

3.A.12.e. Physical Examination

A physical examination is not required in promoting an officer to the next higher commissioned grade.

3.A.12.f. Delaying Promotion

Each officer in the chain of command or Commander (CG PSC-OPM) is responsible for delaying a promotion if he or she knows the appointee has disqualified him-or herself after being placed on a promotion list. Disqualification here means any circumstance which casts doubt on the moral or professional qualifications of the officer concerned, including pending action by a board of officers, courts-martial, or investigative proceedings (14 U.S.C. § 271(f)). The following actions will take place in this event:

- (1) Reporting Requirement. A complete report of the circumstances recommending removing the selectee from the promotion list under Article 3.A.4. of this Manual shall be sent to Commander (CG PSC-OPM). If the promotion letter is used for notification, include it if received; a copy of the OPAL need not be included. The selectee shall be furnished a copy of the report and required to acknowledge receipt. Attach a signed copy of the acknowledgment as an enclosure to the report.
 - (2) Notification Requirement if Initiated by CG PSC. If Commander (CG PSC-OPM) initiates delaying a promotion, he or she shall advise the officer concerned in writing of the reasons for so doing and require acknowledgment of receipt.
 - (3) Board of Officers. The Commandant shall refer the case to a board of officers to recommend to the President whether to remove the selectee from the promotion list. The officer concerned will be afforded 10 calendar days notice of the proceedings, and may communicate by memorandum to the board via Commander (CG PSC-OPM-1) in accordance with Article 3.A.6.h. of this Manual.
 - (4) Board Findings and Subsequent Actions. The President of the Board will forward a report of the proceedings of the board containing a recommendation to the Commandant as to whether the officer should be promoted, along with reasons for the recommendation. If the Commandant finds removal from the promotion list appropriate, he or she will forward the report with endorsements to the Secretary of Homeland Security (acting as the alter ego of the President), who is the final reviewing authority. If the Commandant determines that removal is inappropriate, the case is closed, and the delay of promotion is cancelled.
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3.A.13. Frocking Officers Selected for the Next Higher Grade

3.A.13.a. Conditions for Frocking

Under the authority of 14 U.S.C. § 632, the Commandant may frock Coast Guard officers; i.e., authorize a brevet to the grade to which selected but not yet promoted.