

Reserve Advancement FAQ Sheet:

This document provides answers to frequently asked questions concerning reserve advancement. However, where a conflict between this document and the regulations exist, the regulations shall govern.

1. I am separating from Active Duty and transitioning into the SELRES, can I add my name to the Reserve SWE List?

Yes, members whose name appeared on the active duty SWE eligibility list within one year of separation from active duty can request to have their names moved to the reserve SWE list. This applies to advancements to E-5 and E-6. Requests for members advancing to E-7 or above will not normally be approved unless there is severe shortage in the request rate. A trouble ticket to PPC-ADV is the first step to start the process.

2. If I advance to E-7 as a reserve member do I also need to obligate two years?

Yes, members advancing to paygrades E-7, E-8 or E-9 will incur a two-year service obligation.

3. How can I reserve members request to be frocked?

Members who are selected to advance or promote to the next higher pay grade can request approval from RPM to be frocked prior to actually advancing or promoting. The requests must contain supporting reasons, and are approved on a case-by-case basis. Members with PCS orders to a position at the new higher grade should review their order notes as frocking authorization is granted in some cases directly on the orders. See our template section for memo template for requesting frocking authority and certificate templates that can be used for frocking.

4. When will I advance?

In the reserve, it is difficult to estimate when a specific advancement will take place since many factors affect advancements including force strengths, members joining the SELRES from active duty, long-term ADOS assignments, retirements, and other factors. This is part of the reason why there is no cut on the RSWE.

5. I have a reserve member who wants to be added to the supplemental list?

PPC (ADV) manages supplemental lists, see the below link for more information.

<https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Portals/10/CG1/PPC/ADV/Reserve%20Supplemental%20Lists%20Information.pdf?ver=2017-03-02-094916-450>

6. How does requesting a change of rate impact advancement in my current rating?

- For direct lateral requests, without going to a-school, members are no longer eligible to promote in the present rating once the request is approved by PSC-RPM.
- Members completing a change in rate, with attendance of class "A" school, are no longer eligible to advance in the present rating once the member receives orders to class "A" school.

6. My unit lost my SWE exam what should we do?

As per COMDTINST M1000.2B, ch 3.B.3.d., in any case where the loss or compromise of a SWE is discovered, immediate notification must be made to CG PPC (ADV). PPC will determine if a compromise exists, and if an investigation must be convened.

Questions or concerns regarding reserve advancements:

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