NPC will take local Health Protection Condition (HPCON), international, state and local government policies into account when considering PCS transfers. NPC may delay moves, even into an area cleared for PCS movement, in the interest of fleet readiness.

High priority commands for having their billets filled are determined by NPC, these include commands that are designated as operational sea duty to include:

- Strategic and Special Operations Forces
- Forward Deployed Naval Forces (FDNF)
- Optimized Fleet Response Plan units with a published Manning Date, normally 12 months prior to the deployment date

The priority for PCS orders is in the following order starting with operational sea duty and ending with shore duty in the continental U.S.:

- High priority units specifically designated as operational sea duty. NPC will work to prioritize placement into operational sea duty billets.
- Accession of new junior officers and Sailors to the fleet, with prioritization given to personnel serving in/ordered to critical accession pipeline billets on shore duty.
- Personnel transferring to milestone billets, key billets, special program billets, and students heading to civilian or service schools.
- Personnel transferring to outside of the continental U.S. (OCONUS) shore duty, major or numbered fleet staffs, combatant commander staffs, the Joint Staff and OSD.
- Non-operational sea duty, to include units that are in the maintenance phase and pre-commissioned.
- All other shore duty in the continental U.S.

Personnel with rotation dates in October 2020 and beyond will need to work with their detailer to ensure a relief has been identified and a face to face turnover is possible with the current orders. Orders may be adjusted up to six months to ensure turnover occurs.

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**Transferring to High Priority Commands**

Sailors transferring to a high priority command will move first.

Sailors transferring from high priority commands, regardless of their original estimated departure date, may likely be extended up to six months to enable a face to face turnover.