

The Acting Surgeon General has determined that the 2009 Assimilation Boards will be convened in late September 2009. In response, the Office of Commissioned Corps Operations will begin accepting applications for assimilation beginning on Friday, 17 July 2009. All applications from eligible officers postmarked before 31 August **AND RECEIVED BY 4 SEPT 2009** will be accepted for review by this Board. Note that applications previously received and accepted that have not been reviewed by three boards are still viable applications. These applications will also be sent to the 2009 Boards [i.e., if: 1) you've submitted an application and it has not gone before three boards already; and 2) you did not receive a "Not Recommend" from the 2008 Assimilation Board, you do not need to re-apply].

Although, officers with two years of service at the time of application are eligible to apply, applications from these officers will not go before a board until the officer has 3 years of service as of 31 March of the Assimilation Year (AY). The usual administrative requirements regarding adverse actions, COERs, medical, licensure, readiness, et al will apply. Officers are referred to CCI 324.01, CCI 231.03 and POM 09-001 for information regarding policy and procedure.

Questions in this regard should be directed to your Agency Liaison, Chief Professional Officer, or Professional Advisory Committee.

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