

Chief Petty Officer Uniform Allowances and Requirements

As we welcome the newest Chiefs into the ranks, it is important for all Chiefs to be knowledgeable of CPO uniform allowances (Initial and Replacement) and clothing requirements. Starting with the Special Initial Clothing Allowance (SICA), it is paid to Active, FTS and Selected Reserve Chiefs to obtain required clothing of CPOs. It is paid upon official advancement to the rank of Chief Petty Officer and not when frocked (Ref: DoD Financial Management Regulation Vol. 7A, Chapter 29). The SICA rate for FY21 is \$1,096.40 for males and \$1,146.23 for females. SICA is subject to change on 1 October of each fiscal year to align with the new fiscal year's clothing costs and requirements.



FY-19 CPO Selectees Uniform Fitting. Photo by Bruce Cummins (Source: www.dvidshub.net)

Table 1 lists uniform items required of a CPO, quantities and costs supported by the FY21 SICA. Table 2 lists E6 uniform items required of a CPO that are supported by the Standard Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance (see description provided below).

Table 1 – CPO Items (FY21 Prices)		Male		Female	
Item	#	\$ ea*	#	\$ ea	
Belt, Black, (No Buckle)	1	9.05			
Belt, Khaki, (No Buckle)	1	7.13	1	7.13	
Belt, White, (No Buckle)	1	7.20	1	6.88	
Buckle	2	6.89	2	6.89	
Cap Covers: Khaki, Poly/Wool	1	19.48	1	19.48	
Combination Hat w/White Cover	1	60.63	1	60.63	
Cap Device, CPO	1	17.55	1	17.55	
Gloves, White	1	5.82	1	5.82	
Insignia:					
Collar Devices; set	1	15.00	1	15.00	
Coverall Embroidery Package	1	3.00	1	3.00	
Rating Badge, Black	1	22.85	1	22.85	
Shoulder Boards, Soft; set	1	9.11	1	9.11	
Necktie/Neck Tab, Black	1	5.70	1	10.23	
Shirt, White, CNT	1	34.05	1	34.05	
Shirt, White, Poly/Cotton, Lg Slv	1	34.98	1	34.98	
Shoes, White	1	106.69	1	106.69	
Socks, White	1	4.98	1	4.98	
Trousers/Slacks:					
Khaki, Poly/Wool	1	83.25	1	83.25	
White, CNT	1	54.89	1	54.89	
Service Dress Blue-Coat/Trsr/Slck	1	381.93	1	368.75	
Service Dress White-Coat	1	178.85			
SDW Collar Devices; set	1	20.48			
Service Dress White, Coat/Slacks			1	267.18	

* Prices listed are effective 1 October 2020. Uniform prices are set every October 1st. If necessary, prices are adjusted during the FY.

Table 2 – E6 Items Required of a CPO (FY21 Prices)		Male		Female	
Item	#	\$ ea*	#	\$ ea	
Blousing Straps	2	0.98	2	0.98	
Boots, 9"	1	95.90	1	93.45	
Cap, Utility w/ACE Logo	2	12.34	2	12.34	
Coveralls, Utility	1	27.90	1	27.90	
Drawers, Cotton, White	8	2.17			
Gloves, Black Leather	1	24.32	1	24.32	
Jacket, Fitness Suit	1	56.08	1	56.08	
Liner, Fleece	1	69.57	1	69.57	
Mock Turtle Neck	1	33.03	1	33.03	
Pants, Fitness Suit	1	45.99	1	45.99	
Parka, Cold Weather, Bl	1	151.90	1	151.90	
Parka, NWU Type III	1	187.47	1	187.47	
Shirt, Khaki, Poly/Wool	2	36.76			
Overblouse, Khaki			2	34.94	
Shirt, NWU Type III	3	43.87	3	43.87	
Socks, 9" Boot	5	1.78	5	1.78	
Socks, Cotton/Nylon, Bl	3	0.69	3	0.69	
Trousers, NWU Type III	3	53.40	3	53.40	
Undershirt, Cotton, Br	4	4.98	4	4.98	
Undershirt, Cotton, Wh	4	3.03	4	3.03	
Shoes, Black, Dress	1	60.71	1	58.62	
Shirt, PTU	2	8.68	2	8.68	
Shorts, PTU	2	13.47	2	13.47	

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Common Items Not Supported by Clothing Allowances (not all-inclusive)

- Brooks Brothers SDB
- Dinner Dress Uniforms
- Jacket, Black (Eisenhower)
- Optional PTU
- V-Neck Sweater
- Riggers Belt
- CPO Cutlass & Components
- Skirts
- Other than sea bag issued shoes/Boot
- Brown Leather Shoes
- Female Pumps & Flats
- Medals, Warfare Devices
- Pea Coat/Reefer
- All-Weather Coat (AWC) (NOTE: Single Breasted AWC authorized for wear until 30 April 2021.)

Standard Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance (Standard CCRA):	Paid annually during the first 3 years following receipt of SICA and at the end of the advancement anniversary month. The Standard CCRA supports the replacement of E6 clothing items based on their individual wear life.
Special Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance (Special CCRA):	Paid annually to CPOs after completion of 3 years time in rate at the end of the advancement anniversary month. The Special CCRA supports the replacement of CPO uniforms and E6 uniform items required of a CPO based on their individual wear life.
Reserve Chief Petty Officers will receive 18 percent of the Active Duty CPO Special Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance. This allowance is paid annually during the anniversary month of the qualifying member.	

Save Your Money!

FACT: Khaki shirts worn by male E7 and above and E6 and below are of the same fabric, design and specifications! The difference in price of the two shirts is due to different distributors. Both are authorized for wear by E1 through O10.

We hope you share this information to the CPO Mess! Our goal is to raise awareness and to assist with proper budgeting for current and new CPO members.



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Want to Know More?

A complete list of uniform item prices, useful life, and annual replacement allowance values can be found in the Navy Uniform Regulations, under <https://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/uniforms/uniformregulations/Chapter1/Pages/SeabagActive.aspx>



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