

Program Authorization: Reserve Component (RC) Designator 1665 (Strategic Sealift Officer (SSO)) direct commission officer (DCO) program. Reserve Officer Community Manager (BUPERS-351) is the RC SSO officer community manager (OCM)

1. Program authority: Title 10 USC 12201 to 12209.
2. Cancellation: Program Authorization 221 of May 2013.
3. Quota: As prescribed by the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education) in the annual officer accession plan.
4. Qualifications
 - a. Citizenship: Applicants must be citizens of the United States.
 - b. Sex: No restrictions.
 - c. Age: Applicants must be at least 21 years old and less than 42 at the time of commissioning. Prior qualifying service will be considered for year-for-year credit up to age 52.
 - d. Education: Graduates from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY, or one of the State Maritime Academies at Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Texas, California, the regional Great Lakes Maritime Academy, any accredited Industrial School or a Bachelor of Science from an accredited institution.
 - e. Physical: In accordance with the Manual of the Medical Department, Chapter 15.
 - f. Duty Preference: Must be actively sailing in the maritime industry or employed in a position deemed mission useful by the SSO flag sponsor or SSO deputy flag sponsor.
 - g. Marital status: No restrictions.
 - h. Program Specific Requirements: Possess an active U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) unlimited officer license at the minimum level of Second Mate or Second Assistant Engineer with current Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping (STCW10) Certifications. Licenses renewed for continuity, or for service on domestic, coastwise, or limited tonnages or horsepower, do not qualify.
5. Waivers: Not applicable.
6. Accession Source
 - a. Civilians: U.S. citizens.
 - b. Officers: U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, State/Regional Maritime Academies or an accredited Industrial School.

7. Indoctrination: Selectees must attend the two-week SSO Post-Commissioning Indoctrination within one year of commissioning.

8. Enlistment: Not applicable.

9. Constructive Entry Credit: Not applicable.

10. Appointment: Candidates will be commissioned in the Restricted Line of the U.S. Navy as ensign, designator 1665.

11. Service Obligation

a. Selectees will incur an 8-year ready reserve obligation.

b. Selectees must maintain eligibility for mobilization and worldwide assignment.

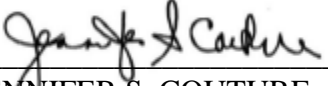
c. Selectees must be eligible to obtain and maintain a security clearance.

d. Selectees must meet program participation requirements outlined in Strategic Sealift Officer Program, OPNAVINST 1534.1E.

e. Selectees must maintain an active USCG license and STCW certifications.

f. Selectees are to be assigned directly to the Strategic Sealift Ready Reserve Group (SSRG - IRR UIC 2525M). After qualifying for and being awarded the SSO Warfare insignia and AQD, SSOs may apply to affiliate as a drilling member of the Selected Reserve.

12. Pay and Allowances: Not applicable.

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