

# Advancement Education & Training

## Coast Guard Institute Non-Resident (Rating) Training

### Enlisted Professional Military Education (E-PME)

**E-PME Performance Requirements**  
Military knowledge & performance standards used to prepare enlisted personnel to perform their jobs & for advancement

#### **Study Guide**

Self-paced learning tool based on E-PME Performance Requirements

#### **Advancement Qualification Exam (AQE)**

Test covering material in Study Guide and Performance Requirements. Three separate tests: E-3&4, E-5&6, E-7&8

### *EPQ/PQG/EOCT System*

**Rating Performance Qualifications (RPQs)**,  
Occupational knowledge & performance standards used to prepare enlisted personnel to perform their jobs & for advancement

#### **Performance Qualification Guide (PQG)**

Self-paced learning tool based on EPQs that systematically links skills learned on-the-job with supervisor input

#### **Rating Advancement Test (RAT)**

Occupational specialty test on material covered in PQG & EPQs. Tests for E-5s & E-6s in each rating (plus E-4s in strike-able ratings).

### *Enlisted Rating Advancement Training System (ERATS)*

**Rating Performance Qualifications (RPQs)**: core mission requirements of each enlisted rating individuals must be able to demonstrate proficiency in to advance in or change to that rating. Essentially, RPQs are a combination of the current system's PQGs and EPQs for each rating.

**Rating Advancement Test (RAT)**: a test on mastery of RPQs

ERATS will replace the current system rating by rating. The FS, MST, OS, SK, and aviation ratings are now under ERATS. The current plan is that all others will have completed the transition to ERATS by the end of 2015, but this date is not fixed. An ALCOAST will be published announcing another rating's transition.