



# EOD - Explosive Ordnance Disposal

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technicians locate, identify, render safe and dispose of all forms of ordnance (conventional, nuclear, chemical and biological, military and improvised) both U.S. and foreign made. In addition to working closely with other military services, EOD technicians assist civilian law enforcement agencies in ordnance related AntiTerrorism/Force Protection procedures. Qualifying for EOD in the Delayed Entry Program is preferred and accounts for the majority of EOD candidates entering the training pipeline. Candidates may also volunteer for EOD during basic training at Recruit Training Center or at any time during their enlistment prior to their 31st birthday. In-service recruiters (Dive Motivators) at RTC give presentations on the EOD rating, conduct the physical screening tests, and assist interested people with their applications. EOD training is open to both male and female and is physically and mentally demanding. However, the individual who accepts the challenges is rewarded with specialized training, extra pay for diving, parachuting and demolition plus extraordinary duty assignments.

## WHAT THEY DO

- Perform render safe procedures on any type of ordnance including Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) and Weapons of Mass Destruction;
- Conduct demolition of hazardous munitions, pyrotechnics, and retrograde explosives using detonation and burning techniques;
- Perform underwater location, identification, render safe and recovery (or disposal) of foreign and domestic ordnance using SCUBA and specialized mixed gas diving equipment;
- Perform parachute/helicopter insertion operations in support of missions;
- Work with Naval Special Warfare, Army Special Forces and Joint Military and Coalition Task Forces;
- Support military and civilian law enforcement agencies.



## 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
EOD Prep Course	Great Lakes, IL	3 weeks	Candidates learn in water proficiency skills, physical conditioning.	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
Basic EOD Diver Training	Panama City, FL	8 weeks	Candidates learn open circuit air and closed circuit mixed gas scuba diving systems with practical application.	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
Basic EOD Training	Eglin AFB, FL	38 weeks	Chemical/biological warfare, munitions disposal, basic physics, EOD publications, demolition materials and special tools, Ordnance recognition, identification and disposal.	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
EOD Tactical Training	San Diego, CA	3 weeks	Candidates learn tactical skills necessary for assignment to an EOD Detachment.	
Basic Airborne Training	Fort Benning, GA	3 weeks	Candidates learn skills necessary to perform static line parachuting operations.	

During a 20-year period, EOD Technicians spend about 60 percent of their time assigned to an EOD Mobile unit, and 40 percent assigned to shore detachments or training and research and development activities. Advanced training opportunities include freefall parachuting, helicopter insertion, Hazardous Materials Management, small arms, and advanced EOD training to complement a variety of interesting duty assignments.

## WORKING ENVIRONMENT



EOD technicians perform duties in a wide range of locations, such as at remote areas, aboard aircraft carriers, at ordnance-capable military stations and in all water conditions. They are exposed to various climates and weather conditions.

## OPPORTUNITIES



EOD Challenge information is available in COMNAVCRUITCOMINST 1130.8G VOL 1 CHAPTER 4 SECTION 4.



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## QUALIFICATIONS & INTERESTS



Personnel who volunteer for EOD must be in excellent physical condition. Comfort in the water beyond good swimming ability is a must. The ability to perform detailed mechanical tasks under stress and/or adverse conditions is important. EOD candidates must be able to work in small teams during extended periods. Other helpful attributes include imagination, resourcefulness, a good memory, knowledge of arithmetic and manual dexterity. EOD candidates must be U.S. citizens eligible for security clearance.

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### MANAGE A NAVY CAREER WITH NAVY LADR

See the Navy LaDR (**Learning and Development Roadmap**) for this rating:

EOD [https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/LaDR/eod\\_e3\\_e9.pdf](https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/LaDR/eod_e3_e9.pdf)



### EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

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 word processing or data entry applications and office management procedures. See the college credits available via a **Joint Services Transcript** for this rating:

EOD [https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/jst/eod\\_jst.pdf](https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/jst/eod_jst.pdf)



### 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 apprenticeships:

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



### EARN INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

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.

### 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. See Related Civilian, Federal and Military Sealift Command Occupations for this rating on Navy COOL.

**Visit the Navy COOL website:**

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



### EMPOWER YOUR CAREER PLANNING, DECISION MAKING, AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

MilGears is an online, self-assessment tool that guides users through a series of questions and selections regarding their military training, duty assignments, off-duty education, credentialing, and in-Service and post-Service goals. The resultant output of the tool provides users a personalized assessment of what civilian credentials and career pathways that may be immediately attainable and nearly attainable, how to fill any gaps, and next steps to accomplish their civilian credentialing and career pathways programs goals. The tool also shows users "best-fit" post-Service occupations and resources to explore those post-Service occupations.

For more information about MilGears – Powered by COOL, visit <https://milgears.osd.mil>

### DOWNLOAD THE NAVY COOL APP

Navy COOL App (iOS):

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

Navy COOL App (Android):

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



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