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**CLASSIFICATION OF COAST GUARD AVIATORS FOR PCG CAREER  
MANAGEMENT AND OTHER PURPOSES**

1. **REFERENCES** (a) PCG Aircrew Management Manual  
(b) Approved PCG Career Pattern
2. **PURPOSE:** This circular will provide policies and guidelines in the classification of Coast Guard aviators who shall earn similar merits as those officers who hold command at sea badge in the PCG career management and promotion systems.
3. **SCOPE :** This circular shall apply to all Coast Guard aviators who wish to satisfy the requirements for Command Pilot rating as defined in the approved PCG Aircrew Management Manual that will have equivalent merits as that of the Command-at-Sea badge.
4. **DEFINITIONS:**
  - a. General Line Officer - Any unlimited or unrestricted Coast Guard officer.
  - b. Command-at-Sea - Refers to a command of a commissioned vessel.
  - c. Rated Pilot - A Coast Guard aviator rated and determined competent to fly an aircraft in the inventory of the Command and other authorized aircrafts per approved PCG Aircrew Management Manual.
  - d. First Pilot Rating - Initial rating of a Coast Guard aviator in his aviation career.
  - e. Command Pilot Rating - Highest rating of a Coast Guard Aviator in his aviation career.

g. Pilot's Board – A board purposely created similar to that of a Command at Sea Board to deliberate matters related to Coast Guard aviation, such as aviation career management, selection of pilots, and among others.

**5. OBJECTIVES:**

a. To help develop a viable career for officers who would opt to spend part of his Coast Guard service in aviation duty

b. To hone expertise in Coast Guard aviation and fully utilize it in support of the overall accomplishment of PCG mission and functions.

c. To promote functional specialty as part of the PCG organizational and individual professional development.

**6. POLICIES:**

a. A Coast Guard aviator shall be categorized as an unlimited or unrestricted Coast Guard officer who given appropriate education and experience can progress to assume positions of major responsibilities in the PCG Career Pattern. (See Annex)

b. Coast Guard aviator who shall gain the benefits of this Circular are only those officers who have fully satisfied the requirements of a Command Pilot rating.

c. Advancement in rating of a Coast Guard aviator to a Command Pilot shall be in accordance with the approved PCG Aircrew Management Manual which can be achieved through either of the following options;

(1) Must have a rank of at least LCDR and must have logged a total flying time of at least 2,500 hours on fixed wing aircraft or 2,000 hours on a rotary wing aircraft.

(2) Must have successfully commanded a coast guard aviation organization of at least three (3) years for squadron level or at least two (2) years for unit or group level with a minimum of 500 flying hours as pilot in command.

d. In addition to the above provisions, a Coast Guard Aviator aspiring to have advancement to Command Pilot Rating shall also have to satisfy the following requirements;

(1) A Coast Guard aviator shall have satisfied a minimum three (3) years of shipboard assignment and have been qualified as a watchstander.

(2) A Coast Guard aviator who has satisfied the requirements for Command Pilot Rating shall have to pass the deliberation conducted by the PCG Pilot's Board to be composed of the following;

- a. Most Senior Coast Guard aviator - Chairman
- b. Four (4) Coast Guard Aviators - Members
- c. AC of S for Personnel, CG1 - Secretariat

(3) A Coast Guard aviator shall have completed the Coast Guard Staff Course or its equivalent as determined by the PCG Education and Training Board.

(4) A Coast Guard aviator shall have accumulated a minimum of five (5) years aviation duty as Rated Pilot aboard Coast Guard Aviation Group.

(5) A Coast Guard aviator shall have been assigned for at least three (3) years to HPCG Central or Coast Guard District Staff and Coast Guard Station.

(6) A Coast Guard aviator shall have no derogatory record and have not been meted out punishment under Articles of War for the past three (3) years.

(7) A Coast Guard aviator shall be currently a rated pilot and shall have satisfied the annual proficiency requirements.

(8) A Coast Guard aviator shall not be involved in any aircraft accident that may warrant disqualification for Command Pilot Rating as determined by the Pilot's Board.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a Pilot's Board

(1) Deliberate candidates and recommend to the Commandant, PCG the eligibility of a Coast Guard aviator for Command Pilot rating.

(2) Deliberate cases of a Coast Guard aviator for delisting from eligibility or withdrawal of award of Command Pilot rating.

(3) Deliberate other cases that falls under its cognizance as recommended by Commander, Coast Guard Aviation Group.

b. AC of S for Personnel, CG – 1

(1) Maintain and update Eligibility List of Coast Guard aviators who have awarded Command Pilot rating.

(2) Act or designate a Secretariat for Pilot's Board during deliberation of Coast Guard aviators aspiring for Command Pilot rating.

(3) Issue appropriate orders for Coast Guard aviators who have fully satisfied the requirements for Command Pilot rating.

c. Commander, Coast Guard Aviation Group

(1) Authenticate and keep records of flying time of Coast Guard Aviators.

(2) Program and conduct continuing education and training for Coast Guard Aviators.

(3) Program and conduct regular currency and proficiency training for Coast Guard aviators.

(4) Recommend Coast Guard Aviator for Command Pilot rating or withdrawal of same for deliberation of the Pilot's Board.

(5) Maintain Eligibility and Rating Lists of Coast Guard aviators.

d. Commander, Coast Guard Operating Forces

Review and endorse recommendations of Commander, Coast Guard Aviation Group in matters relating to this circular subject to the approval of Commandant, Philippine Coast Guard.

e. Individual Coast Guard Aviator

(1) Update and keep records of his flying time properly authenticated for the purpose of this circular.

(2) Take any opportunity for education and training related to aviation and maritime air operations.

(3) Submit himself to regular currency and proficiency training as directed.

8. ELIGIBILITY:

b. A Coast Guard aviator shall be awarded a Command Pilot Rating after fully satisfying all requirements upon the recommendation of the Pilot's Board and approval of the Commandant, PCG.

c. A Coast Guard aviator may lose his Command Pilot Rating eligibility in cases determined by the Pilot's Board and as approved by the Commandant, PCG.

9. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS:

Coast Guard aviators who have already been awarded Command Pilot Rating from PCG and any AFP aviation organization or currently holding a command of a coast guard aviation organization prior to the effectivity of this circular shall automatically gain the merits of its provisions.

10. RESCISSION:

All other publications or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this circular, are hereby rescinded.

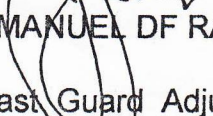
11. EFFECTIVITY:

This circular shall take effect upon publication.

BY COMMAND OF VICE ADMIRAL GOSINGAN:

RAMON C LIWAG  
COMMO PCG  
Chief of Staff

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COAST GUARD AVIATOR CAREER PATTERN

ANNEX

AGE	LEVEL	RANK	PERIOD	ASSIGNMENTS		SCHOOLING/ TRAINING	REMARKS
				AVIATION ORGANIZATION	PCCG ORGANIZATION		
23	Junior Level	ENS	3 yrs		Junior Billet Aboardship	Shipboard Billet Courses *	Must have completed a minimum of three (3) yrs shipboard duties
24							
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26			1 yr	Student Pilot		Basic Pilot Training	
27			2 yrs	Co-Pilot	Assistant Staff Officer, CGAG	Equipment Qualification Course Co-Pilot Qualification Course Out of Specialty Short Courses **	Performing Co-Pilot duty & at the same time as Asst. Staff Officer, CGAG
28			3 yrs	First Pilot	Staff Officer, CGAG	Transition Training Instrument Flight Rules Course Aviation Maintenance Course Maritime Air Surveillance Course	Performing First Pilot duty & at the same time as Staff Officer, CGAG
29			2 yrs	Air Station Commander	CG District Staff Dep HPCG Central Staff Comdr, CG Stn B & C Operations, CGOF Instructor Duty, CGETC	CG Command & Staff Course Air SAR Operations Course	
30	Command & Staff Level	LT	2 yrs	Squadron Commander	HPCG Central Staff C/S, CG District Comdr, CG Stn A & B	Pilot Recurrency Training (If Required) Aviation Safety Course Crisis Management Course Related Maritime Safety Courses***	
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33			2 yrs	Commander Coast Guard Aviation Group	Dep Comdr, CG District Deputy Comdr, CGOF Dep Comdr, Major Unit Special Assignments ****	General Staff Course MScMSA	
34			2 yrs			Related Maritime Safety Courses ***	
35			3 yrs			Pilot Recurrency Training (If Required) Aviation Safety Course Crisis Management Course Related Maritime Safety Courses***	
36			2 yrs			Pilot Recurrency Training (If Required) Aviation Management Course	
37			2 yrs			Aviation Management Course	
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48	Major Command Level	CAPT ↓ ADM					
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**\* Shipboard Billet Courses:**

- Mess & Supply Officers Course
- Deck Watch & Planning Officers Course
- Engineering Watch & Planning Officers Course

**\*\* Out of Specialty Short Courses:**

- Comptroller Officers Course
- Logistics Functions & Responsibilities
- Fund Accountable Officers Course

**\*\*\* Maritime Safety Courses:**

- Port State Control Course
- Flag State Control Course
- Marine Environmental Protection

**\*\*\*\* Special Assignments:**

- DOTC Representation
- IMO Representation
- WMU Representation
- Committee Membership

Comdr, CG District  
Comdr, Major CG Unit  
C/S, PCCG

IMO Committees/Meetings  
Additional Masters Degree  
Doctorate Degree

DCPCCG  
CPCCG





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COAST GUARD AVIATION GROUP  
DOTC Hangar, Domestic Airport Complex  
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15 December 2004

From: **Commander, Coast Guard Aviation Group**  
To: **Commandant, Philippine Coast Guard**

Subj: Proposed Circular Re: Classification of CG Aviators

Encl: Same as Subject

Ref: CPCG Verbal Instruction

1. Submitted herewith is the proposed CGAG circular defining a career pattern for coast guard aviators as revised per CPCG's guidance.
2. For your kind approval.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
**LINO H DABI**  
**CAPT PCG**

To: CB  
 Pres +  
 Prepare appropriate  
 for my approval  
 15 Dec 04

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