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From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: NOMINATION AND ADMISSION OF CITIZENS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES
TO THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 6957
(b) DOD Directive 1322.22 of 24 Aug 94
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1. Purpose. To issue revised guidance to U.S. Naval Attaché posts regarding the nomination of citizens of foreign countries for admission to the U.S. Naval Academy.
2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 1531.6C.
3. Background. The U.S. Navy encourages, within the prescribed quotas, attendance at the U.S. Naval Academy by citizens of foreign countries who have been nominated by their governments and who qualify for admission. As set forth in references (a) and (b), the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) may permit a maximum of 60 persons at any one time from foreign countries to receive instruction at the Naval Academy. No more than 3 persons per country can be enrolled at the Naval Academy without a waiver endorsed by the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel) (USD(P)) and approved by the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (USD(P&R)). Such persons will be in addition to the otherwise authorized strength of the Academy. SECNAV may establish entrance qualifications and methods of competition for selection among individual applicants, and select those persons who will be permitted to receive instruction at the Academy.
4. Information. International students receiving instruction at the Naval Academy receive the same pay, allowances, and emoluments as other midshipmen; are paid from the same appropriations; and, except for such modifications as may be determined by SECNAV, are subject to the same rules and regulations governing admission, attendance, discipline, resignation, discharge, dismissal, and graduation as midshipmen entitled to appointment to any office or position in the U.S.

Navy and by reason of their graduation from the Naval Academy. SECNAV prescribes regulations with respect to access to classified information by foreign nationals receiving instruction at the U.S. Naval Academy. Each foreign country from which a midshipman is permitted to receive instruction at the Academy shall reimburse the United States for the cost of providing such instruction, including the cost of pay, allowances, and emoluments, at a rate set forth by SECNAV. The Secretary of Defense may waive, in whole or in part, the requirement for reimbursement of the cost of instruction for a midshipman.

5. Requirements

a. Eligibility. Each international candidate must be an unmarried, bona fide citizen of the nominating country, and not less than 17 but not yet 23 years of age on 1 July of the calendar year of entrance to the U.S. Naval Academy. Candidates must not be pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child, children, or other individual.

b. Medical Requirements. Each candidate must possess medical qualifications as specified in the current U.S. Naval Academy Catalog. After an appointment is accepted, each international appointee must be certified as free from communicable disease by a medical facility acceptable to the nominating country's Surgeon General and should be given a preliminary medical examination prior to departing their country. If there is any question regarding medical qualification, a message inquiry should be made immediately to the Naval Academy (17G). Upon arrival at the Naval Academy, international appointees must undergo a qualifying medical examination. International appointees who do not qualify medically will not be inducted in the Naval Academy.

c. Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA). International candidates must complete the standard Naval Academy CFA. The forms and instructions are part of the online application.

d. Academic Requirements. The application must be completed online by 1 April for presentation to the International Candidate Admissions Board. International candidates must take the test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and either the College Entrance Examination Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing

Program Test (ACT) and forward the test results to the Naval Academy (17A). To ensure test results are received by the Naval Academy prior to the Admissions Board, international candidates must take the tests not later than January of the year of desired admission. International candidates must be proficient in reading, writing, and speaking idiomatic English. The Naval Attaché is requested to comment on each candidate's English language proficiency.

6. Action. Procedures to be followed in the processing of nominations of candidates from foreign countries are described in chronological order.

a. Each summer the Secretary of Defense announces which countries will be invited to submit nominations. The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) provides information concerning nomination procedures to the various U.S. Embassies.

b. The Naval Attaché or designated authority for each nation, acting in the name of the Secretary of State, receives nominations to existing vacancies. Nominations are made on a government-to-government basis. The U.S. Ambassador will clear the nominees for security, approve the nomination, and communicate approval in writing to the accredited Naval Attaché or designated authority. The maximum number of nominees for each vacancy is six.

c. The Naval Attaché or designated authority will transmit nominations via e-mail or fax, on the form provided, directly to the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, with an information copy to CNO (N131). The nomination should contain the full name and date of birth of each nominee together with the statement that the nominations have been approved by the ambassador and a verification of the candidate's proficiency in the use of idiomatic English. All nominations must be submitted by 31 January.

d. The U.S. Naval Academy prepares an admissions letter for each candidate and forwards it to the appropriate Naval Attaché or designated authority for delivery to the candidate. Each letter contains the instructions and logon information for the candidate to complete the online application and requirements for scholastic qualification to the Naval Academy.

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e. In mid-April completed international candidate files are reviewed by the Naval Academy International Candidate Admissions Board, which selects and recommends candidates to SECNAV for admission.


f. Upon SECNAV approval of the Naval Academy International Candidate Admissions Board action, the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy will notify the appropriate Naval Attaché or designated authority of the status of each candidate (early May). Candidates accepting appointments will be forwarded Student Immigration Form I-20 and further instructions on travel to the Naval Academy.

g. Lists of eligible countries are available in reference (c). Naval Attachés in designated 'priority countries' shall make extra effort to solicit qualified nominees and work with host nation to facilitate completion of applications for high quality applicants.

7. Nations Not Having a U.S. Naval Attaché Accredited or Resident.

a. For countries not having U.S. Naval Attachés accredited, the ambassador will clear and forward nominations directly to the Department of State, Washington, D.C.

b. In those countries where U.S. Naval Attachés are accredited but not resident, the U.S. Ambassador will clear and forward the nominations to the place of residence of the appropriate Attaché, whereupon the Attaché will follow paragraph 6c.


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