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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
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Subj: MARINE COMBAT WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING (MCWST)

Ref: (a) MCRP 2-02C, Marine Corps Water Survival Handbook
(b) OPNAVINST 3710.7, NATOPS General Flight and Operating Instructions
(c) Naval Aviation Water Survival Training Program (NOTAL)
(d) MCO 1553.3, Marine Corps Unit Training Management
(e) MCO P1200.7, Military Occupational Specialties Manual
(f) MCO P1080.40, MCTFSPRIM
(g) MCO 5102.1, Marine Corps Ground Mishap Reporting
(h) Manual of Medical Department (MMD), Chapter 16-50

Encl: (1) Certification
(2) Instructors Course Record (NAVMC Form 11209(3-95))
(3) Exemptions to Re-qualification Requirements
(4) General Administrative Instructions
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(6) Administrative Instruction for Courses

Report Required: Instructor's Course Record (Report Control Symbol MC-1500-28), par. 7o

1. Purpose. To provide policy and instructions on the Marine Combat Water Survival Training Program (MCWST).

2. Cancellation. MCO 1500.52A

3. Summary of Revision. This revision is a realignment of survival skills within the respective qualification levels to complement the building block approach to training and to reduce redundancy in testing, per reference (a). Combat Water Survival (CWS) classifications CWS4 and CWS3 emphasize personal survival, while CWS2, CWS1 and Water Survival Qualified (WSQ) emphasize the ability to assist/rescue others. The ultimate goal for all Marines is to qualify at the highest level of their ability, if possible, achieving WSQ.

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4. General Information

a. The inherent nature of Marine Corps operations and training requires that Marines have the ability to survive in water. Combat water survival training is designed to reduce fear of water, instill self-confidence, and develop the ability to survive in water. It is more important that a Marine demonstrate a working knowledge of the basic survival strokes, than to execute them to "textbook" perfection. **The objective of combat water survival training is to teach the individual Marine how to survive under any aquatic condition.**

b. The MCWST program is sponsored by the Commanding General, Training Command, Training and Education Command, Marine Corps Combat Development Command [CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP)]. CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP) is designated as the control point for the Marine Combat Instructor Trainer of Water Survival (MCITWS)/Marine Combat Instructor of Water Survival (MCIWS)/Combat Water Safety Swimmer (CWSS) Program of Instruction (POI). Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools (MCCSSS) is designated as the lead school and is responsible for developing and maintaining the POI. CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP) will approve the POI and all subsequent revisions and changes.

(1) The formal schools have the authority to train/certify both MCITWS and MCIWS.

(2) ALL MCITWS, regardless of locale, can teach/certify MCIWS if their curriculum and facilities satisfy all course requirements. The MCITWS must notify either one of the formal schools or TRNGCMD (C 472TP) of his/her intentions to create instructors and receive written consent.

(3) All OCONUS and CONUS MCITWS can train/certify up to the WSQ level and re-certify MCIWSs without notifying formal school or CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP).

c. The Marine Corps water survival training requirements were developed in conjunction with the American Red Cross (ARC).

d. Duties Involving Flight Operations. The term "aircrew," refers to all Marine Corps personnel (officer/enlisted) in a flight status. Aircrew are subject to the regulations and procedures contained in references (b) and (c).

e. Training Category. Training required by this Order, which is not accomplished as part of mission-oriented or professional education development, is defined in reference (d) as related training.

5. Policy

a. All Marines (Active and Reserve Components) will qualify/re-qualify per the following guidelines or as required for personnel subject to the regulations and procedures contained in reference (b), and/or reference (e):

UNQ - Remedial swim training until qualified.

CWS4 - Minimum qualification requirement for enlisted Marines; Re-qualify every year.

CWS3 - Re-qualify every two years.

CWS2 - Minimum qualification requirement for officers; Re-qualify every three years.

CWS1 - Re-qualify every four years.

WSQ - Re-qualify every six years.

b. Re-qualification must take place prior to the expiration date of current level. To attain a higher qualification, a Marine must qualify at the next higher level prior to current level expiration date. The Marine must re-qualify at CWS4, if:

(1) The current level qualification expiration date has lapsed.

(2) The Marine is unable to re-qualify at current level.

c. Qualification and re-qualification for each separate level will be accomplished during one continuous training period and will not deviate from the published course's sequence of events.

d. Marines unable to participate/pass the required qualification testing as a result of a limited duty status at the time of the officially scheduled testing will complete testing NLT sixty days upon returning to full duty. A limited duty status (requiring a medical officer's recommendation) will be entered into the Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS), per reference (f), only if the convalescent/limited duty period extends beyond the expiration date of the Marine's current swim qualification. No permanent waivers will be authorized.

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6. Combat Water Survival/Qualification Standards and Test Procedures

a. All testing procedures for CWS4 will be accomplished without combat gear.

b. Testing for CWS3, CWS2, CWS1, and WSQ will be accomplished while wearing full combat gear, unless otherwise stated.

(1) Full combat gear will consist of boots, utilities, helmet, flak jacket, Load Bearing Vest (LBV) or issued equivalent, cartridge belt, two magazine pouches, two full canteens with covers, rubber rifle, and a standard 30 pound pack, which has been properly water-proofed. The Modular Lightweight Load Carrying Equipment (MOLLE) pack has an internal frame that cannot be removed; therefore, it is safe for training. However, the MOLLE may not be attached to the Load Bearing Vest (LBV).

(2) The pack will consist of the appropriate uniform/ individual combat clothing and equipment (**ICCE**) items to approximate 30 pounds.

(3) Due to safety considerations, the gas mask, first-aid kit, magazines, E-tool, pack frame, butt pack, sleeping mat, and sleeping bag **will not** be used during testing or training.

c. All levels of qualification will include instruction on the following:

(1) S.A.F.E. (**S**low and easy movements, **A**pply natural buoyancy, **F**ull lung inflation, **E**xtrême relaxation).

(2) The danger of hyperventilating: Repetitive deep breathing that can result in shallow-water blackout and subsequent drowning.

(3) The impact of hypothermia: Adverse physiological effects caused by cold water (hypothermia) and the precautionary measures to be taken prior to exposure to such an environment.

(4) Instruction on the employment of standard and expedient flotation devices/equipment in a water survival situation.

(5) Waterproofing of ICCE.

7. Marine Combat Water Survival Training (MCWST) Classifications

a. Combat Water Survival, Fourth Class (CWS4). Emphasis is on personal survival without combat gear. CWS4 training will include instruction on the Beginner's Swimmer Stroke (front and back), drown-proofing, and treading water. Minimum skill level for all enlisted Marines (unless assigned MOS dictates otherwise). Re-qualification will occur every year.

(1) Uniform for qualifying is utilities only (no boots).

(2) Enter shallow water (minimum 1m depth).

(3) Swim 25m in shallow water using either the beginner swimmer stroke (front or back), or demonstrating a basic knowledge of a survival stroke, or any combination thereof.

(4) From a minimum height of eight feet (maximum of 15 feet). Enter the water using the abandon ship technique. Remain in deep water and perform personal water survival skills using one, or a combination of, water survival techniques (i.e., drown-proofing, treading water, and/or trouser or blouse inflation) for a total of four minutes. Touching the bottom or the side of the pool before the four minutes elapses will disqualify the Marine.

(5) Without exiting the water, from the side of the pool, swim 25m using either the beginner's swimming stroke (back or front) or demonstrate working ability of any survival stroke or combination thereof.

b. Combat Water Survival, Third Class (CWS3). Marine must have completed CWS4. Emphasis is on personal survival under combat situations and while on maneuvers in full combat gear. Re-qualification will occur every two years.

(1) From minimum height of eight feet (maximum of 15 feet), using the abandon ship technique and wearing utilities and boots only, enter deep water and travel 25m using either a beginner swimming stroke (on front or back) or demonstrating a basic knowledge of any survival stroke or combination thereof.

(2) Enter shallow water (minimum 1m depth) with rubberized training rifle at port arms and wearing full combat gear.

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(3) Walk 20m in shallow water (minimum 1m depth/waist deep) with weapon at port arms and wearing full combat gear.

(4) Walk 20m in chest high water wearing full combat gear with weapon slung around neck, muzzle down.

(5) Travel for 20m in chest deep water wearing full combat gear with weapon slung around neck, muzzle down, using a modified breast stroke arm movement and modified combat stroke leg movement (bicycle kick).

(6) Travel for 40m in deep water (over the head) wearing full combat gear with weapon slung around neck, muzzle down, using a modified breast stroke arm movement and modified combat travel stroke leg movement (bicycle kick).

(7) From a height of five feet, using the abandon ship technique, enter deep water with full combat gear and weapon (weapon inverted at sling arms), travel 10m, remove pack, and travel 15m transporting both pack and weapon.

c. Combat Water Survival, Second Class (CWS2). Marine must have completed CWS3. Emphasis is on the ability to assist an exhausted/wounded Marine to safety wearing full combat gear. CWS2 is the minimum requirement for all naval aviation aircrew with a written waiver from their commanding officer. It is the minimum skill level required of all officers, MOS 0313 (LAV Crewman), 0481 (Landing Support Specialist), 1371 (Combat Engineer), 1833 (Assault Amphibian Vehicle Crewman), and all 7212 assigned to LAV-AD platoons. It is also the minimum skill level required for Marines assigned to "Boat/Raid Companies." Re-qualification will occur every three years.

(1) Wearing full combat gear minus pack, using one or a combination of survival strokes, travel 50m in deep water, with weapon slung across back (muzzle down).

(2) Wearing full combat gear, perform 25m collar-tow on wounded "victim", dressed identically, while simultaneously towing two packs. Weapons will be slung across the back (muzzle down). Victim will hold on to the two packs and will not assist in propulsion.

d. Combat Water Survival, First Class (CWS1). Marine must have completed CWS2. Emphasis is on developing the ability to rescue oneself, assisting a victim/distressed swimmer to safety, and surviving under adverse conditions CWS1 is the minimum requirement for all flight students (MOS 7599). This is the minimum

skill level required for MOS 0303 (Light Armored Vehicle Officer), 1803 (Assault Amphibian Vehicle Officer) and 0321 Basic Reconnaissance Man. Additionally, CWS1 is the prerequisite for a Marine attending Basic Reconnaissance Course. Re-qualification will occur every four years.

(1) Survival Strokes. Demonstrate an efficient ability to perform the following rescue strokes for a distance of 25m. Uniform is utilities only (no boots):

- (a) Breaststroke.
- (b) Sidestroke.
- (c) Elementary backstroke.

(2) Rescues. Dry land drill, water demonstration, and student practice time of all three rescues (wrist tow, cross chest carry, and collar tow). Students must properly demonstrate each rescue for qualification, utilizing an appropriate entry technique with a victim 20 meters away. Rescuers must return the victim to the rescuer's point of origin. Victims (either other students or instructors) are passive during the carry or tow process. The following are steps to perform each rescue:

(a) Rescuer, using a stride-jump entry, enters the water, performs a breaststroke approach stroke and assumes a ready position six to eight feet from the victim. Victim puts rescuer in a front head hold; rescuer performs a front head hold escape. Rescuer performs front surface approach and a wrist tow.

(b) Rescuer, using a stride-jump entry, enters the water, performs a breaststroke approach stroke and assumes a ready position six to eight feet from the victim. Victim puts rescuer in a rear head hold; rescuer performs rear head hold escape. With the victim passive, and back to rescuer, rescuer performs rear approach, double armpit level off. With victim passive, rescuer performs a double armpit tow and then transitions to a cross-chest carry.

(c) Rescuer, using a stride-jump entry, enters the water, performs a breaststroke approach stroke and assumes a ready position six to eight feet from the victim. Victim puts rescuer in a double wrist grip; rescuer performs a double wrist grip escape. With the victim passive, rescuer performs a single

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armpit level off. With victim passive, rescuer performs a single armpit tow without breaking contact and transitions to a collar tow.

(3) Splash Recovery Technique. While simulating a burning oil spill situation, wearing utilities and boots:

(a) Using abandon ship technique, enter water from a height greater than eight feet and less than 15 feet.

(b) Without surfacing, travel 10m underwater.

(c) Using proper splash technique, surface.

(d) Remain on surface, and using modified breaststroke splashing technique, travel 40m for a total of 50m.

(4) Travel 250m using one or a combination of survival strokes wearing utilities and boots.

e. Water Survival Qualified (WSQ). Marine must have completed CWS1. The following are techniques performed in executing WSQ qualifications:

(1) Using abandon ship technique, while in full combat gear with rifle at inverted sling arms, enter water from a height greater than eight feet and less than 15 feet. Surface, release pack from shoulders, place rifle on top of pack at the ready, scanning from side to side, travel 50m to the edge of the pool. Stage pack and gear at the end of the pool. Re-enter water and move back to deep end of pool. With utilities and boots only while in deep water and without exiting, tread water or survival float for 30 minutes without artificial floatation. Boots will be removed and retained after 5 minutes. Five minutes prior to the completion of the 30 minutes afloat, and without exiting from the water, replace the boots and swim 500m using one or any combination of the three survival strokes.

(2) Traverse back to deep end of pool, without exiting, begin treading water. Remove and retain boots. Remove trousers and make trouser floatation. Remain motionless for one minute. While in deep water, put trousers and boots back on and swim to the edge of the pool. (Ensure all personnel have the required undergarments before conducting training.)

(3) Re-enter pool at the deep end wearing utilities and boots, travel 25m with a 10 lbs brick utilizing a lifesaving stroke. The brick must remain in one hand and remain out of the water at all times.

8. Instructor Certification and Prerequisites

a. Combat Water Safety Swimmer (CWSS). A CWSS receives training which certifies the individual to perform water rescues of victims in a tactical/field environment. CWSS also possesses the knowledge necessary to advise a commander on conducting water waterborne training. Marines certified as CWSS may assist a MCIWS/MCITWS during a MCIWS course of instruction and serve as a safety swimmer for pool and other aquatic training. **A CWSS cannot qualify Marines.** CWSS certification is valid for three years. Certification renewal is administered by a qualified MCIWS or MCITWS.

(1) Minimum grade: N/A, must be screened and recommended by a current MCIWS/MCITWS.

(2) Must be WSQ and hold current ARC Adult CPR certification or an equivalent certification.

(3) Must have at least one year obligated service remaining upon completion of the course.

b. Marine Combat Instructor of Water Survival (MCIWS). A MCIWS is qualified to conduct water survival training and certify Marines at the CWS-4 through CWSS levels. Certification can be attained in the following manners: Attending a MCIWS course held at the formal schools, a MCIWS course conducted locally by a formal school Mobile Training Team (MTT) or by a qualified MCITWS graduate of a MCITWS course. Graduates of these courses will receive an additional MOS of 8563 with their initial MCIWS certification. MCIWS certification is valid for three years, renewable re-certification must be administered by a qualified MCITWS.

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(1) Minimum grade: Corporal, Waiverable to Lance Corporal with commanding officer endorsement.

(2) Must be WSQ and hold current ARC Community First Aid and Adult CPR certification or an equivalent certification.

(3) Must have at least one year obligated service remaining upon completion of the course.

(4) Must have required certification signatures, per enclosures (1) and (2).

c. Marine Combat Instructor Trainer of Water Survival (MCITWS). A MCITWS is qualified to train, certify, and re-certify MCIWS. Certification can only be attained by attending a MCITWS course held at the formal schools. MCITWS certification is valid for three years, renewable by a re-certification administered by the formal schools informing CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP).

(1) Minimum grade: Staff Sergeant, Waiverable to Sergeant with Commanding Officer waiver and recommendation.

(2) Must be current MCIWS and hold current ARC CPR for the Professional Rescuer and Life-guarding/Community First Aid certification.

(3) Must have at least one year obligated service remaining upon completion of the course.

9. Instructor Responsibilities

a. The MCITWS at the formal schools are responsible for monitoring the quality of MCIWS training throughout the USMC to include the formal schools, recruit depots, and the basic officer water survival training at the entry level commands, as well as conducting MCIWS courses as needed. MCITWS will ensure compliance with this MCO and the CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP) approved MCITWS POI, with special attention to safety and qualifying standards, and other duties as outlined in enclosure (2).

b. The MCIWS, when conducting swim training, qualification, or re-qualification, are responsible for ensuring compliance with this Order. MCITWS/MCIWS will use the MCIWS POI for conducting training. Ensure submission of NAVMC Form 11209, Instructor's Course Record, enclosure (2) to the appropriate unit(s) immediately upon completion of each course of instruction.

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c. The MCITWS/MCIWS, when conducting swim training, qualification, or re-qualification, is responsible for ensuring that a minimum of one corpsman with a properly supplied MOLLE medic bag, backboard, and a safety vehicle are present at all times.

d. Instructor/Student ratio. During the conduct of swim qualification, the maximum number of Marines in water above chest deep at any one time will not exceed 10 per certified instructor.

e. Civilians certified as ARC lifeguards working at the pools may be used only to assist a qualified MCITWS or MCIWS but are not authorized to conduct any classes or certifications.

f. Incident Reporting. Accurate, detailed, and timely incident reporting assists in the monitoring of the effectiveness of training and identifies potential safety hazards. Any injury incurred during water survival training that requires emergency medical personnel will be reported per reference (g), to HQMC, Safety Division (SD) and CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP), with a copy to each formal school. The narrative will include: qualification attempted (i.e., CWS4, CWS3, CWS2, etc.), the student's current qualification, date, and location of qualification; instructor's certification, expiration date, and location of instructor(s) certification; description of the pool facilities; and the specific POI element being executed at the time of the mishap.

10. Waivers

a. Commanding Generals have the authority to exempt Marines in their command from re-qualification requirements for one **calendar year**. The CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP) must be informed of these waivers. See enclosure (3).

b. Organizations without a Commanding General will forward, via the chain of command, a waiver to CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP). Requests for a permanent waiver or any length beyond one calendar year will also be forwarded to CG TRNGCMD (C472TP) via the chain of command with justification.

c. Any deviations from the qualification/re-qualification standards require the submission of a waiver to the appropriate Commanding General or CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP) for approval.

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11. Action

a. The Marine Corps Recruit Depots and The Basic School (TBS) will conduct initial MCWST testing necessary to qualify recruits and Lieutenants. Entries will be made to the MCTFS per reference (f) and enclosure (4).

b. Marine Corps commands with adequate pool facilities and qualified MCIWS's will conduct training and subsequent testing for the advancement of aquatic skill levels to include qualification/re-qualification requirements.

c. Commands are encouraged to incorporate swim training as part of their regular unit physical fitness programs.

d. Commands without qualified or sufficient numbers of instructors to conduct training may request, at the unit's expense, quotas to MCIWS training courses, or an MTT for MCIWS certification (MOS 8563) from the formal schools listed in enclosure (5).

e. For standardization purposes, MCITWS training is the responsibility of the CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP). CG TRNGCMD, EWTGPAC, and MCCSSS will provide one qualified MCITWS each to serve as instructors for MCITWS courses. Courses can be held by certified MCITWS as long as the course follows the approved POI and appropriate facilities are available and have written authorization from CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP), EWTGPAC, or MCCSSS.

f. Commands without pool facilities are required to seek access to external pool facilities to conduct the necessary training.

g. Commands without diving platforms/boards, or with diving platforms/boards of inappropriate height, will report modification/differences of facilities and request a waiver to the CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP).

h. Recommend all commands, battalion and above, maintain at least one (1) certified MCITWS or MCIWS to conduct certification, re-certification, and remedial training.

i. Commands are responsible for conducting the necessary training for personnel requiring a qualification per unit T/O higher than CWS4.

j. Commands with a qualified MCIWS will ensure that instructor certification is re-validated per enclosure (2).

k. Commands will place Marines failing qualification/re-qualification on a command-supervised remedial swim program under the direction of a current MCIWS. Commanders will ensure Marines who were unsuccessful at their initial qualification/re-qualification attempt are provided adequate opportunity for remedial training. After completing remedial training, Marines who qualify or fail to qualify will have the appropriate entry made in the MCTFS.

l. Per reference (d), Commanders are encouraged to incorporate sustainment training for ALL Marines into their annual/monthly/weekly training schedules. The only requirement is that at a minimum a CWSS, MCIWS, or MCITWS conduct the training. However, if a non-SNCO or Officer CWSS or MCIWS is conducting the training, a non-participating SNCO/Officer must be present.

m. Commanders or their designated representative will approve MCWS qualifications/waivers/certifications before entry into the MCTFS, per reference (f) and enclosure (4). Personnel on flight status or designated as SCUBA divers will have their qualification also entered in their medical record, per reference (g) and enclosure (4).

n. Record keeping requirements will be accomplished using the Instructor's Course Record consistent with enclosure (4). Local reproduction of this form is authorized.

o. CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP) will conduct MCITWS courses as required to facilitate fielding/re-certification of instructor trainers, per enclosures (5) and (6). Annual MCITWS requirements and quotas will be determined and distributed by CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP). Normally, one course will be offered in March at CWSSS MCCSSS, MCB Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and one in September at EWTGPAC, Coronado, California. Other courses will be added as needed. Supporting establishments are authorized direct liaison to CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP) for course quotas. Operating Force activities below the MSC level (Division/MAW/FSSG) **are not authorized** direct liaison with CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP) for course quotas.

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12. Reserve Applicability. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.


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RMKS/1. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES CLARIFY/MODIFY EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN MCO 1500.52B:

A. ADD THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE: "(E) MCO P1200.7, MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES MANUAL." RELETTER REFERENCES (E) THROUGH (G) AS REFERENCES (F) THROUGH (H).

B. DELETE: CURRENT PARAGRAPH 4.D. AND REPLACE WITH THE FOL: "D. DUTIES INVOLVING FLIGHT OPERATIONS. THE TERM "AIRCREW," REFERS TO ALL MARINE CORPS PERSONNEL (OFFICER/ENLISTED) IN A FLIGHT STATUS. AIRCREW ARE SUBJECT TO THE REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN REFERENCES (B) AND (C)."

C. MOD PARAGRAPH 5.A. AS FOL: AFTER "...RE-QUALIFY PER THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES," ADD "..., OR AS REQUIRED FOR PERSONNEL SUBJECT TO THE REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN REFERENCE (B), AND/OR REFERENCE (E):"

D. MOD PARAGRAPH 5.D. AS FOL: RELETTER "REFERENCE (E)" AS "REFERENCE (F)."

E. MOD PARAGRAPH 7.A.4. AS FOL: DELETE: "USING THE EASE-IN ENTRY METHOD WHILE WEARING UTILITIES, ENTER" REPLACE WITH, "FROM A MINIMUM HEIGHT OF EIGHT FEET (MAXIMUM OF 15 FEET), ENTER THE WATER USING THE ABANDON SHIP TECHNIQUE. REMAIN IN..."

F. MOD PARAGRAPH 7.D. AS FOL: AFTER "...UNDER ADVERSE CONDITIONS." ADD "CWS1 IS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR ALL FLIGHT STUDENTS (MOS 7599)."

G. MOD PARAGRAPH 7.E. AS FOL: DELETE: "WSQ IS THE ULTIMATE..." THROUGH "...WHEN FILLING A VALID JUMP BILLET."

H. MOD PARAGRAPH 8.A.2. AS FOL: DELETE: "...COMMUNITY FIRST AID AND..."

I. MOD PARAGRAPH 8.B.1. AS FOL: DELETE "..., NOT WAIVERABLE." ADD "..., WAIVERABLE TO LCPL WITH COMMANDING OFFICER ENDORSEMENT."

J. MOD PARAGRAPH 9.F. AS FOL: RELETTER "REFERENCE (F)" AS "REFERENCE (G)."

K. MOD PARAGRAPH 11.A. AS FOL: RELETTER "REFERENCE (E)" AS "REFERENCE (F)."

L. MOD PARAGRAPH 11.M. AS FOL: RELETTER "REFERENCE (E)" AS "REFERENCE (F)", AND "REFERENCE (F)" AS "REFERENCE (G)."

M. MOD ENCLOSURE (4), PARAGRAPH 2 AS FOL: DELETE: "...MANUAL OF MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,..." REPLACE WITH "...REFERENCE (H),..."//

2. FILING INSTRUCTIONS. FILE THIS CHANGE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SIGNATURE PAGE OF THE BASIC ORDER.

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CERTIFICATION

1. A Marine attending the Marine Combat Instructor of Water Survival (MCIWS) School must have this certification signed by their Commanding Officer and a current MCIWS/MCITWS. The Marine must have this certification when reporting to either the MCCSSS or EWTGPAC.

Name SSN MOS

2. _____/____-____-_____/____ has satisfactorily completed the following prerequisites for attendance at MCIWS or MCITWS courses:

a. Swim 500m in 14 minutes or less using a continuous crawl stroke.

b. Tread water with a 10lb weight in both hands, in an upright position with head out of water for 30 seconds.

c. Use a feet first entry and swim 25m underwater without breaking the surface.

d. Swim 50m using the lifesaving stroke (modified sidestroke), while holding a ten-pound weight with one hand out of the water.

3. Marines who are stationed at a remote command and do not have access to a MCIWS or MCITWS, are required to notify MCCSSS, EWTGPAC schools, or CG TRMGCMD (C 472TP) that they are scheduled to attend the course and inform of their situation. The commanding officer's signature will be sufficient in those cases.

Signature MCIWS or MCITWS

Signature CO

Unit Telephone Number

Title Grade

ENCLOSURE(1)

EXEMPTIONS TO REQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. All personnel, regardless of age, rank, or time in service, must obtain and maintain a valid swim qualification throughout their career. Marines stationed at the commands listed below are exempt. However, those Marines are encouraged to re-qualify and upgrade their swim status, if the opportunity is available. In addition, Marines hereby exempt from re-qualification may be directed to re-qualify at the discretion of their commanding officer at anytime.

2. Commanding Generals have the authority to exempt Marines in their command for the current calendar year. Requests for exemptions will be forwarded to commanding generals, via the chain of command with a copy to CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP). All other units must request exemptions from CG TRNGCMD (C 472TP) via their chain of command. Commands/Marines can be permanently exempted with approval from CG TECOM (C 46). Requests for permanent exemptions or periods extending past one calendar year will be forwarded to CG TECOM (C 46) via their chain of command.

a. Marines (except TBS students) assigned to service and civilian formal schools for duty under instruction for a minimum period of 6 months or more during the calendar year.

b. Marines assigned to Headquarters Battalion, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps.

c. Marine Security Guard Battalion personnel assigned outside of CONUS.

d. Marines assigned to the Marine Corps Recruiting Command (except personnel located at MCB Quantico, Virginia) or MARDET staffs.

e. Marines assigned to Marine Support Battalion, Naval Security Group (T/O #5201).

f. Marines in a combat zone.

g. Marines assigned to T/O's #5060 (Interservice Schools).

h. Marine Corps Security Force companies and detachments outside of CONUS.

i. Marines assigned to joint commands.

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j. Marines assigned to the Marine Detachment, U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

k. Aviation instructor personnel assigned to Marine Aviation Training Support Groups.

l. Marines assigned to Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Upon approval by commanding officer, or a designated representative, MCWS qualification/waiver/certification will be recorded in the Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS) per reference (e). These entries will consist of a one digit code which will represent one of the following: Swim qualification, swim/medical waiver, or instructor certification plus a four digit number for expiration date (YYMM).

2. MCWS qualification entries will also be made in the medical record of personnel on flight status and those designated as SCUBA divers. Flight status entries will be made per with reference (h) Chapter 16-50. SCUBA entries will be made on NAVMED Form 6150/2 (Rev 4-70, Medical History-Special Duty Extract) in the boxes provided under "Submarine Escape and Diving." Entry will include the following: six-digit date designator (YR/MO/DA), location, qualification attained, and authentication (e.g., "940701/CAMLEJ NC/CWS3" (Medical Officer's signature only)).

3. Upon completion of a MCIWS course, the unit conducting the training command will submit appropriate information, per reference (e), into the MCTFS or Reserve Manpower Management and Pay System assigning the additional MOS 8563 to all graduates.

4. Commands/Organizations/Activities without MCIWS's may request a Mobile Training Team (MTT) from the formal school in their general area (MCCSSS, MCB Camp Lejeune, North Carolina or EWTGPAC, NAB Coronado, California) to conduct MCIWS courses/certification paid by the requesting unit at the requesting unit's location. MTT availability is subject to the established formal school training schedule and on-hand staff.

5. Combat water survival qualification/re-qualification will be conducted/recorded on a calendar year basis (not fiscal year).

6. Address for submission of waiver:

COMMANDING GENERAL
TRAINING COMMAND (C 472TP)
TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMAND
MARINE CORPS COMBAT DEVELOPMENT COMMAND
3300 RUSSELL ROAD
QUANTICO VA 22134-5012

ENCLOSURE (4)

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LOCATIONS OF MARINE COMBAT INSTRUCTOR
TRAINERS OF WATER SURVIVAL (MCIWS)

<u>Command/Location</u>	<u>T/O #</u>
1. Instructor Pipeline:	
MCCDC, TBS, Quantico, VA	2
*MCCSSS, TRNGCOM, Camp Lejeune, NC	3
*EWTGPAC, NAB, Coronado, CA	3
2. Entry-Level Pipeline:	
MCRD, WRR, San Diego, CA	22
MCRD, ERR, Parris Island, SC	20
3. Formal Schools:	
a. Combat Water Survival Swimming School	
Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools	
Training Command	
PCS Box 20041	
Camp Lejeune, NC 28542-0041	
b. Commanding Officer	
Marine Training School	
Expeditionary Warfare Training Group	
Naval Amphibious Base Coronado	
San Diego, CA 92155-5034	

* Indicates formal school for issuance of additional MOS 8563 (MCIWS) and commands authorized to conduct initial MCIWS certification.

ENCLOSURE (5)

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COURSES
1. Administrative Instructions for Student Courses

Type of Course	CMS-4	CMS-3	CMS-2	CMS-1	MSQ
Control	NCIMS	NCIMS	NCIMS	NCIMS	NCIMS
Course Length	As Required				
Prerequisite	None	Complete CMS4	Complete CMS3	Complete CMS2	Complete CMS1
Validation Period/Re-certification	Biennial regualification MOS/grade requires	Triennial requal unless MOS/grade requires	Requal every four years by NCIMS	Requal every five years by NCIMS	Requal every six years by NCIMS
Org-Level Reporting	NAVMC 11209 (3-95) Original-Unit Diary (MCTFS)	NAVMC 11209 (3-95)* Original-Unit Diary (MCTFS)			
Required Text	FMFRP 0-13	FMFRP 0-13	FMFRP 0-13	FMFRP 0-13	
Malvers	Per Order	Per Order	Per Order	Per Order	

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COURSES

1. Administrative Instructions for Student Courses

Type of Course	CNSS	MCIMS	MCTIMS	MCTIMS/Faculty
Course Length	5 days	3 weeks	2 weeks	1 day planning
Recertification	5 days	5 days	2 weeks	
Prerequisite	1. Complete MSQ 2. Minimum Grade: None 3. 1 yr remains to EAS 4. Current ARC Community First Aid and Adult CPR certifications or equivalent. 5. Verified by MCIMS or MCTIMS	1. Complete MSQ ** 2. Minimum Grade: Cpl 3. 1 yr remains to EAS 4. Current ARC Community First Aid and Adult CPR certifications or equivalent. 5. MSQ Verified by a current MCIMS or MCTIMS prior to attending Cts	1. Complete MCIMS 2. Minimum Grade: SSGC; Waiverable to SGT with CO waiver and recommendation 3. 1 yr remains to EAS 4. Current ARC Community First Aid and Adult CPR certifications or equivalent. 5. MCIMS Verified by current MCTIMS prior to attending Cts	1. USMC/MCTIMS
Administered by	MCIMS/MCTIMS	MCITMS	Joint TRNGCOM EMTGPAC/ MCSSS and ARC	Not applicable
Org-Level Reporting	NAVMC 11209 (3-95) Original-Unit Diary (MCTFS)	NAVMC 11209 (3-95) Original-Unit Diary (MCTFS)	NAVMC 11209 (3-95) Original-Unit Diary (MCTFS)	Not applicable
Required Text	EMFRP 0-13, POI**	EMFRP 0-13, POI**	EMFRP 0-13, POI**	Not applicable

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