

# EO – Equipment Operator

**Equipment Operators** operate heavy transportation and construction equipment including, trucks, bulldozers, backhoes, graders, forklifts, cranes and asphalt equipment. This is a 5 year enlistment program.

## Opportunities

Opportunities to enter the EO rating are excellent for qualified applicants. About 1,400 men and women work as Equipment Operators in the Navy..

## What They Do

- operating a wide variety of heavy-duty, self-propelled construction equipment for projects including, building construction, roadway construction, pier construction, grading and excavation;
- performing minor maintenance on equipment to ensure safe, efficient operation;
- serving as members of a crane crew to rig cable assemblies and change attachments for various lifting and pile-driving operations;
- preparing operational reports on equipment;
- operate rock crushing and well-drilling equipment;
- perform as blasters for construction projects.
- Reading and interpreting blueprints and preparing sketches for projects;
- making estimates of material, labor, and equipment requirements.

## Qualifications and Interests

Important qualifications are a competence with tools, equipment and machines; manual dexterity; and the ability to do repetitive tasks. Knowledge of algebra and good arithmetic, writing and speaking skills, along with a good memory, resourcefulness and curiosity, are helpful. EOs should also be able to keep records, do detailed work and perform well as part of a team. Normal color perception with stereoscopic vision, good physical condition, and normal hearing are required. **Must possess a valid driver's license.**

## Earn College Credit



## Working Environment

EOs may work in a variety of conditions, independently or as members of a large team. Their many different duties may be performed in climates ranging from tropical to arctic.

The American Council on Education recommends that semester hour credits be awarded in the vocational certificate and lower-division bachelor's/associate's degree categories for courses taken in this rating on office machines and general clerical procedures. To see the college credits available via a **Joint Service Transcript** for this rating:

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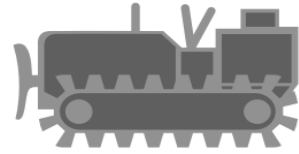
[https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/jst/eo\\_jst.pdf](https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/jst/eo_jst.pdf)

### **Career Path After Recruit Training**

Enlistees are taught the fundamentals of this rating through on-the-job training or formal Navy schooling. Advanced technical and operational training is available in this rating during later stages of career development.

School	Present Location	Approximate Training Time	Subjects	Training Methods
Class "A" Technical School	Fort Leonard Wood MO	Approximately 10 Weeks	Basic construction skills and theories required in the EO rating and basic combat skills.	Group and individual instruction

Following completion of basic technical training, graduates can expect assignments to a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) in Port Hueneme, CA or Gulfport, MS, or to an Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB) in San Diego, CA or Little Creek, VA. NMCB's operate on a rotating basis between homeport and overseas locations such as Spain, Okinawa or Guam. Seabees receive additional specialized combat and construction skills training during home port duty. Seabees construct buildings, roadways, utility systems and other shore facilities to support the Navy and Marine Corps operational and expeditionary forces worldwide.



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## Earn Department of Labor (DOL) Nationally Recognized Apprenticeships



The United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) is a formal military training program that provides active duty and Full Time Support (FTS) Service members the opportunity to improve their job skills and to complete their civilian apprenticeship requirements while they are on active duty. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) provides the nationally recognized "Certificate of Completion" upon program completion. Visit United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) for LS apprenticeships.

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<https://usmap.netc.navy.mil/usmapss/static/navyRates.htm>

## Earn Industry Recognized Credentials



Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (Navy COOL) Navy COOL catalogs and defines comprehensive information on occupational credentials - including certifications, licenses, and apprenticeships - correlating with every Navy rating and some collateral duties. It provides "how to" instructions for pursuing these credentials, links to credentialing organizations, and cross-references to programs that help Sailors pay for credentialing fees. Shortly following the initial rating technical training (Class "A" technical school), Sailors may be able to take advantage of earning civilian/industry certifications & licenses (credentials), funded through Navy COOL. Visit the Navy COOL website to view these opportunities. See the link below.

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<https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/enlisted/eo.htm>

Download the Navy COOL App:

Navy COOL App (iOS):

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/navy-cool/id1053982994?ls=1&mt=8>

Navy COOL App (Android):

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tracen.navycool>

## Manage a Navy Career with Navy LaDR (Learning and Development Roadmap)



To see the Navy LaDR (Learning and Development Roadmap) for this rating:

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[https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/LaDR/ea\\_e1\\_e9.pdf](https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/LaDR/ea_e1_e9.pdf)

## Earn Skill Sets Towards Civilian Related Occupations



The skill sets for this rating crosswalk to civilian related occupations listed by the U.S. Department of Labor. To see Related Civilian, Federal, and Military Sealift Command Occupations for this rating, see the link below.

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