

Program Authorization: The Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC) In-service Procurement Program (JAGC IPP) provides a pathway to officer commissions for active-duty enlisted personnel who meet eligibility criteria. Some JAGC IPP applicants may have an opportunity to train to complete a Juris Doctor (JD) degree in preparation for a JAGC commission. JAGC Officer Community Manager (BUPERS-311-JAGC) and the Office of the Judge Advocate Total Force Management (OJAG TFM) are the program managers.

1. Program Authority: Title 10 United States Code sections 531, 532, 533 and 2004.
2. Cancellation: Program Authorization 111A, July 2020.
3. Quota: As prescribed by the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Personnel, Manpower, and Training N1.
4. Qualifications
 - a. Program Qualifications

Qualification	Minimum	Maximum	Notes
Citizenship			United States
Age (Years)	21	42	
Education (Funded Legal Education)	All applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution	Graduates from an American Bar Association (ABA)-accredited law school who have not received results from the first available bar exam following graduation	Must provide Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores
Education (Direct Commission)	Earned J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school and be a member (in good standing*) of the bar		*Must be in good standing of the bar of a federal court or of the highest court of any state, territory, or commonwealth of the District of Columbia
Physical			In accordance with the Manual of the Medical Department, Chapter 15, applicants must maintain eligibility for sea duty, expeditionary environment, and world-wide assignments.

b. Program Specific Requirements: Selection for accession approved by the Judge Advocate General (JAG) or their designee.

(1) **Funded Legal Education** training applicants must submit a prioritized list of ABA-accredited, U.S. law schools to which they have applied or plan to apply. Applicants must apply to at least one law school in which the applicant qualifies for in-state tuition, one law school near the applicant's current duty station (if currently stationed in the United States), and also to one school located in a fleet concentration area such as Norfolk, VA, Jacksonville/Mayport, FL, San Diego, CA, Pearl Harbor, HI, or Washington, DC. All schools must be ABA-accredited law schools and have an existing Education Service Agreement (ESA) from the Naval Post Graduate School (NPS). Applicants must submit law school acceptance letters they receive prior to the convening of the selection board.

(2) **Direct Commission** applicants must have earned a J.D. from an ABA-approved law school and be a member (in good standing) of the bar of a federal court or of the highest court of any state, territory, commonwealth, or the District of Columbia.

(3) As referenced herein, "ABA-approved law school" status shall be determined by the date of juris doctor degree conferral, or with approval from JAG, current approval as of the date of application.

c. Physical: Applicants are required to submit a Department of Defense Standard Form (SF) pre-commissioning Report of Medical Examination SF 88, Report of Medical History SF 93, or Report of Medical History DD 2807-1/Report of Medical Examination DD 2808 within the last 12 months (or 24 months for those applicants deployed) as detailed in Enlisted to Officer Commissioning Programs Application Administrative Manual, OPNAVINST 1420.1(series). Applicants must meet physical fitness and percent body fat standards at the time of application, while in training, and at the time of commissioning.

d. Other Requirements

(1) Rank

(a) **Funded Legal Education** Applicants. Applicants must be serving in the paygrade E-5, E-6, or E-7.

(b) **Direct Commission** Applicants. No paygrade restrictions.

(2) Time-in-Service: For **Funded Legal Education**, applicants must have served on active duty for a period of not less than 4 years, and not more than 8 years, at the time legal training begins. Legal training in the program commences as of the date of reporting for duty under instruction at the unit to which the applicant is assigned while attending law school. The applicant is not required to begin law school courses by this date, but the applicant should expect to start law school courses within approximately two weeks of reporting. For the **direct commissioning** program, applicants must have served on active duty for not less than 2 years, and not more than 10 years, at the time of commissioning.

(3) Rating: No restrictions.

(4) Conduct: Applicants shall be of good moral character and have no record of disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 15, no court-martial convictions, no civilian felony convictions by any civil court for misdemeanors (except minor (\$300 or less fine) traffic violations) within the three years preceding 1 October of the fiscal year in which the selection board is held. All minor traffic violations must be listed on the application. For the purpose of this subparagraph, an offense involving driving under the influence of an intoxicant (Driving Under the Influence/Driving While Intoxicated (DUI/DWI), etc.) is a major traffic violation and is disqualifying if within four years preceding 1 October of the fiscal year in which the selection board is held. Pre-service drug use or alcohol abuse is not an immediate application disqualifier. However, any substantiated in-service drug use or in-service alcohol abuse (any record of either, regardless of date) will result in disqualification.

(5) JAGC Structured Interview: Prior to submitting an application, applicants must be given a Structured Interview (SI) in accordance with the SI procedures for all other JAGC accessions applicants. SIs may be scheduled at <http://www.jag.navy.mil>. The applicant's SI will be sent directly to the JAGC Accessions Officer in accordance with the normal SI procedures by a date announced in the JAGC IPP NAVADMIN or on the aforementioned website.

(6) Command Interview: Commanding Officers (COs) will appoint and convene a board of three officers in the grade of lieutenant or above, to include one or more JAGC officers when available, not in the direct chain of command of the applicant to interview and evaluate each enlisted applicant. Each board member shall complete an Interviewer's Appraisal Sheet, NAVCRUIT 1131/5, and submit it directly to the applicant's career counselor. COs shall not release a copy of the interview to an applicant until after the application has been signed and sent to the JAGC Accessions Officer.

(7) CO's Recommendation: Applicants must be favorably recommended by their CO using the CO's Recommendation section included in the Officer Programs Application, OPNAV 1420/1. Ensure all portions are completed and appraisals are attached and that the applicant meets all eligibility criteria. The CO should rank applicants if there are multiple applicants from that command. The CO's endorsement shall contain:

- (a) A statement addressing any waivers requested by the applicant;
- (b) A statement indicating whether the applicant is serving on full duty without limitation;
- (c) A statement that the applicant meets physical fitness and body fat percentage standards; and
- (d) A typewritten, signed copy of each board member's NAVCRUIT 1131/5 as an enclosure.

(8) **Professional License Requirement upon Completion of Degree: Funded Legal Education** training applicants must make prompt application for admission to the practice of law upon successful completion of law school. Application will be made to a federal court or to the highest court of any state, territory, or commonwealth of the District of Columbia. If a bar examination is required in the jurisdiction for which he or she is seeking admission, the applicant will take the first available examination after receipt of the law degree. When the applicant passes the bar, he or she will make prompt travel arrangements (at no cost to the government) to proceed to and be admitted to the practice of law before a federal court or before the highest court of any state, territory, or commonwealth of the District of Columbia.

5. Waivers: Waivers may be authorized on a case-by-case basis.

a. **Application Contents**: A letter requesting an age waiver must be submitted with the applicant's accessions selection board package, acknowledging the impact to the applicant of 10 U.S.C. § 1251. Applicants who fail to submit a letter shall be notified and afforded the opportunity to augment their application.

b. **Routing**: To the Judge Advocate General (JAG) of the Navy, via (1) Director, OJAG TFM, and (2) Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy, Operations & Management (AJAG 06).

c. **Waiver Criteria**

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Age (Years)	21	42		JAG (or designee)

d. **Notifying the Applicant**: Director, OJAG TFM Management will notify applicants of waiver status.

6. Accession Source: Active-duty and Training and Administration of the Reserve (TAR) enlisted Sailors.

7. Indoctrination: Applicants will attend Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Newport, RI. Upon successful completion of OCS, applicants will be commissioned and attend the Basic Lawyer Course (BLC) at Naval Justice School (NJS) in Newport, RI prior to performing duties as judge advocates.

8. Enlistment: Applicants will remain in their enlisted status until completion of OCS.

9. Entry Grade Credit: Upon an applicant's satisfaction of the requirements for a commission on the active-duty list, entry grade credit (EGC) will be awarded to the active-duty appointment (designator 2500) in accordance with DoD Instruction 1312.03 as follows:

a. Following successful completion of OCS, applicants with no prior commissioned service will receive an original appointment as designator 2500. JAGC student program applicants with no prior active service as a commissioned officer will normally be credited with 3 years total constructive service credit for the Juris Doctor degree and appointed as lieutenant junior grade (LTJG).

b. Date of Rank (DoR). An applicant's DoR will be the date the officer is commissioned into the AC (designator 2500).

c. Routing: Navy Recruiting Command JAGC Program Manager will compute EGC consistent with the guidance above.

d. Approval Authority: The JAG (or designee).

e. Notifying the Applicant: CNRC will notify the applicant of the EGC.

10. Appointment: Applicants will be commissioned in the Staff Corps of the U.S. Navy with the rank of lieutenant junior grade (LTJG) in the designator 2500 upon graduation from OCS.

11. Service Obligation

a. The total military service obligation is 8 years. Applicants who commission at OCS graduation incur a 4-year active-duty obligation commencing from the date of commissioning.

b. Personnel who are serving in an active-duty status and are disenrolled from the program

(1) If not physically or educationally qualified for duty as a judge advocate because of failing to complete law school or pass the bar within two attempts, the applicant may be discharged from the program as directed by Commander, Navy Recruiting Command and, if qualified for commissioning in another officer community, retained for commissioning as an ensign, U.S. Navy upon graduation from OCS with a designator which is dependent upon the individual's desires and needs of the Navy. The individual may also be returned to the original detailee for further assignment.

(2) If not physically or educationally qualified for commissioning, the applicant may be returned to the original detailee for further assignment, or discharged as directed by Commander, Navy Recruiting Command.

c. Applicants who fail to successfully complete OCS may be made available for enlisted orders or discharged as directed by Commander, Naval Service Training Command.

d. Disenrollment: Unless discharged, all applicants disenrolled from the program prior to commissioning will remain in their enlisted rate in the Navy or Navy Reserve and be made available for general assignment except as provided by the applicable MILPERSMAN article(s). Applicants disenrolled from **funded legal education** training will incur, unless sooner separated under the applicable MILPERSMAN article(s), a two-year (24-month) active-duty service obligation (ADSO) for each year (12 months), or any part thereof, of their funded legal education training, not to exceed six years (72 months).

This ADSO is in addition to any other service obligation incurred by the disenrolled applicant under any other provision of law or by agreement. Under section 2005 of Title 10, U.S. Code, applicants who fail to complete the ADSO incurred will reimburse the United States Treasury in an amount that bears the same ratio to the total cost of law school provided to that applicant as the unserved portion of active-duty service bears to the total period of active-duty service that the applicant has agreed to serve. The cost of education for the JAGC IPP includes all monies paid under paragraph 12 below.

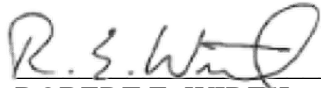
e. **Funded Legal Education** training obligation

(1) Duty Under Instruction Obligation: Applicants shall re-enlist for four years from the date of execution of orders to begin training. The reason for reenlistment must state: "Training (JAGC IPP)." The following statement of understanding shall be included: "I understand that upon selection for the JAGC IPP, this agreement becomes binding and may not thereafter be canceled except as provided by the applicable MILPERSMAN article(s)." Orders will be issued contingent upon reenlistment before transfer. Navy Personnel Command (PERS-4416) should be notified immediately if an applicant who receives orders does not desire to extend their enlistment in order to qualify. The agreement becomes binding and may not thereafter be cancelled except as provided by the applicable MILPERSMAN article(s). This is in addition to any other service obligation incurred by the applicant under any other provision of law or by agreement. Applicants will maintain their enlisted status and be eligible for advancement in rating under the Navy advancement system.

(2) Post Training Obligation: Applicants who receive funded legal education training will serve two years (24 months) of active-duty service for each year (12 months), or any part thereof, of funded legal education training in the program. This obligation will run concurrently with the applicant's minimum commissioned service obligation of eight years, with four years to be served on active duty. This service obligation commences upon acceptance of a commission. This obligation is in addition to any other remaining service obligation incurred by the officer under any other provisions of law or by agreement. This obligation is not met while an applicant is attending law school. Time spent during summer vacation under orders at the Office of the Judge Advocate General or a Commander, Naval Legal Service Command, or in a leave status is considered as time "training in the program" and counts on a day-for-day basis toward obligated service accrued prior to entering the program.

12. Pay and Allowances: **Funded legal education** training applicants will be eligible for all pay and allowances appropriate to their grade and length of service, as well as the following additional funding. Mandatory tuition and fees will be paid by the Department of the Navy, to include one bar examination review course. The costs associated with one bar examination and a single application to a court for admission to practice law and any related bar examination expenses will be paid by the Department of the Navy. In the event the applicant fails the first bar examination, he or she will fund the second application and examination.

Approved:



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