Flight Surgeons are authorized to wear the appropriate insignia.

2. **Qualifications**. Successful completion of the approved course of instruction for Naval Flight Surgeons at the NOMI in Pensacola, FL including:

a. Successful completion of the Aviation Preflight Indoctrination at Naval Aviation Schools Command.

b. Successful completion of the flight curriculum prescribed by Chief of Naval Aviation Training (CNATRA) for Flight Surgeons. This requirement may be waived for medical officers previously designated as Naval Flight Aviators or Naval Flight Officers.

3. **Failure to Meet Physical Standards and Disposition**

a. Failure to meet prescribed physical requirements for flying as a flight surgeon will be

(1) set forth in the report of physical examination for flying (SF-88, Report of Medical Examination) with appropriate addenda; and then

(2) forwarded to Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED); who will then

(3) submit a recommendation to CHNAVPERS.

b. The flight surgeon will be

(1) permitted to continue Class II flight status (subject to waiver of physical defects by CHNAVPERS), or

(2) restricted from flight duties but allowed to retain designation to continue ground duties of Naval Flight Surgeon, or

(3) restricted from all flight surgeon duties with retention of designator, or

(4) restricted from all flight surgeon duties with revocation of designator.

4. **Revocation.** Revocation is

a. normally limited to those who have expressed a lack of motivation for flying, refusal to fly, malingering, or failure to fulfill the duties of a flight surgeon as delineated by Chief, BUMED; or

b. flight surgeons found by other boards to be incompetent to practice medicine; or

c. unsuitable for military service and shall be disqualified to practice as a Naval Flight Surgeon, and that designation shall be revoked.

5. **Insignia.** Chief of Naval Personnel designates qualified medical officers as Naval Flight Surgeons. Naval Flight Surgeons may wear Naval Flight Surgeon insignia unless specifically revoked by CHNAVPERS. These personnel may not wear insignia until again approved by CHNAVPERS.

6. **Appeals.** Chief of Naval Personnel may convene a formal board of senior flight surgeons at BUMED, Washington, D.C. The decision of this board shall be final. Appellants may request appearance before this board and be issued temporary additional duty orders authorizing government air travel, at no additional expense to the government, per existing directives.