

GOOD CONDUCT AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Service must have been performed under honorable conditions.

No court martial conviction allowed.

REQUIRED SERVICE		MINIMUM MARKS ALLOWED		
Expiring Between (Inclusive)	Years Continuous (Active Duty)	Proficiency	Leadership	Conduct
5-17-20 and 6-30-34	4 years	None	None	Individual 4.0
7-1-34 and 6-30-47	3 years	None	None	Individual 4.0
7-1-47 and 6-3-53 No limit in number of NJPs	3 years	Average 3.0	None	Individual 4.0 (Average 3.8)
7-1-53 and 7-31-58	3 years	Average 3.5	None	Individual 4.0 (Average 3.8)
8-1-58 and 10-31-60 Only one NJP allowed. No misconduct allowed. ¹	3 years	None	None	Individual 3.0
11-1-60 and 10-31-63 No NJP allowed.	3 years	Individual 3.0	Individual 3.0	Individual 3.0
11-1-63 and 12-31-79 No NJP Allowed. No misconduct allowed. ¹ No civil conviction for offense involving moral turpitude.	4 years	Individual 3.0	Individual 3.0	Individual 3.0
1-1-80 and 6-30-83 No NJP allowed. No misconduct allowed. ¹ No civil conviction for offense involving moral turpitude.	3 years	Individual 3.0	Individual 3.0	Individual 3.0
7-1-83 to Present No NJP, court martial, or equivalent civil conviction. No misconduct allowed. ¹	3 years	Average in each marking period of not less than 3 in any factor, and no conduct characteristic mark less than 4. ²		

¹As determined by CG Supp. To MCM

²Article 10-B-2, COMDTINST M1000.6 (series)

Early release and/or Discharge.

1. Between 14 July 1965 and 31 December 1979, persons serving in their first enlistment who meet the requirements for a Good Conduct Medal, except for 3 months or less of completing a 4-year period of continuous active duty due to early discharge under the provisions of article 12.B.7, Personnel Manual, COMDTINST M1000.6 (series), shall not be deprived of a Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal because of such early separation, or

transfer to inactive duty in the Reserve to complete a period of obligated service. Prior service in any of the Armed Forces is considered a first enlistment, and any later enlistment in the Coast Guard is considered reenlistment and is not subject to the above benefit.

2. The period of service for a second award shall begin on the date of return to active duty in a subsequent enlistment.
3. The reason for issuing a good conduct award for less than 4 years of service as indicated above shall be entered on page 7 of the service record.