

2009 MARITIME ENFORCEMENT LATERAL FAQ'S

1. As a PS, if I didn't send an ME lateral package in to the panel and the PS rating is being de-activated, what are my options now?

Answer: As of January 1, 2010 you will be placed on the Inactive Status List (ISL). However, between now and December 31, 2009 you may to submit a lateral rate change package (to a legacy rating for which you are qualified) in accordance the process described in [ALCGRSV 007/08](#), "CENTRALIZED OVERSIGHT OF THE RESERVE LATERAL CHANGE IN RATE PROCESS."

2. What is the ISL?

Answer: Inactive Status List (ISL), Standby Reserve. The ISL is a Reserve Component Category (RCC) that contains reservists who may be ordered to active duty in time of war or national emergency, if it is determined that not enough qualified reservists in an active status are available. Members on the ISL may not train for pay or retirement points, are not eligible for advancement or promotion, and do not accrue credit toward retirement.

3. What are my options after I am placed on the ISL?

Answer: To re-enter the SELRES, you will have to initiate a standard Lateral Change in Rating process (see FAQ #1 above). Other factors that affect your return to the Selected Reserve (SELRES) RCC generally include billet/position availability. Generally, any over-billeting, if required, will be accomplished in accordance with CG policy.

4. If placed on the ISL, how will this affect my retirement?

Answer: Your time on the ISL does NOT count toward retirement. Members on the ISL are not allowed to drill and do not earn retirement points. Members on the ISL are in an "inactive" status and await their expiration of enlistment and separation (including retirement).

5. If I was selected as a provisional ME, what does that mean?

Answer: You will be assigned a training rating indicator and will have 36 months to complete all remaining lateral requirements. Provisional members, designated by the Panel, with a "Note 1" will become permanent once they have a final security clearance. Members designated with a "Note 2" will become permanent once they have submitted a complete DD-2267 (Lautenberg Amendment). Once your command certifies completion, you will be a permanent ME.

6. I applied for a lateral change in rate but was not accepted. What is the process to lateral to a legacy rating?

Answer: A reservist's rating may be changed to maximize the use of his or her skills while simultaneously meeting the needs of the Service. Lateral changes in rating are authorized based on position vacancies and the desires and qualifications of an individual. To complete a lateral change in rate, a member must complete all performance qualifications, correspondence courses, and all required rating nonresident courses for the requested rating up to and including the pay grade sought. Detailed instructions can be found in [ALCGRSV 007/08](#), "CENTRALIZED OVERSIGHT OF THE RESERVE LATERAL CHANGE IN RATE PROCESS."

7. Where can I find the ME Enlisted Performance Qualifications (EPQ)?

Answer: The ME EPQs are posted on the CG Learning Portal. <https://learning.uscg.mil/portal.asp> After logging in, enter the Course Catalog, click on Enlisted Advancements, and then EPQ Library. ME-Maritime Enforcement Specialist will be listed with the other ratings.

8. Will I be transferred to an ME billet in January 2010?

Answer: No. The existing PS billets will become ME billets on January 1, 2010. Assignment to ME billets will take place as part of the normal assignment process. You should expect to remain in your current assignment while the Coast Guard Reserve transitions the assignment system to CG PSC-rpm over the next 18 months, depending on the needs of the Coast Guard. If you are tour complete and have been selected as an ME, you may move to another ME billet, as prescribed by CG policy. If you are not tour complete, you will be rated as an ME and should expect to complete your present tour.

9. I am a reservist who has been approved to lateral to ME. After I lateral to ME will I be able to integrate into the Coast Guard.

Answer: Lateral to the ME rating and integration into the active component are two separate processes. Members who desire to integrate are encouraged to communicate this desire through their command. All requests to integrate in to the Active component must be submitted to CG PSC-epm. Common questions about integration can be found at: http://www.uscg.mil/epm/docs/EAD_FAQs.pdf

10. I still have questions that have not been answered regarding my status as a ME. Who is the best person to address my specific questions?

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