



Personnel Procedures

AERONAUTICAL RATINGS, EMERGENCY SERVICES PATCH AND BADGES, AND GROUND TEAM BADGES

This regulation defines the requirements and outlines procedures for the award of CAP Aeronautical Ratings, Emergency Services Patch and Badges, and Ground Team Badges. **Note: Shaded areas identify new or revised material.**

1. **Aeronautical Ratings and Requirements.** Requirements for CAP-member aeronautical ratings are:
 - a. **CAP Cadet Pre-solo Rating:** Be qualified in accordance with CAPR 60-1, *CAP Flight Management*.
 - b. **CAP Solo Pilot Rating:** Be qualified in accordance with CAPR 60-1.
 - c. **CAP Pilot Rating:** Be qualified in accordance with CAPR 60-1.
 - d. **CAP Senior Pilot Rating:**
 - 1) Meet CAP pilot rating requirements.
 - 2) Have been an active CAP-rated pilot for at least 3 years (this service need not be continuous).
 - 3) Have a minimum of 1,000 hours pilot time logged in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs).
 - e. **CAP Command Pilot Rating:**
 - 1) Meet CAP senior pilot requirements.
 - 2) Have been an active CAP pilot or senior pilot for at least 5 years (this service need not be continuous).
 - 3) Have a minimum of 2,000 hours pilot time logged in accordance with FARs.
 - f. **CAP Glider Pilot Rating.** Qualified CAP pilot in accordance with CAPR 60-1 and hold at least a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) glider private pilot certificate.
 - g. **CAP Balloon Pilot Rating.** Qualified CAP pilot in accordance with CAPR 60-1 and hold at least a FAA balloon private pilot certificate.
 - h. **CAP Observer Rating:**
 - 1) Be qualified as a CAP mission observer in accordance with the CAP 60-series regulations or
 - 2) Graduate from the CAP National Mission Aircrew School Observer Track or equivalent program as determined by NHQ CAP/DO and certified by the school/activity director. Each wing and region is encouraged to host aircrew schools with the intent of certifying their members. All schools must ensure trainees meet the current regulatory requirements for qualification in the specialty before the rating is awarded.
 - i. **CAP Senior Observer Rating:**
 - 1) Meet CAP observer requirements.
 - 2) Have been an active flying CAP mission observer for 3 years (this service need not be continuous).
 - 3) Have a minimum of 100 hours certified flying time as CAP mission observer.

NOTE: Observer flight time and sorties should be logged in the same manner as pilots are required in the FARs (use of a pilot logbook or similar system is encouraged).
 - j. **CAP Master Observer Rating:**
 - 1) Meet requirements for CAP senior mission observer.
 - 2) Have been an active CAP mission observer for 5 years (this service need not be continuous).
 - 3) Have a minimum of 200 hours flying time as a CAP mission observer (see Note above).
 - 4) Have flown 20 sorties as a senior mission observer on SAR/DR missions.
 - k. **Waiver of CAP Service.** A request for waiver to substitute military-rated service for the senior and command pilot CAP service requirements must be submitted by wing commanders to the region commander and must include:
 - 1) Proof of the member's military aeronautical rating.

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2) Listing of FAA certificates and ratings held. A waiver may be requested anytime, and will be effective upon approval of the region commander.

2. Requirements for Award of Emergency Services (ES) Qualification Badges:

a. **CAP Basic Emergency Services Qualification Badge:** Complete all requirements of CAPP 213, *Emergency Services Officer-Specialty Track Study Guide*, Technician Rating. Note: Cadets can earn the Basic Emergency Services Qualification Badge as they can complete all of the requirements for this rating, though they cannot officially receive the Technician Rating until they become a senior member.

b. **CAP Senior Emergency Services Qualification Badge.** Complete all requirements of CAPP 213, *Emergency Services Officer-Specialty Track Study Guide*, Senior Rating.

c. **CAP Master Emergency Services Qualification Badge.** Complete all requirements of CAPP 213, *Emergency Services Officer-Specialty Track Study Guide*, Master Rating.

3. **Requirements for Award of the CAP Emergency Services Patch.** Current and qualified in accordance with CAPR 60-3, *CAP Emergency Services Training and Operational Missions* as a general emergency services member with one additional specialty qualification.

4. Requirements for Award of the Ground Team Badges:

a. Basic Ground Team Badge:

1) Be qualified as a CAP ground team member in accordance with the CAP 60-series regulations or

2) Graduate from the CAP National Ground Search and Rescue School Basic Course or equivalent program as determined by NHQ CAP/DO and certified by the school/activity director. Each wing and region is encouraged to host ground team schools with the intent of certifying their members. All schools must ensure trainees meet the current regulatory requirements for qualification in the specialty before the rating is awarded.

b. Senior Ground Team Badge:

1) Be qualified as a CAP ground team leader in accordance with the CAP 60-series regulations or

2) Graduate from the CAP National Ground Search And Rescue School Advanced Course or equivalent program as determined by NHQ CAP/DO and certified by the school/activity director. Each wing and region is encouraged to host ground team schools with the intent of certifying their members. All schools must ensure trainees meet the current regulatory requirements for qualification in the specialty before the rating is awarded.

c. **Master Ground Team Badge.** Be qualified as a CAP ground branch director in accordance with the CAP 60-series regulations.

5. Procedures for Awarding Aeronautical Ratings, Emergency Services (ES) and Ground Team Badges, and ES Patches:

a. Awards requests will automatically be generated when requirements for qualifications or certifications are earned and posted in the national headquarters qualification and certification system, but members may be required to provide proof of completion in order for commanders to approve awards properly. School/activity directors will publish and input certified graduate lists into the national headquarters qualification and certification system to avoid inundating command echelons with award requests. NHQ CAP/DO will provide approved school/activity directors limited access to the national headquarters qualification and certification system to input their certifications.

b. CAP wing or region commanders and school/activity directors, as appropriate, are the approval authority for the award of aeronautical, ES qualification, or ground team badges, and ES Patches to members within their organization.

c. When the wing or region commander approves the request, or the school/activity director certifies completion, the appropriate entry will automatically be made in the member's online records.

d. Ratings are effective the date the entry is approved by the wing or region commander, or the date the school/activity director certifies completion as appropriate in the national headquarters qualification and certification system.