

U.S. Coast Guard Personnel Service Center



Diver Rating Solicitation 2017

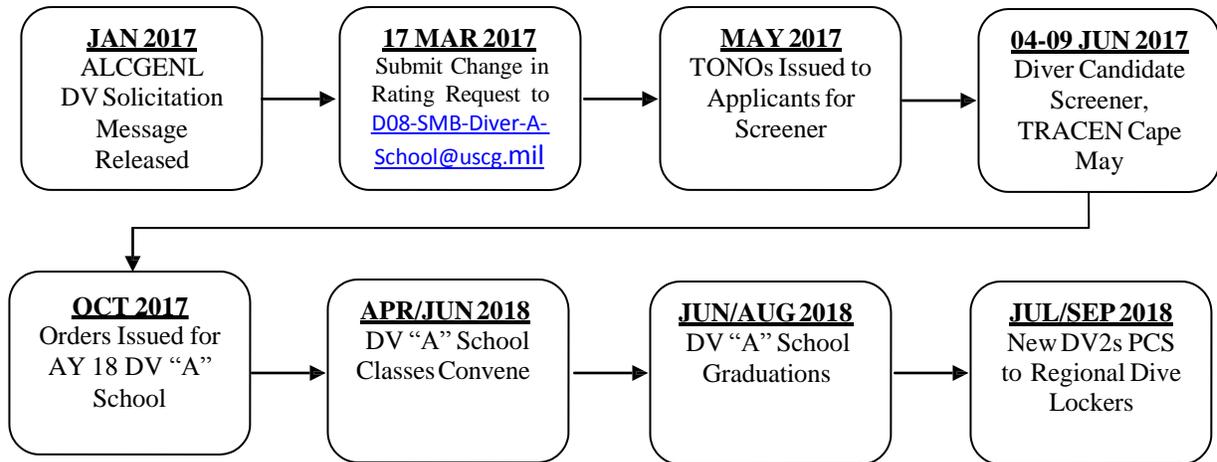
Congratulations on taking the first step towards becoming a Coast Guard Diver! This document will provide you with instructions on how to navigate the process, complete each step, and meet important deadlines. Please be mindful that this is a lengthy process and the sooner you start the better. Make sure to give yourself plenty of time to meet the published deadlines. Orders for 2018 DV “A” school classes will be issued around OCT 2017. Good luck, and get ready for what will prove to be the most challenging and rewarding experience of your Coast Guard career!

NOTE: YOU DO NOT NEED PRIOR DIVING EXPERIENCE TO APPLY!

This solicitation is open for members transferring in AY18 or AY19.

Due to the physically and mentally challenging nature of military diver training at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center (NDSTC), the screening requirements for diver candidates are very strict. The applicant’s command is responsible for ensuring applicants ordered to the Diver Candidate Screener are qualified in all respects.

1. Diver Candidate Timeline



Important Dates:

- JAN 2017: The Diver Rating Solicitation ALCGENL message released.
- 17 MAR 2017: Change n Rating/Diver Application Packages due to D08-SMB-Diver-A-School@uscg.mil.
- OOA 15 MAY 2017: TONOs issued for members selected for Diver Candidate Screener.
- 04-09 JUN 2017: Diver Candidate Screener at TRACEN Cape May, NJ.
- OOA 01 OCT 2017: DV Assignments Officer contacts selectees and issues orders.
- Spring 2018: Attend DV “A” School.
- AY 2018: New DV2s report to Regional Dive Lockers.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Note: Consult as early as possible with the DV “A” School Chief if you have questions regarding eligibility.

- a. The Diver (DV) rating begins at rank E-5/DV2. Applicants must be rank E-5, or E-4 with E-5 EPQs completed. The Second Class Diver course at NDSTC serves as the Coast Guard DV “A” school. Members graduating DV “A” school will be advanced to E-5 (if E-4) and changed to the DV rating.
- b. The maximum age for DV applicants is 34 years as of 01 JUL 2017.
- c. The minimum ASVAB scores are AR+WK=104 and MC=50.
- d. Applicants must be eligible for an Overseas Screening Endorsement (COMDTINST M1000.8, Exhibit 1.H.1).
- e. Applicants must be eligible for a Secret clearance.
- f. The maximum Time in Service for applicants is 9 yrs as of 31 DEC 2017.
- g. Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria for reenlistment per Article 1.A.5.b of COMDTINST M1000.2 (series).

3. Change in Rating (CIR) Request Package

Note: Do not send your Change in Rating request memo directly to CG-PSC-EPM-1!

The Change in Rating (CIR) request serves as your formal application for the Diver rating. The CIR request package must be emailed (**encrypted**) to D08-SMB-Diver-A-School@uscg.mil no later than 17 MAR 2017. Send a second email with the password for the encrypted CIR email. Your CIR request package must include, (a) Change in Rating request memo, (b) Command Endorsement, (c) Physical Screening Test results, and (d) Report of Medical History.

a. **Change in Rating request memo.** Applicants must request a Change in Rating in accordance with COMDTINST M1000.2 (series). The Diver “A” school will send your CIR memo and command endorsement to CG-PSC-EPM-1 for processing. PSC-EPM-1 will consult with your current Rating Force Master Chief (RFMC), the DV RFMC, and the Dive Program Manager (CG-7212) for determination. Final approval authority for CIR requests resides with CG PSC-EPM-1. Provide the following in the memo:

(1) Request a Change in Rating (CIR) to DV. I am aware that approval of this CIR does not confirm entry into the Diver (DV) rating. I understand that if I am approved to attend DV ‘A’ school, my rating will be changed to DV upon graduation. I also understand I

may quit the CIR process and DV ‘A’ school training at any point prior to graduation.

(2) I meet the minimum fitness requirements to attend DV “A” school.

(3) I request a waiver for the following items: (list any/all eligibility deficiencies, if none, omit this sentence).

b. **Command Endorsement.** Your command must endorse the CIR request. Lengthy endorsements are not required. At a minimum, the command endorsement must contain the following:

(1) Member has passed all elements of the Diver Physical Screening Test and meets all eligibility criteria. Recommend approval of this Change in Rating request.

(2) *If the applicant is not tour complete, the command must indicate backfill desires/concerns.*

c. **Physical Screening Test results.** (Form CG-3150B (1-08)) The Physical Screening Test (PST) is designed to determine the applicant’s physical readiness for initial diver training. It will be re-administered at the Diver Candidate Screener and upon reporting for DV “A” school. The PST is to be administered by a Coast Guard Diver. Locations of Coast Guard Divers are listed in paragraph 7 of this document. If no Coast Guard Divers are available or accessible, contact the DV “A” School Chief to receive further guidance. The PST standards are very strict and the same for all applicants regardless of age or gender. Proper form and adherence to the times (events and rests) are crucial. The PST consists of the following:

(1) 500 yard swim in breaststroke or sidestroke within 14 minutes
(10 minute rest)

(2) 42 pushups within 2 minutes
(2 minute rest)

(3) 50 sit-ups within 2 minutes
(2 minute rest)

(4) 6 dead-hang pull-ups, no time limit
(10 minute rest)

(5) 1.5 mile run within 12:45 minutes

[Video link to Diver Physical Screening Test](#)

d. **Report of Medical History.** This document (DD Form 2807-1) is to be filled out by you, reviewed by your medical provider, signed by both, and included in your CIR request package. Other medical forms and a full medical examination with Diving Medical Officer review will be performed later (after the Diver Candidate Screener) prior to you attending DV “A” school.

4. Diver Candidate Screener

Following the deadline for submitting Change in Rating Request Packages, CG PSC will release an ALCGENL message with a list of applicants approved to attend the Diver Candidate Screener. The Diver Candidate Screener is sponsored by the Office of Specialized Capabilities, Commandant (CG-721), and will be held at TRACEN Cape May 04-09 JUN 2017. CG-721 will issue Travel Order Numbers (TONOs) for the Screener.

The Screener is NOT a preparatory course, nor is it training. It is strictly an assessment tool used to minimize dive school attrition by only sending candidates most likely to succeed.

The five day assessment is similar to the first week of DV “A” school. It includes long days of intense physical activities and testing of the applicants’ mental composure, physical endurance, and aquatic adaptability. Diver applicants that fail the Diver Physical Screening Test or voluntarily drop from the Screener will be sent back to their units on the following day.

The final list of Diver candidates is provided to CG PSC-EPM-2 and members are officially notified of their acceptance into the DV “A” school process.

5. Diving Medical Exam

Candidates selected for DV “A” school must complete a full Diving Medical Exam in accordance with the Coast Guard Medical Manual, COMDTINST M6000.1 (series), Chapter 3, Section H. Further guidance for completing all medical requirements and submitting medical records to NDSTC will be provided by the DV “A” School Chief.

6. References

- a. Diver (DV) Application Documents; <https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/units/cg721/CG-7212/SitePages/Home.aspx>
- b. Military Assignments and Authorized Absences, COMDTINST M1000.8 (series)
- c. Coast Guard Medical Manual, COMDTINST M6000.1 (series)
- d. Enlisted Accessions, Evaluations, and Advancements, COMDTINST M1000.2 (series)

7. Points of Contact

- a. **CGLO NDSTC**, Panama City, FL. Contact for DV application process questions.

(1) Dive Program - POC CWO Mike West, Mike.V.West@uscg.mil or (202) 372-2685

(2) CGLO NDSTC POC - DVC Christopher Hall, Christopher.K.Hall@uscg.mil or (850) 235-5244

- b. **Regional Dive Lockers**. Contact to request administration of the Diver Physical Screening Test by a Coast Guard Diver (as available).

(1) **Regional Dive Locker East** (Portsmouth, VA) Command Diving Officer – CWO Christopher Keplinger, christopher.s.keplinger@uscg.mil, or (757) 638-2749

(2) **Regional Dive Locker West** (San Diego, CA) Command Diving Officer – CWO Joe Toth, joseph.f.toth@uscg.mil or (619) 336-2151

(3) **Regional Dive Locker Pacific** (Honolulu, HI) Command Diving Officer – CWO Chandler Tyre, chandler.w.tyre@uscg.mil or 619-990-8235

- c. **Aviation Technical Training Center** – Underwater Egress Training Facility, Elizabeth City, NC. Contact to request administration of the Diver Physical Screening Test by a Coast Guard Diver (as available).

(1) Command Diving Officer – Mr. Kent Robarts, kent.r.robarts@uscg.mil, or (252) 384-7278

- d. **PACAREA (PAC-37DF)**, Alameda, CA. Contact to request administration of the Diver Physical Screening Test by a Coast Guard Diver (as available).

(1) Dive Force Manager – CWO Joseph Erwin, joseph.r.erwin@uscg.mil, or (510) 437-3659

(2) Assistant Dive Force Manager – DVC Paul Church, paul.v.church@uscg.mil or (510) 437-2723

- e. **Diver Rating Force Master Chief (CG-7D-1)**, Washington, D.C. Contact for DV rating and application process questions.

(1) DV RFMC - DVCM Paul Smith, paul.r.smith@uscg.mil or (202) 372-1555