



**ET CAREER PATH
FULL TIME SUPPORT (FTS)**



Electronic Technicians (FTS) are specialized technicians that are responsible for a wide array of communications, navigation, and RADAR equipment. ETs may be stationed onboard Surface Combatants, Naval Stations, Naval Air Stations and Naval Operational Support Centers.

YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO ADVANCE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/SHORE ROTATION	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT	
26-30	ETCM ETCS	22.8 Yrs 17.9	CMDCM/CMDCS, CSEL, CWO*	36/36	Shore Tour - CMDCM, CMDCS, NOSC CSEL Qualification: CMC/COB, SEA, RSEM, ELS	
				36/36		Sea Tour - CMDCM, CMDCS, DLCPO, CSMM Qualification: CMC/COB, SEA
20-26	ETCM ETCS ETC	22.8 Yrs 17.9 14.3	CMDCM/CMDCS, CSEL, CWO*	36/36	Shore Tour - CMDCM, CMDCS, NOSC CSEL Qualification: SEA, RSEM	
				36/36		Sea Tour- DLCPO, LCPO, CSSE Qualification: SEA, CSMM
				48/36		
16-20	ETCS ETC ET1	17.9 Yrs 14.3 7.7	CWO/LDO*	36/36	Shore Tour - CMDCS, NOSC CSEL, DLCPO, LCPO Qualification: SEA, RSEM	
				48/36		Sea Tour - DLCPO, LCPO, CSSE Qualification: SEA, CSC, SUWC, CSOOW, ATS, CSTT
				48/36		
12-16	ETC ET1 ET2	14.3 Yrs 7.7 3.2	LDO*	48/36	Shore Tour - LCPO, LPO Duty: As assigned Qualification: IAW Duty Type.	
				48/36		Sea Tour – LCPO, LPO Duty: Ship Qualification: CSC, SUWC, CSOOW, ATS, CSTT
				48/36		
				48/36		
8-12	ET1 ET2	7.7 Yrs 3.2	STA-21	48/36	Sea Tour - LPO, WCS Duty: Ship, CRS Qualification: SW, AW, EXW	
				48/36		Shore Tour - LPO, WCS Duty: As assigned Qualification: IAW Duty Type.
				48/36		
4-8	ET1 ET2 ET3	7.7 Yrs 3.2 1.4	STA-21	48/36	Sea Tour - WCS, Technician Duty: Ship, CRS Qualification: SW, AW, EXW	
				48/36		Shore Tour – WCS, Technician Duty: As assigned Qualification: IAW Duty Type
				48/36		
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1+/-	ETSN below Accession Training	9 Months		48/36	Recruit Training and A/C schools are required to be completed prior to reporting to their first operational command	
				48/36		



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Notes:

1. "A" School required
2. ET-FTS is a sea/shore balanced rating. ETs must maintain a secret security clearance.
*Some billets require TS-SCI
3. ETCS/ETCM billets are limited to 8CSC and 8CMC billets.
4. Qualified FTS Sailors may apply for LDO/CWO.
5. Acronyms:

ATS - Afloat Training Specialist
ATFP - Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection
CSC - Combat Systems Coordinator
CSEL – Command Senior Enlisted Leaders
CSSE – Combat System Senior Enlisted
CSMC - Combat Systems Maintenance Central
CSMM - Combat Systems Maintenance Manager
CSOOW - Combat Systems Officer of the Watch
CSTT - Combat Systems Training Team
FPTT - Force Protection Training Team
ITT - Integrated Training Team
MTS - Master Training Specialist
SCAT- Small Craft Action team
SRS - Surface Rescue Swimmer
SUWC - Surface Warfare Coordinator
VBSS - Visit Board Search and Seizure
WCS - Work Center Supervisor

Considerations for advancement from E6 to E7

1. Sea Assignments (all)
 - Leading Petty Officer
 - Warfare qualification(s) (platform dependent)
 - Qualified (I/P) OOD, CSOOW, Duty Dept Head; (U/W) CSOOW
 - Command Training Team member (CSTT)
 - Assistant Watch Bill Coordinator, Assistant Duty Section Leader
 - Afloat Training Specialist (ATS)
 - Military Education (PPME/JPME)
 - Community Service (MOVSM)
 - Sailor 360 with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions
 - FCPOA with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions
 - Command collateral duties with documented impact
2. Shore Assignments (all)
 - Recruit Division Commander (RDC)
 - Instructor Duty (MTS if available)
 - White House Communications (WHC) Team
 - Personnel assigned to Navy Operational Support Centers (NOSC) **SHALL** complete the NOSC Watchstander PQS (NAVEDTRA 43075)
 - Enlisted Recruiter (Silver and Gold wreaths)



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- Off duty education/degree
- Community Service (MOVSM)

Considerations for advancement from E7 to E8

1. Sea Assignments (all)

- Divisional LCPO/CSSE tour at an operational command.
- Qualified (I/P) Section Leader; (U/W) CSOOW, CSC
- Command Training Team (CSTT) Leader/Member
- Warfare qualification(s) (platform dependent)
- Military Education (SEJPME I/II)
- USMAP
- CPOA with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions
- Sailor 360 with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions
- CPO Initiation with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions

2. Shore Assignments (all)

- NOSC CSEL
- RDC (MTS available)
- Instructor Duty (MTS if available)
- White House Communications (WHC) Team
- Detailer
- Enlisted Recruiter (Silver and Gold wreaths)
- Completed Reserve Senior Enlisted Management (RSEM) course
- Warfare qualification(s) (duty station dependent)
- Off duty education/degree
- Qualified CDO/SDO
- USMAP
- Community involvement leading to MOVSM
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Consideration for advancement from E8 to E9

1. Sea Assignments (all)

- Departmental LCPO/CSSE tour at an operational command
- Completed Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) or other service equivalent
- Command Training Team (CSTT) Leader
- Major Command Collateral(s) with documented impact
- Senior Watch Bill Coordinator
- Warfare qualification(s) (platform dependent)



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2. Shore Assignments (all)

- NOSC CSEL/CMDCS/CMDCM or acting for a meaningful length of time with command impact
- OIC/AOIC
- Completed CMC/COB course
- Completed Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) or other service equivalent
- Completed Reserve Senior Enlisted Management (RSEM) course
- Major Command Collateral(s) with documented impact
- CDO/SDO
- Warfare qualification(s) (duty station dependent)
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