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NOAA CORPS ADVISORY 0401

Subject: Medical Examinations

Reference: NCR 03104 and Section 3027 of Title 33 of the United States Code

1. PURPOSE: This Advisory emphasizes the requirement that to be considered physically qualified for duty and promotion you must fulfill the requirements as prescribed in NCR 03104. Furthermore, section 3027 of Title 33 of the United States Code states - *No officer may be promoted to a higher grade on the active list until the officer has passed a satisfactory mental and physical examination in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary.* Your promotion will be delayed unless you complete and pass all periodic medical examination requirements before you become eligible for nomination or selection for promotion.
2. ACTION: All completed periodic medical examinations and medical examinations for aviator and divers, done in conjunction with periodic examinations, shall be submitted to the Commissioned Personnel Center (CPC) within 30 days of completion. Special operations physicals not done in conjunction with a periodic medical examination will be forwarded to and maintained by the Public Health Service Officer assigned to the Aircraft Operations Center or the NOAA Dive Center. The Director, Office of Health Services and Pastoral Care (OHSPC), NOAA Marine and Aviation Operation (NMAO), will review the examination for impairments, completeness, and ensure fitness for duty. Aviators and divers should be aware that the requirements of periodic medical examinations differ from routine aviation and dive physicals. Consult the NCR for those differences.

As of the date of this Advisory, the Public Health Service officer assigned to the Aircraft Operations Center and the NOAA Dive Center, will furnish the Director, CPC, through Aircraft Operations Center and the NOAA Dive Center Director, a monthly list of officers qualified for special pay entitlements. Those names will be forwarded to the NOAA Corps Payroll Unit for processing.

3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED: N/A
4. DISCUSSION: Questions regarding this Advisory are to be directed to Katherine Raymond, (301) 713-3444.

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