



FACT SHEET

Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL)



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Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) is a website that provides information on how Navy personnel can fulfill the requirements for civilian credentials (including certifications, licenses, and apprenticeships) related to their ratings, designators, and jobs.

COOL:

- Provides background information about civilian credentials.
- Identifies credentials relevant to Navy ratings, designators, and jobs.
- Describes how to fill any gaps between Navy training and experience and civilian credentialing requirements.
- Provides information on resources available to Navy personnel to facilitate credentialing.

COOL serves a variety of audiences, including:

- Navy personnel seeking professional and personal growth opportunities who want to find out what civilian credentials apply to their ratings, designators, and jobs and how to obtain the credentials.
- Education, Career/Retention and Transition Counselors who provide guidance on educational, professional growth, and career opportunities and requirements.
- Navy Recruiters who want to demonstrate to potential recruits the opportunities for professional growth and civilian career preparation provided in the Navy.
- Employers and Credentialing Boards interested in learning about how military training and experience prepares Navy personnel for civilian credentials and jobs.

Schedule

The COOL website went live on 9 June 2006. Development of some site areas will continue until the analyses comparing civilian credential requirements with Navy training are completed. COOL is maintained so that it stays up-to-date.

Related Facts

- NAVADMIN 193/06 301821ZJUN06 announced the deployment of the Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line Website.
- MEMORANDUM/USD/YMD:2007FEB12 is Under Secretary Of Defense (USD) Memorandum authorizing payment of credentialing expenses for military members.
- OPNAVINST 1540.56a (original – 200709; updated 20110617) OPNAV Instruction on Navy Credentialing Program.
- Congress passed legislation that allows service members and veterans to use their Montgomery GI Bill benefit to pay for up to \$2,000 in licensure and certification exam fees (per exam).