

Eye Waivers

****No color blindness Waivers****

- REF: a. MILPERSMAN 1220-120
b. NAVMED P-117

I. Eye Sight waivers (Active Duty/Reservist)

- a. IAW REF (a) Eyesight Requirements: 20/40 in one eye and 20/70 in the other eye, correctable to 20/20
- b. Your medical department can request an eyesight waiver if your vision is 20/70 in one eye and no worst than 20/100 in the other eye, correctable to 20/20. Submit the request BUMED-21 if your department has questions about how to submit the waiver please contact budsmedical@navspecwarcent.navy.mil.
- c. The eyesight waiver must be included with medical package IAW REF (a) to the Naval Special Warfare Center Medical Department for review.
- d. The eyesight waiver request must be included with the completed BUD/S package for final approval from the SPECWAR Assignments PERS-401D.

II. Photorefractive keratectomy (PRK) or In-Situ Keratomileusis (Lasik) surgery (Active Duty/Reservist)

- a. IAW REF (b) PRK or Lasik surgery waivers are granted case by case by BUMED
- b. An approved PRK or Lasik surgery waiver must be included with your medical package IAW REF (a) to the Naval Special Warfare Center Medical Department for review.
- c. The PRK or Lasik surgery waiver must also be included with the completed BUD/S package for final approval from the SPECWAR Assignments PERS-401D

NOTES:

Navy personnel or prospective recruits to the Navy choose to have surgery performed by a civilian surgeon, they should complete the following checklist items:

Review the Navy message that outlines refractive surgery policy for the Navy and Marine Corps (R 101331Z APR 00).

If planning to apply for BUD/S training, review the Navy message that outlines the requirements new accessions into training (BUMED/30MAR2000/SER 25/NOTAL; refractive surgery policy in the Navy and Marine corps for new accessions) and as specified by approved LASIK study protocols.

Complete the pre-op counseling form for active duty service member's prior to getting PRK from a civilian provider (This document is posted as a link on the BUMED home page: <http://www-nmcp.mar.med.navy.mil/Ophthal/PRKSurgery.asp> (appendix 3):

Complete the post-op medical clearance for return to duty form after having PRK. (This document is posted as a link on the BUMED home page:

<http://www-nmcp.mar.med.navy.mil/Ophthal/PRKSurgery.asp>

Clearance for return to full and unrestricted duty.

Questions regarding corrective eye surgery can be directed to the following department:

Deputy Research Director,
Navy Refractive Surgery Center
Ophthalmology, NMCS D
2650 Stockton Road
San Diego, CA 92106
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