



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY
2300 E STREET NW
WASHINGTON DC 20372-5300

Canc frp: Sep 2002
IN REPLY REFER TO
BUMEDNOTE 6440
BUMED-24
20 Sep 2001

BUMED NOTICE 6440

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
To: Holders of the Manual of the Medical Department

Subj: CHANGE TO MANUAL OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, CHAPTER 15,
ARTICLE 15-71B, EXPLOSIVES HANDLERS AND EXPLOSIVES VEHICLE
OPERATORS

Ref: (a) MANMED Chapter 15, Article 15-71B

Encl: (1) Replacement page 15-64d

1. Purpose. To update article 15-71B, page 15-64d, paragraph (3)(g)(3), line 6, to include the word "not" before the word "adversely."
2. Action. Remove page 15-64d and replace with enclosure (1).
3. Cancellation Contingency. Retain until incorporated into reference (a).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. C. Arthur".

D. C. ARTHUR
Deputy

Available at: <http://navymedicine.med.navy.mil/instructions/external/external.htm>

(e) *Musculoskeletal*(1) *Extremities*

(a) Loss of foot, leg, hand, or arm.

(b) Impairment of hand or finger which interferes with grasping.

(c) Impairment of foot, leg, hand, arm, or any other limb which interferes with the ability to perform assigned duties.

(2) *Musculoskeletal System.* Any medical history or clinical diagnosis of: rheumatic, arthritic, orthopedic, muscular, or neuromuscular disease or impairment which interferes with the safe performance of assigned duties.

(f) *Neurologic.* Medical history or clinical diagnosis of: epilepsy, recurrent syncope, or any condition which is likely to cause loss of, or altered states of consciousness.

(g) *Psychiatric*

(1) Any mental, nervous, organic, or functional disease or psychiatric disorder likely to interfere with the safe performance of assigned duties.

(2) Diagnosis of alcoholism. Recovering alcoholics with a minimum of 1 year of sobriety are NOT considered disqualified.

(3) Use of a Schedule I drug, amphetamine, narcotic, or any other habit-forming drug or substance (excluding tobacco). Use is not disqualifying if the substance or drug is prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner who has advised the member that the prescribed drug will **not** adversely affect the member's ability to safely perform assigned duties.

(h) *Special Studies.* The following special studies are required:

(1) Hematocrit.

(2) Fasting blood glucose.

(3) Lipid profile and triglycerides (required for active duty, only if clinically indicated for civilian personnel).

(4) Urine, routine analysis.

(5) Eye examination.

(6) Tonometry if over age 40 (required for active duty, only if clinically indicated for civilian personnel).

(7) Audiogram.

(8) Electrocardiogram.

(i) *Periodicity*

(1) Active duty military personnel who are explosive handlers or hazardous material vehicle operators will have a medical examination per the periodicity in article 15-11.

(2) Civilian employees who are explosives handlers or hazardous material vehicle operators will have a medical examination every 2 years.

(3) After age 60, all personnel will have annual medical examinations.