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NAVADMIN 147/23 announces the establishment of the Cyber Warfare Technician (CWT) rating. Current Cryptologic Technician-Networks (CTN) Sailors will be absorbed into the new rating entirely.

Establishment of CWT rating

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Who needs to know?

- Current CTN Sailors
- Deckplate Leadership
- Command Career Counselors
- Triads
- Recruiters

What you need to know – key points

- All current CTNs will be redesignated to CWT.
- Sailors will be required to change their rating badge to the new CWT rating badge within 1 year of date of NAVADMIN 147/23.
- Sailors will maintain all rating specific incentive pay currently entitled to CTN Sailors.
- Advancement exams will be changed from CTN to CWT in FY24.
- There are no changes to the E7, E8, or E9 evaluation and selection process.



Sample POD/POW Notes

- ATTENTION ALL CTNs! The CTN rating will be disestablished with all Sailors being reclassified as Cyber Warfare Technicians (CWT). Sailors will maintain their current NECs and incentives. Speak with your detailer today if you have more questions.

FAQ

Q. Why establish the Cyber Warfare Technician (CWT) rating?

A. CWT was established in direct response to the FY23 NDAA, which directed the Navy to establish a cyber-warfare rating for enlisted Sailors and for the new rating to be separate from the Cryptologic Technician (CT) field. The establishment of CWT recognizes the critical need for cyber specialization and aligns the specialized skillsets of CTN Sailors to the more appropriate Cyber Warfare field.

Q. Will I lose any incentives when converted from Cryptologic Technician—Networks (CTN) to Cyber Warfare Technician (CWT)?

A. While meeting the requirements outlined in the NDAA, leadership was committed to a “do no harm” approach to existing Information Warfare Sailors. No Sailor’s current incentives (Selective Reenlistment Bonus, Special Duty Assignment Pay, etc.) or advancement opportunity will be affected by the establishment of the CWT rating.

Q. Will I be taking a CWT exam in September? When will the rating exam be changed to the new rating?

A. Current advancement examinations in place for CTNs will continue for the September exam. Advancement exams will be labeled as CWT for FY24 beginning March 2024.



Q. Is anyone exempt from the rating redesignation? What if I am getting out? What if I am retiring?

A. All Active Duty and Selected Reserve (SELRES) CTN Sailors will be redesignated as CWT. The establishment of the rating will take effect June 28, 2023. All CTN billets and Sailors will be effectively changed to CWT as of this date.

Q. How does this affect our re-enlistment bonuses and multiples?

A. All rating specific incentive pay currently entitled to CTN Sailors will be awarded to Sailors after being converted to CWT. Future incentives (e.g. SDAP, SRB, etc.) for CWT will be announced in future updates.

Q. As a current CTN, what do I need to do in order to be redesignated a CWT?

A. The only action current CTN Sailors will need to complete is changing their rating badge to the new CWT rating badge. Sailors have 12 months to make the change.

Q. Will there be any change to the CWT Enlisted Career Path?

A. The CWT Enlisted Career Path will not be defined by a Sea/Shore flow. Current CTN policies will continue.

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