

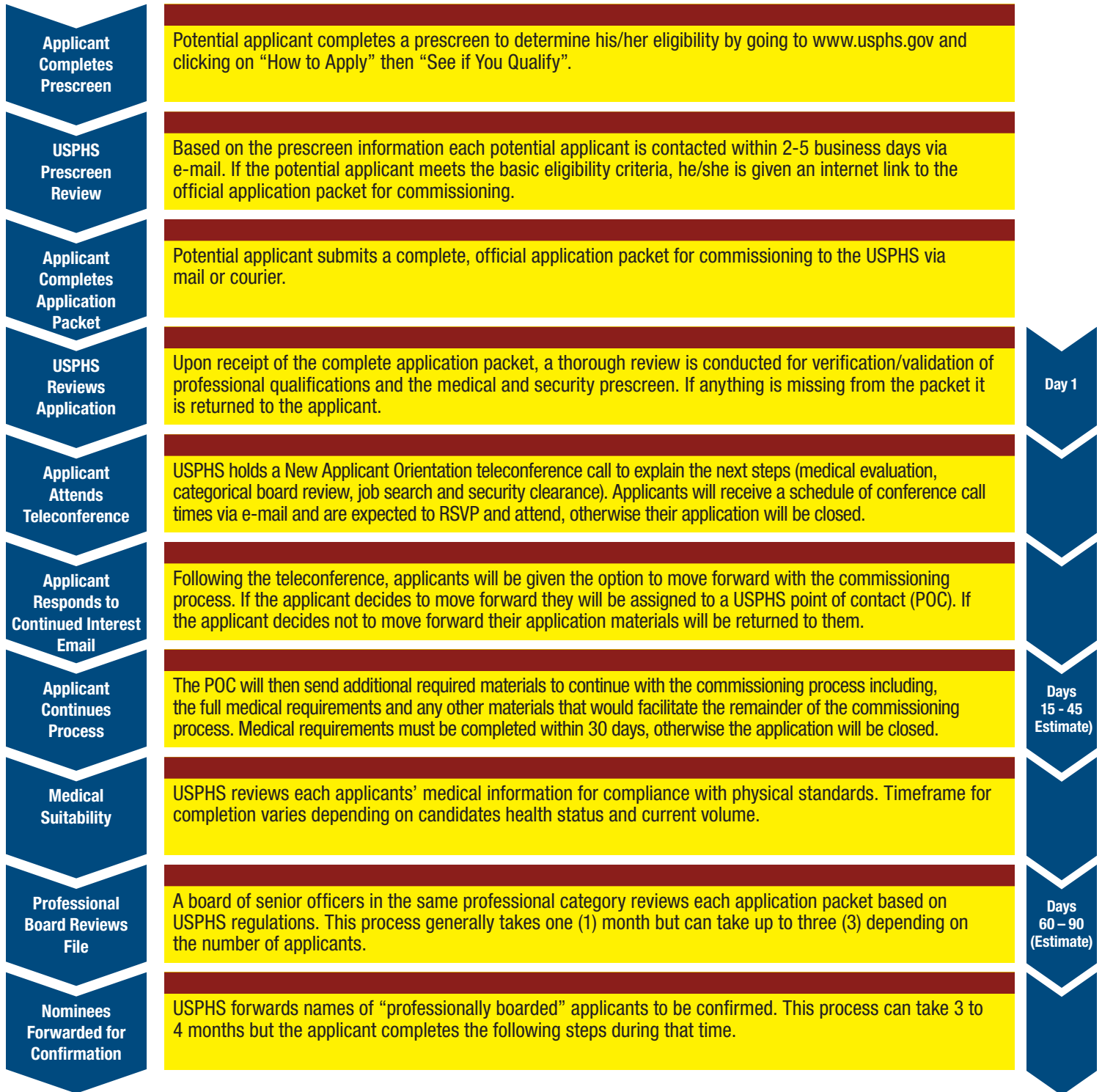


Lifecycle of an Application From Prescreen to Call to Active Duty Applying to the Commissioned Corps



How long does the application process for commissioning take? At this time the commissioning process can take as little as 3 months and as long as 9 months or more. There are many factors which can affect the timeline. At this time we are encouraging ALL potential applicants to begin the application for commissioning 9-12 months from their available start date to accommodate all variables in the commissioning process.

The USPHS expects that new officers begin their Commissioned Corps career by attending our Officer Basic Course (OBC). OBC generally happens monthly in Maryland for a period of 2 weeks.





Lifecycle of an Application From Prescreen to Call to Active Duty Securing a Job Placement



**Candidate
Advised to Seek
Assignment**

Once professionally boarded and medically qualified to be considered for commissioning, the USPHS POC will work with each candidate to guide them in the job placement process.

**Candidate
Secures
Position**

Once a candidate receives a job offer, the entity that offers the position will submit a request to the USPHS to request the candidate as an officer. Timeframe can vary depending on the availability of positions, start date, relocation coordination and other factors. Candidate has one (1) year from teleconference date to secure a position.

**Security
Clearance
Initiated**

USPHS will begin the final security clearance after receipt of official job offer/officer request. Candidate will be notified by primary POC on how to complete the security process. Investigation process generally takes between 30-60 days.

**Orders
Issued**

Once each nominee is confirmed, professionally boarded, medically qualified, security cleared and extended a formal job offer he/she will be contacted to negotiate a start date. Once the start date is established the candidate will be issued orders to report.

**Days
120 – 180
(Estimate)**