

CGPSC-RPM-1

Frequently asked Questions for Regular to Reserve Panel (R2R)

1. Who May Apply?

- (a) Former Coast Guard or Navy Officers. Former officers of the Coast Guard or Navy who are within one year of the effective date of resignation of their commission or discharge (14 U.S.C. § 744). If more than one year has passed since the effective date of resignation or discharge, applicants should contact a recruiting office to apply.
- (b) Coast Guard Officers upon resignation. Coast Guard officers who submit an unqualified resignation in accordance with Article 1.A.5., Military Separations, COMDTINST M1000.4 (series), or are released under Temporary Separation (TEMP SEP) authority.
- (c) Regular Officer Twice Non-Selected. Regular officers who have been twice non-selected on the active duty promotion list (ADPL), who are not retirement eligible, and are scheduled for discharge.

2. How do I apply?

Follow guidance in the most recent Regular to USCG Reserve solicitation message.

http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/ALCGPSC/132-15_ALCGPSC.txt

3. I am currently on Active duty do I need a Physical examination?

Yes. Members transitioning from Regular Active Duty to the USCG Reserve are required to meet retention standards per the Medical Manual (CIM 6000.1F), Paragraph 3.A.7.e specifically states, that the form DD-2697–Report of Medical Assessment, FEB 95, shall be used for members transitioning from regular active duty to the USCG Reserve. It also states that block 20 of the DD-2697, member is physically fit for retention under provisions of the Medical Manual, CIM 6000.1 (series) or member meets retention standards IAW the Medical Manual, CIM 6000.1 (series). The key is that member's must meet retention standards.

Failure to obtain a retention physical will delay accessing into the USCG Reserve. Officers previously separated, if USCG Reserve affiliation has been approved will be provided guidance on how to complete the accession via separate correspondence from Personnel Service Center-Reserve Personnel Management (PSC-RPM-1).

4. Do I have to be separated from the service before I apply?

No, you do not have to be separated from the service, but you must have an approved separation authorization from Personnel Service Center–Officer Personnel Management (PSC-OPM). Failure to submit your approved separation authorization will result in your name being removed from consideration.

5. May I apply to a new Regular to Reserve (R2R) Panel if the results for the previous panel have not been released?

Yes, you may apply to a new R2R panel if the previous R2R panel results are pending. If your USCG Reserve affiliation is approved, your application will be removed from the next R2R Panel.

6. Is my initial decision to affiliate with the USCG Reserve binding?

No. Unless you have a remaining Military Service Obligation (MSO), you are not obligated until you have executed your Oath of Office. You should contact CG PSC (RPM) ASAP after your resignation has been approved; informing them of your modified intentions.

7. I am a CG Academy graduate who has completed five years of Active Duty service and desire to resign my commission. Do I have to take a Reserve commission even though I don't want one to finish my eight years of obligation?

Yes, you must take a USCG Reserve commission, if offered. 10 U.S.C 651 states that any person entering military service will serve a period of six to eight years as set by the Secretary, either on Active Duty or in a part of the Reserve for the remainder of the obligation.

14 U.S.C 182 outlines obligated service for Academy graduates as five years of Active Duty with a total obligation of six to eight years. The Commandant, as delegated by the Secretary, has set the full obligation out to eight years per chapter four of the Recruiting Manual, CIM 1120.2F. This means that to resign at the five year point, an Academy graduate will have to apply for a commission in the USCG Reserve for the remaining obligation.

The officer does not have to request a Selective Reserve (SELRES) assignment they can request one in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR). The officer should familiarize themselves with participation standards of SELRES and IRR; in accordance with Reserve policy manual, CIM 1001.28B Chapter 4.

8. If offered a Reserve commission, how long do I have to decide to accept?

The member has 90 days from memo date for separated members and from the date of RELAD for active duty members, to accept the Reserve commission.

9. If I take an early retirement under Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA) will I be required to affiliate with the Reserve?

No, a member who retires under TERA incurs no USCG Reserve obligation.

10. Officers separating under the Temporary Separation Program (TEMPSEP) information.

(a) Officers, who chose to affiliate with the USCG Reserve, must apply for a Reserve commission and will be appointed the same rank as held on Active Duty if approved.

(b) Members who affiliate with the USCG Reserve, the member must submit a Notice of Intent to Commander, CG-PSC-OPM with a copy to Commander, CG-PSC-RPM no less than six months and no more than one year before the intended date of return to Active Duty or desire to remain in the USCG Reserve.

(c) Members that affiliate with the USCG Reserve in an active status, may receive certain benefits, to include:

1). Inactive Duty Training (IDT) pay, Active Duty Training (ADT) pay and allowances, Active Duty Operational Support (ADOS) opportunities, Service Group Life Insurance (SGLI), commissary, exchange, theater, and Reserve Dental Insurance (SELRES only); and

2). The member will continue to accrue service time toward retirement.

(d) If promoted in the USCG Reserve, the rank is not guaranteed if the member re-enters Active Duty at the end of the TEMPSEP period. The member may keep the higher rank if it is in the best interest of the Service. Determination of rank is made by PSC-OPM.

11. What is the process for releasing a Reserve Officer from Active duty to Inactive Duty?

Reserve officers (not serving on Extended Active Duty (EAD), Reserve Program Administrators (RPA), Active Duty for Operational Support (ADOS) and who have no outstanding obligation for continued active service, will be released automatically to inactive duty when their period of active duty expires. If the officer is competing on the ADPL then the member should apply to be a candidate on the IDPL Designation Panel.

12. Whose responsibility is it to ensure a member is accessed and their source documents are scanned in and entered into their records?

The member's Servicing Personnel Office (SPO) is responsible for processing the accession. USCG Reserve members in the IRR shall submit documents to PSC-RPM-3's email at ARL-DG-CGPSCIRR@uscg.mil. Active duty members shall submit documents to their current SPO/Admin. Former Officers shall submit documents to PSC-RPM-1's email at arl-pf-cgpssc-rpm-1-boardspanels@uscg.mil.

13. I am a Reserve officer on Extended Active Duty (EAD), who has twice failed selection to the next rank on the ADPL. I would like to remain in the Reserve and continue to serve. Do I apply for the Regular to Reserve (R2R)?

No members should, apply to the IDPL Designation Panel. The IDPL Designation Panel convenes once a year to consider officers with USCG Reserve for designation back onto the IDPL.

14. Is my command required to endorse my memo to affiliate with the USCG Reserve?

No. The requirement to apply to the Regular to Reserve Panel is a standard memo from the requesting member to arl-smb-cgpssc-r2r-idpldesignationquery@uscg.mil. A template is available at www.uscg.mil/rpm.

15. Can I use my USCG Reserve affiliation memo or resignation letter to apply to the Regular to Reserve Panel?

Yes, you may use your USCG Reserve affiliation memo to apply to the Regular to Reserve Panel by emailing the request to arl-smb-cgpssc-r2r-idpldesignationquery@uscg.mil.

16. If an Officer is selected to transition into the USCG Reserve, does their date of rank start over?

Date of Rank Determination: Per COMDTINST M1000.4

- (a) If applicant is approved with an appointment to the same grade, the date of rank shall remain the same if the applicant resigned their commission from active duty.
- (b) If applicant, who has multiple non-selections on the ADPL and is discharged from active duty and appointment, is approved to the same grade, the date of rank shall be the date the applicant signs their oath for a Reserve commission.
- (c) If the applicant is approved with an appointment to a lower grade. The date of rank will normally be equal to that of the senior officer on the IDPL; in that grade who has not yet been considered for promotion to the next higher grade.

17. How long does it take to get results from the Regular to Reserve (R2R) Panel?

Since the results of the Panel have to be approved by DHS, it can take 6-8 weeks.

18. How will I be notified of the results R2R?

Once PSC-RPM receives the approved Report, the results will be posted via CG message traffic. Additionally, PSC-RPM will notify members and assist with proper handling of accession paperwork.

19. In regards to my E-Resume, how will I know about assignment?

The Regular to Reserve Panel process will automatically assign you to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR). If you desire a SELRES position, you must contact CG-PSC-RPM-2 at ARL-PF-CGPSC-rpm-2-Assignments@uscg.mil, after the R2R panel results have been published via CG Message traffic. Due to the timelines, members may have to compete in the offseason. See PSC-RPM-2 website <http://www.uscg.mil/rpm/rpm2/> for published deadlines, points of contact, and shopping lists.

20. How do I obtain the required 50 points in the IRR?

Please refer to Reserve Personnel Manual CIM 1001.28 Article 1.B.2. and CGPSC-RPM-3's website at <http://www.uscg.mil/rpm/rpm3/>

21. Am I guaranteed a USCG Reserve commission if I apply?

No, USCG Reserve commissions are not guaranteed, the accession numbers for Reserve commissions are based solely on the needs of the Service.