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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

Subj: DEPARTMENT OF NAVY GUIDANCE – FULFILLMENT OF MANDATORY
        CERTIFICATION COURSES THROUGH NAVAL POST GRADUATE SCHOOL
        MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SYSTEMS ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT, MASTER
        OF SCIENCE IN PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, AND ADVANCED ACQUISITION
        STUDIES CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Ref: (a) Title 10 USC, Chapter 87
       (b) DoDI 5000.66 Change 3 dated March 25, 2022
       (c) DON DAWIA Operating Guide dated July 7, 2022
       (d) DAU iCatalog (https://icatalog.dau.edu/onlinecatalog/tabnavlas.aspx)

Encl: (1) DAWIA PM Training Course to NPS Course Alignment Charts

1. Reference (a) establishes policies and procedures for the effective management of persons serving in acquisition positions in the Department of Defense (DoD). Reference (b) implements reference (a) and establishes the policies, assigns responsibilities, and provides procedures for the conduct of the Defense Acquisition Workforce (AWF) Education, Training, Experience, and Career Development Program. Reference (c) is the Department of the Navy (DON) Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) Operating Guide. This document provides additional guidance and clarification for acquisition positions identified in references (a) and (b).

2. The AWF has several options to satisfy mandatory certification training standards. The DON Program Management Competency Board (PMCB) recognizes the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Master of Science in Acquisition Management (Degree 816), Master of Science in Program Management (Degree 836), Advanced Acquisition Studies Certificate (Certificate 217) and Advanced Acquisition Studies Certificate (Certificate 218) curricula as meeting the fulfillment criteria for DAU course learning objectives for PM Practitioner certification. Please refer to enclosure (1) for more details.

3. Effective 01 October 2021, members of the DON AWF graduating from the NPS programs identified in paragraph two may request blanket fulfillment credit for the mandatory PM Practitioner certification courses as currently published by DAU in reference (d). In addition to meeting the demonstrated proficiencies in PM competencies, NPS graduates must also meet the 4-year acquisition experience requirement and pass the respective comprehensive exam for PM Practitioner certification.

4. Should a new DAU course be added that changes certification standards in FY23 or later, it is recommended that NPS graduates enroll through DAU to meet the PM certification requirement.

5. Steps for submitting a fulfillment package vary by command and organization. Please coordinate with your supervisor and DAWIA points of contact before seeking a course fulfillment. Upon approval of a PM course fulfillment package, updates will be made and reflected on the student's DAWIA transcript via the DON eDACM system.

6. The point of contact for Navy Back-to-Basics PM Functional Area fulfillment policy questions is Mr. Thomas Guinn at thomas.m.guinn.civ@navy.mil or (202) 781-3509.

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New BtB PM Standards

Practitioner
ACQ1010 (13 hrs)
ACQ2020 (13 hrs)
ACQ003 (1 hr)
PMT0140 (6 hrs)
ACQ2030/V (5 days)
PMT2570/V (4 days)
Exam
4 years experience

Integration of DAU training into NPS Courses and Curriculum

MN3331 and
MN3301/MN3302

Offered by DAU to qualified NPS students and synchronized with NPS academic calendar (during research weeks, weekends, and/or nights)

New BtB PM Standards

Practitioner Level
ACQ1010 (13 hrs)
ACQ2020 (13 hrs)
ACQ003 (1 hr)
PMT0140 (6 hrs)

ACQ2030/V (5 days)
PMT2570/V (4 days)

Alignment to NPS Courses (Advanced Acquisition Studies Certificate)

MN3331 Principles of Acquisition and Program Management

MN3309 Software Acquisition Management for Defense Systems
MN3384 Acquisition Production, Quality and Manufacturing Decision Science
MN4307 Defense Acquisition Program Management Case Studies
MN4470 Strategic Planning and Policy for the Logistic Manager
MN4602 Acquisition Test and Evaluation Decision Science