

# **PREVENTION OPERATIONS ASHORE QUALIFICATION INSIGNIA**



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Ref: (a) Military Qualifications and Insignia, COMDTINST M1200.1 (series)  
(b) Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series)

1. PURPOSE. This Instruction outlines the policies and procedures for earning the Prevention Operations Ashore Qualification Insignia.
2. ACTION. All Coast Guard unit commanders, commanding officers, officers-in-charge, deputy/assistant commandants, and chiefs of headquarters staff elements will comply with the provisions of this Instruction.
3. AUTHORIZED RELEASE. Internet release is authorized.
4. DIRECTIVE AFFECTED. Qualifications Required to Earn the Marine Safety Insignia COMDTINST 1200.2 dated 25 Feb 2021 is canceled. Reference (a) shall be updated to include reference to this Instruction as the requirements to earn the Prevention Operations Ashore Qualification Insignia.
5. DISCUSSION. The Prevention Operations Ashore Qualification Insignia replaces the Marine Safety Insignia. Although the actual insignia worn is the exact same, the Qualifying Competences have changed to align with the newly established Response Operations Ashore Qualification Insignia. The Marine Safety field is a major contributor of Coast Guard service to the public, and is well represented in the Coast Guard's three roles of Maritime Safety, Maritime Security, and Maritime Stewardship. This insignia recognizes members who have obtained the skills and experience to be considered professionals within the Marine Safety field as they manage and execute Coast Guard missions.
6. DISCLAIMER. This guidance is not a substitute for applicable legal requirements, nor is it itself a rule. It is intended to provide operational guidance for Coast Guard personnel and is not intended to nor does it impose legally-binding requirements on any party outside the Coast Guard.
7. MAJOR CHANGES. This revision reflects the realignment of Incident Management, National Strike Force and Emergency Management qualifications to the newly established

Response Operations Ashore Qualification Insignia. As a result, the insignia has been renamed from the Marine Safety Insignia to the Prevention Operations Ashore Qualification Insignia to reflect current Coast Guard organization.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT AND IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS. The Office of Environmental Management, Commandant (CG-47) reviewed this Commandant Instruction and the general policies contained within, and determined that this policy falls under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) categorical exclusion A3. This Commandant Instruction will not result in any substantial change to existing environmental conditions or violation of any applicable federal, state, or local laws relating to the protection of the environment. It is the responsibility of the action proponent to evaluate all future specific actions resulting from this policy for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), other applicable environmental requirements, and the U.S. Coast Guard Environmental Planning Policy, COMDTINST 5090.1 (series).
9. DISTRIBUTION. No paper distribution will be made of this Instruction. An electronic version will be located in the Coast Guard Directives System Library internally, and if applicable on the Internet at [www.dcms.uscg.mil/directives](http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/directives) .
10. RECORDS MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS. Records created as a result of this Instruction, regardless of format or media, must be managed in accordance with the records retention schedules located on the Records Resource Center SharePoint site at: <https://uscg.sharepoint-mil.us/sites/cg61/SitePages/CG-611-RIM.aspx> .
11. DESCRIPTION. Reference (b), the Prevention Operations Ashore Qualification Insignia is the same as the previous Marine Safety Insignia. The insignia is a gold rectangle with a trident extending within its length. A gold compass rose is centered above the trident with a silver shield covering the center of the compass rose. A braided rope runs the length of the trident and is intertwined with the compass rose.
  - a. The trident represents the three areas within the Prevention community – Commercial Vessel and Facility Inspections, Marine Investigations, and Waterways Management – and is also the recognized symbol of the Marine Science Technician rating.
  - b. The compass rose is a recognized symbol of the world, acknowledging the Prevention community's worldwide reputation, influence, and duty stations.
  - c. The shield represents the safety and protection of people, property, and the environment.
  - d. The combination of silver and gold in the same insignia represents enlisted members (silver) and the officer corps (gold). Not having a separate color insignia for each symbolizes the similarity of competencies required to fulfill the mission, regardless of rank/rate.

- e. The braided rope represents the Coast Guard seal, the Service, and its maritime heritage. The rope intertwined among the other symbols represents the coordination between all Prevention personnel and operations for successful mission completion.
12. ELIGIBILITY. Enlisted members (E-4 and above) and officers of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve, and Coast Guard civilian employees who meet the criteria outlined in the Instruction may be awarded the Prevention Operations Ashore Qualification Insignia.
  13. CRITERIA FOR TEMPORARY ENTITLEMENT. Eligible personnel are authorized for temporary wear when they meet the following conditions:
    - a. Attained four qualifying competencies as outlined in Appendix A.
    - b. Assigned to a billet of qualifying experience as outlined in Appendix A.
    - c. Certified by an issuing authority.
    - d. The temporary insignia may only be worn while actively serving in a billet of qualifying experience for which the issuing authority approved the insignia. Upon transfer to a new billet, the insignia must be removed from the uniform. Only one temporary insignia may be worn at a time.
  14. CRITERIA FOR PERMANENT ENTITLEMENT. Eligible personnel are authorized for permanent wear when they meet the following conditions:
    - a. Attained four qualifying competencies as outlined in Appendix A.
    - b. Completed five years of qualifying experience as outlined in Appendix A.
    - c. Certified by an issuing authority.
  15. ISSUING AUTHORITY. The issuing authorities for the Prevention Operations Ashore Qualification Insignia are unit commanders and commanding officers of the unit types outlined under Qualified Experience in Appendix A. Commandant (CG-741) is the issuing authority for individuals not currently assigned to a unit of qualifying experience, for those who began serving in the Marine Safety field prior to 1 January 1990, and for any separated or retired individuals. Members who earned the legacy Marine Safety Insignia are “grandfathered” in and can continue to wear the approved insignia. Issuing authorities must ensure that all requirements have been met before certification and that supporting documentation is entered in Direct Access.

16. DOCUMENTATION. For permanent entitlement, the Prevention Operations Ashore Qualification Insignia Certificate, maintained electronically on the Portal by Commandant (CG-741), must be signed and issued by the issuing authority. The unit's Servicing Personnel Office (SPO) must record award of the insignia in Direct Access and in the member's Personnel Data Record (PDR). For temporary entitlement, a Form CG-3307 (Page 7) entry must be made.
17. FORM/REPORTS. The forms referenced in this Instruction are available on the Coast Guard Standard Workstation or on the Internet: [www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-C4IT-CG-6/The-Office-of-Information-Management-CG-61/Forms-Management/](http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-C4IT-CG-6/The-Office-of-Information-Management-CG-61/Forms-Management/).
18. SECTION 508. This Instruction was created to adhere to Accessibility guidelines and standards as promulgated by the U.S. Access Board. If changes are needed, please communicate with the Coast Guard Section 508 Program Management Office at [Section.508@uscg.mil](mailto:Section.508@uscg.mil).
19. REQUEST FOR CHANGES. All requests for changes should be directed to Commandant (CG-741) who will coordinate a review of any proposed change with Commandants (CG-5P), (CG-5R), and PSC.

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#### Appendix A. Qualifying Competencies and Qualifying Experience

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### Domestic Vessel

T-Boat Inspector (TI)  
K-Boat Inspector (KI)  
Barge Inspector (BI)  
Dry-dock Inspector (DI)  
Hull Inspector (HI)  
Hull Inspector – Tankship (HT)  
Machinery Inspector (MI)  
Machinery Inspector – Steam (MS)  
Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit Inspector (MU)  
Offshore Supply Vessel Inspector (OI)  
Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner (FVSE)  
Inspected Towing Vessel Inspector (ITVI)  
[or predecessor Uninspected Towing Vessel Examiner (UT)]

### Foreign Vessel

Port State Control Examiner (PSCE)  
[or predecessor PSC Boarding Officer (EI)]  
Foreign Freight Vessel Examiner (FFVE)  
Foreign Tank Vessel Examiner (FTVE)  
Foreign Chemical Tanker Examiner (FCTE)  
Foreign Gas Carrier Examiner (FGCE)  
Foreign Passenger Vessel Examiner (FPVE)  
[or predecessor Control Verification Examiner (CV)]

### Facility Inspections

Facility Inspector (EU)  
Container Inspector (EC)  
Explosive Handling Supervisor (EB)

### Investigations

Maritime Enforcement Investigator (EO)  
Marine Casualty Investigator (FO)  
Suspension and Revocation Investigator (FN)  
Suspension and Revocation Hearing Investigator (CVSRO)

### Waterways Management & Contingency Planning

Waterways Management Representative (WWM-REP)  
Harbor Safety Officer (EK)

### Mariner Credentialing

License and Document Evaluator (FG)  
License and Seamen Document Examiner (FE)

Obsolete Competencies: Personnel may use previous versions of listed competencies to meet the four competency criteria. However, double counting will not be allowed. A revised competency cannot count as one of the four if the member also intends to count the original version of the competency. For example, a member may use the legacy Control Verification Examiner (CV) competency to help fulfill the insignia criteria, but may not also use the current Foreign Passenger Vessel Examiner (FPVE) competency. Any questions regarding prior competencies must be referred to the issuing authority for final determination.

### **Appendix A. Qualifying Experience (continued)**

Service at the following unit types and programs, in a billet with direct and regular involvement in Prevention Operations Ashore that would allow them to earn qualifying competencies as determined by the unit commander or commanding officer, satisfies the qualifying experience criteria for the Prevention Operations Ashore Qualification Insignia:

- Activities Europe or Far East
- Container Inspection Training and Assistance Team
- Detached Duty Marine Inspector billet
- Marine Inspection Detachment
- Marine Safety Detachment
- Marine Safety Unit
- Regional Inspection Office
- Sector
- National Center of Expertise
- Marine Industry Training Program
- Marine Safety Center
- Commandant (CG-ENG)
- Legacy Marine Inspection Offices, Marine Safety Offices, Groups, and Activities
- Eighth District Outer Continental Shelf Division
- National Maritime Center
- USCG Navigation Center (NAVCEN)
- Commandant (CG-741)

Commands of units not listed above may submit a written request for determination of eligibility to Commandant (CG-741) via the chain of command.