



NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CIVIL AIR PATROL
CAP REGULATION 35-6
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Personnel Procedures
OPERATIONS RATINGS, AWARDS AND BADGES

This regulation defines the requirements and outlines procedures for the award of CAP Aeronautical ratings and awards, Emergency Services patch and badges, Ground Team badges, and Incident Commander badges.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES.

Updates have been made to incorporate aircrew and incident commander badges, allow for waivers for military and other government service across all operations ratings, awards and badges, and to allow for permanent wear of all operations ratings, awards, badges and patches authorized by this regulation. This regulation also allows for direct approval of ratings, awards, badges, and patches that are otherwise approved in operations qualifications. **Note: Shaded areas identify new or revised material.**

1. Aeronautical Ratings and Requirements. Requirements for CAP-member aeronautical ratings are:

- a. CAP Solo Pilot Rating:** Be qualified in accordance with (IAW) CAPR 60-1.
- b. CAP Pilot Rating:** Be qualified IAW CAPR 60-1.
- c. 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).
- d. 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 IAW FARs.
- e. CAP Glider Pilot Rating.** Qualified CAP pilot IAW CAPR 60-1 and hold at least a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) glider private pilot certificate.

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f. CAP Balloon Pilot Rating. Qualified CAP pilot IAW CAPR 60-1 and hold at least a FAA balloon private pilot certificate.

g. CAP Observer Rating: Be qualified as a CAP mission observer IAW CAPR 60-3

h. CAP Senior Observer Rating:

(1) Meet CAP observer requirements.

(2) Have been an active flying CAP mission observer or Surrogate Unmanned Aerial System Green Flag Mission Coordinator (GFMC) for 3 years (this service need not be continuous).

(3) Have a minimum of 100 hours certified flying time as CAP mission observer or GFMC.

i. CAP Master Observer Rating:

(1) Meet requirements for CAP senior mission observer.

(2) Have been an active CAP mission observer or GFMC for 5 years (this service need not be continuous).

(3) Have a minimum of 200 hours flying time as a CAP mission observer or GFMC (see Note above).

(4) Have flown 20 sorties as a senior mission observer or GFMC on actual missions (not training).

j. CAP Aircrew Rating: Be qualified as a CAP Mission Scanner (MS), Aerial Digital Imaging System Operator (ADIS), Airborne Photographer (AP), ARCHER Operator (ARCHOPR), ARCHER Trac Technician (ARCHTRK), Geospatial Information Interoperability Exploitation Portable Operator (GIIEP), Surrogate Unmanned Aerial System Green Flag Sensor Operator (GFSO), or Highbird Radio Operator (HRO).

k. CAP Senior Aircrew Rating:

(1) Meet CAP aircrew rating requirements.

(2) Have been an active flying CAP mission scanner for 3 years (this service need not be continuous).

(3) Have a minimum of 100 hours certified flying time as CAP MS, ADIS, AP, ARCHOPR, ARCHTRK, GIIEP, GFSO or HRO.

(4) Qualified as an ADIS, AP, ARCHOPR, ARCHTRK, GIIEP, GFSO or HRO

l. CAP Master Aircrew Rating:

(1) Meet requirements for CAP senior aircrew rating.

(2) Have been an active CAP mission scanner for 5 years (this service need not be continuous).

(3) Have a minimum of 200 hours certified flying time as a CAP MS, ADIS, AP, ARCHOPR, ARCHTRK, GIIEP, GFSO or HRO.

(4) Have a minimum of 20 sorties as a CAP ADIS, AP, ARCHOPR, ARCHTRK, GIIEP, GFSO or HRO on actual missions (not training).

m. Logging Flight Time and Sorties for Non-Pilot Ratings. 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 electronic system is encouraged). Use of WMIRS reports to document hours is acceptable, but may not include all hours or sorties flown over the member's life in CAP, so other sources may be accepted.

2. CAP Cadet Pre-solo Pilot Award: The "CAP Cadet Pre-solo Award" is not an aeronautical rating; it's an award earned by a CAP student pilot at a CAP flight encampment/academy that has successfully performed a flight demonstrating to an onboard CAP certificated flight instructor (CFI), that he/she has the ability to fly the aircraft without assistance from the onboard CAP CFI.

3. 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. 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.

4. Requirements for Award of the CAP Emergency Services Patch. Qualified IAW CAPR 60-3, CAP Emergency Services Training and Operational Missions as a general emergency services member with one additional emergency services specialty qualification.

5. Requirements for Award of the Ground Team Badges:

a. Basic Ground Team Badge: Be qualified as a CAP ground team member IAW CAPR 60-3.

b. Senior Ground Team Badge:

(1) Be qualified as a CAP ground team leader IAW CAPR 60-3 or

(2) Be qualified as a CAP ground team member – level one

c. Master Ground Team Badge. Be qualified as a CAP ground branch director IAW CAPR 60-3.

6. Requirements for Award of the Incident Commander Badges:

a. Basic Incident Commander Badge:

(1) Be qualified as a CAP incident commander at any level IAW CAPR 60-3 or

(2) Have been qualified as a CAP Mission Coordinator under previous requirements.

b. Senior Incident Commander Badge. Be qualified as a CAP Incident Commander – Level Two IAW CAPR 60-3.

c. Master Incident Commander Badge. Be qualified as a CAP Incident Commander – Level One IAW CAPR 60-3.

7. Waiver of CAP Service. A request for waiver to substitute military or other government rated service for the senior and command pilot, senior and master observer, senior and master aircrew rating, senior and master ground team badge, and senior and master incident commander badge for CAP service requirements must be submitted by wing commanders, through the region commander to NHQ CAP/DO. A waiver may be requested anytime, and will be effective upon approval of NHQ CAP/DO. Waivers for equivalent time towards badges and awards are not waivers of requirements towards earning or maintaining CAP qualifications for the CAPF 101 and serving in those positions IAW CAPR 60-3. Waiver requests must include:

a. Proof of the member's military or other government aeronautical rating or qualification like the DD 214 or other official service records from the agency which the member earned the equivalent qualification.

b. Listing of FAA certificates and ratings held if applicable.

c. Documentation of hours flown or time served in the equivalent qualifications.

8. Procedures for Awarding Aeronautical Ratings and Awards, Emergency Services (ES), Ground Team, and Incident Commander Badges, and ES Patches:

a. Awards will automatically be recorded when requirements for qualifications or certifications are earned and approved in the National Headquarters Operations Qualifications or other CAP membership systems hosted by National Headquarters; other awards will be manually entered. Members may be required to provide proof that they meet the requirements of this regulation in order for commanders to approve higher level awards or historic awards properly. School/activity directors will publish and input certified graduate lists into the National Headquarters Operations Qualifications and membership systems to avoid inundating command echelons with award requests. NHQ CAP/DO will coordinate limited access for approved school/activity directors to the National Headquarters qualification and certification system with NHQ/IT to input their certifications; requests for access should be sent to do@capnhq.gov at least 30 days in advance of the school/activity.

b. CAP wing or region commanders (or their designees) and school/activity directors, as appropriate, are the approval authority for the award of aeronautical ratings, ES qualification, ground team, or incident commander badges, and ES patches to members within their organization. Each wing and region is encouraged to host schools like the National Emergency Services Academy with the intent of qualifying their members. All schools must ensure trainees meet the current regulatory requirements for qualification in the specialty before ratings are awarded.

c. When the wing or region commander (or their designees) 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 their designees), or the date the school/activity director certifies completion as appropriate in the National Headquarters Operations Qualifications system.

e. Once a rating, award, badge, or patch is earned in accordance with this regulation, the member may continue to wear it even if they no longer hold the associated qualifications unless directed by the wing, region, or national commander to remove it through another formal command action.

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