

Navy and USMC Refractive Surgery

Accession for Special Duty								Accession General Duty		
PRK	Aviation (USN/USMC)									
	Class I	Class II	Class III							
Surgery prior to entry on active duty is disqualifying	YES - Waiver will be considered	YES - Waiver will be considered	YES - Waiver will be considered	YES - Waiver will be considered	YES - Waiver will be considered	YES - Waiver will be considered	YES - Waiver will be considered	YES - Waiver will be considered	YES - Waiver will be considered	YES - Waiver will be considered
Waiver required for entry on active duty	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Favorable waiver review likely if current criteria satisfied	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Enrollment in Navy study possible	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Surgery available through Navy / DoD prior to entry on active duty	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Waiver required for special duty	YES (1)	YES (1)	YES (1)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Accession for Special Duty								Accession General Duty		
LASIK	Aviation (USN/USMC)									
	Class I	Class II	Class III							
Surgery prior to entry on active duty is disqualifying	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES - Waiver will be considered	YES - Waiver will be considered	YES - Waiver will be considered
Waiver required for entry on active duty	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Favorable waiver review likely if current criteria satisfied	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	Possible w/ study enrollment	YES	YES	YES	YES
Enrollment in Navy study possible	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Surgery available through Navy / DoD prior to entry on active duty	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Waiver required for special duty	N/A	N/A	YES (1)	YES (1)	YES (1)	YES (1)	YES (1)	NO	NO	NO
Navy and USMC Refractive Surgery Policy for Retention on Special Duty								Retention General Duty		
PRK	Aviation (USN/USMC)									
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Surgery available through Navy / DoD	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Limited - priority given to warfare
Civilian surgery permitted	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Pre-op counselling by Navy Medical representative required	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
CO approval required for surgery (2)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Disqualifying for Special Duty	YES - Waiver will be considered (1)	YES - Waiver will be considered (1)	YES - Waiver will be considered (1)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Return to duty post-op medical clearance (up chit) required	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Waiver required to return to duty (1)	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
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Surgery available through Navy / DoD	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Limited - priority given to warfare
Civilian surgery permitted	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Pre-op counselling by Navy Medical representative required	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
CO approval required for surgery (2)	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Disqualifying for Special Duty	YES- no waivers	YES- no waivers	YES- Waiver will be considered	YES- Waiver will be considered	YES- Waiver will be considered	YES- Waiver will be considered	YES- Waiver will be considered	NO	NO	NO
Return to duty post-op medical clearance (up chit) required	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Waiver required to return to duty	N/A	N/A	YES (1)	YES (1)	YES (1)	YES (1)	YES (1)	NO	NO	NO

(1) Waiver granted when member achieves vision standards and is stable, no earlier than 4 weeks post-op.

(2) All designated aviation personnel to submit an Aviation CRS Request form to San Diego and receive endorsement back prior to undergoing CRS at any DoD laser center