

EAD/INTEGRATION FAQ

1. How long after I submit my request for EAD will I know if I have been approved?

A: There are several layers of people that have to review your request. This can usually take an average of 2 to 4 weeks.

2. What benefits am I entitled to while on EAD?

A: While on EAD you are have the same entitlements as any other active duty member.

3. If I am approved for EAD, am I obligated to come on active duty?

A: Technically, when you sign your request for EAD (CG-3472), this is a binding agreement. However, we usually allow from a couple of weeks to a few months before your EAD period actually begins. If you should change your mind about coming on EAD before the commencement date, you will need to inform CGPC-epm-1 in writing as soon as possible indicating that you have decided to decline your EAD contract. No other action is required on your part. However, should you desire to come on EAD in the future, you must submit a new CG-3472 for consideration.

4. If my rating has an SRB, am I entitled to receive a bonus for coming on EAD?

A: No. An SRB can only be acquired if you decide to integrate, and then only after you complete a minimum of 21 months of continuous Extended Active Duty.

5. If after entering EAD, I decide I don't like the unit I have been assigned to, can I request a transfer?

A: No. When we approve you for an EAD contract, you are brought on for a specific billet (position). It wouldn't make any sense to transfer you from a position where you are needed to one that may result in over billeting. Also, we don't bring reservists on EAD just for the sake of doing so. A reservist has to fill an actual position.

6. I'm very interesting in coming on EAD. Where can a get the form to request EAD?

A: You need to fill out form CG-3472. This form can be obtained from your local unit, the CG Reserve Web Site, Jet Form Filler or from the USCG Adobe Form on the Standard Workstation III.

7. Who needs to endorse my request for EAD?

A: Obviously, your current command needs to endorse it as well as the ISC (fot) in your area needs to endorse it as well.

8. Is there a list of positions that I can lookup that are available for EAD opportunities?

A: The best thing to do is contact the appropriate Assignment Officer for your rating for position vacancies.

9. Can I apply for EAD while attending Class "A" School?

A: No. You must first graduate from "A" School and receive a designator before applying for EAD.

10. I'm in a reserve only rating. Can I still apply for EAD?

A: Yes, there are many opportunities for members in reserve only ratings to come on EAD. However, if you are in a reserve only rating, you will fill an active duty rate position. For example, a PS would likely fill a BM, MST or even a PO billet.

11. In a reserve only rating, who is my Assignment Officer?

A: For the PS rating, the BM Assignment Officer will assign you to a position. On occasion, the MST and Special Assignment detailer may have positions you might be interested in. Generally for the IV rating, all positions are handled by the Special Assignments detailer.

12. I am currently on EAD and have decided I want to stay longer. Can I get an extension to my EAD contract?

A: Yes, EAD contracts are limited to a total of 4-years per contract. Almost all EAD's are initially approved for a period of 2-years. Provided you receive a good command endorsement and there is a Service need for you, then you can request an extension for up to two additional years.

13. My previous civilian employer has offered me a job; can I request to terminate my EAD early?

A: Generally no. However, each request will be decided on a case-by-case basis and you should not plan on an early termination of your EAD contract.

14. I recently joined the Coast Guard Reserve and am a non-rate. Can I come on EAD?

A: No. Only Petty Officer's E-4 and above and non-rates with a designator are allowed to come on EAD.

15. Are there any integration opportunities for members in a reserve only rate?

A: No. In order to integrate onto active duty, you must be in an active duty rating. Before applying for integration, you must request a Change in Rate to an active duty rate.

Note: Even if you CIR is approved, there is no guarantee that your integration request will be approved.