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 Anti-Terrorism/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.

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.

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

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
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Qualifications and 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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Earn Department of Labor (DOL) Nationally Recognized
Apprenticeships
The United States 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
credentials & 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/eod.htm

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 office
machines and general clerical procedures. To see the
college credits available via a Joint Service Transcript for
this rating:

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

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

EOD

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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