



Combat Control (CCT), Fact Sheet **AF Retrainee & Prior Service Entries**

Combat Control is one of the Air Force's most physically demanding and mentally challenging specialties. The physical stressors include a heavy dose of physical training (PT) in the categories of swimming, running, and strength exercises. Other challenges include combat skills training, land navigation, and hours of training in the field under all environmental conditions in preparation for special operations and ground combat missions in the world's most dangerous places. The nine month long CCT training pipeline combines early morning PT, classroom academics, and tough field training; as a whole this course requires a high level of commitment in both mind and body to succeed. Your enlisted experience will also be called upon to lead your team through training; you'll be an example to the new Airmen. Earning the red beret of CCT qualifies you as an air traffic controller, combat scuba diver, military free fall jumper, demolition trained, and a member of a very small and elite career field. Less than 1% of the entire AF can say they are CCT, meet the challenge, and join the ranks of those who are "First There."



▪ **Eyesight Requirements:**

- Standard: Must be at least 20/70 or better in both eyes and both correctable to 20/20 with glasses. Must have normal color vision.
- Waiver possibilities: If one eye is 20/70 or better and other no worse than 20/200, or if both eyes are no worse than 20/100.
- Note: PRK and LASEK and LASIK laser surgery is approved by AF. Applicant must wait 1-year after procedure, pre and post conditions must be met, and waivers to start training have been approved after the 3-month point.

▪ **Flight Physical:** Must be able to pass a Flying Class III.

- **Age:** Must join Air Force before 28th birthday. If person has any military time, it is subtracted from his actual age, if result is less than 28 he can still join. For example, person is 31, but had 4-years active duty. Subtract 4 from 31 = 27.

Prior/Sister Service: The Prior Service (PS) Enlistment Program is a direct duty assignment program, allowing a select number separated individuals to return to active duty. The PS program will access



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Applicants during each fiscal year, on a “first come, first served” basis. The total accession is subject to change based on Air Force needs. All CCT applicants require a CFM review.

- AFRS Group Commanders approves PS applicants to return to active duty if the following criteria are met:
 - Applicant must present last 5 EPRs, unless they were not in long enough to have 5.
 - The EPRs (or other service equivalent reports) must have all blocks on the front x'ed to the right and all 5's on the back.
 - Original entry ASVAB scores must meet minimum AFSC requirement.
 - Applicant must have performed duties in the requested return AFSC during their last term of enlistment. Retraining requests excluded.
 - Applicant must not require a waiver, ETP, or eligibility determination to re-enter.
 - If the applicant does not meet at least one of the above criteria then a CFM review is required.
 - Once the PS return is approved (by AFRS Group/CC or CFM), schedule/complete physical and send DAT along with a complete package.
 - There is no PS selective reenlistment bonus. HQ AFPC confirms all Date of Rank adjustments.
- **First Term Cross-Trainees:** 4-year enlistees can begin retraining application process at 24 months, 6-year enlistees at 36 months. This is submitted as an exception to policy, normal cross-training window is 35-months/59 months.
 - When the Cross-Trainee is ready to retrain, they will submit a Phase I package to the CFM through their chain of command. If selected, they will travel to Hurlburt Field, FL to attend the AFSOC CCT RETRAINING ASSESSMENT after which they will receive further instructions regarding their career choice.
- **Career Retrainees (NCORP):** Air Force policy permits retraining up to 16-years service. In the absence of a career opening ask for an exception to policy (ETP).
- **Height:** Minimum height 4'1" up to 6'8".
- **Weight:** Maximum weight (In compliance with AF standards table, however, maximum weight for jump school is 250 lbs).
- **Physical Fitness:** Must pass every element of the Physical Abilities and Stamina Test (PAST):
 - 2 x 25 meter underwater (Pass/Fail, 3 min between each) – 10 minute rest
 - 500 meter swim (freestyle, breaststroke, sidestroke), maximum time 11 minutes 42 seconds– 30 minute rest
 - 1.5 mile run, maximum time 10 minutes 10 seconds – 10 minute rest
 - Pull ups (palms away) in 1 minute, 8 x minimum reps – 3 minute rest
 - Sit ups in 2 minutes, 48 x minimum reps – 3 minute rest
 - Push ups in 2 minutes, 48 x minimum reps – 3 minute rest



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- The candidate will be required to take an initial PAST upon entrance into the Delayed Entry Program as pre-requisite for booking a job, as well as re-accomplishing the test 60-10 days before shipping to Basic Training.
- Note: Air Traffic Control cross-trainees have a 3-mile rucksack march carrying a 50-lb load in addition to the above test events.
- **Security Clearance:** Able to obtain a Secret security clearance.
- **Citizenship:** Must be a US citizen upon start of training.
- **ASVAB Score:** Must have a score of at least 44 in the General category.
- **Application Process via VMPF:**
 - Enter VMPF (need CAC); go to self service application, and request retraining button
 - Will now be on the retraining site; fill out the Personnel Processing Application (PPA) (the PPA replaces form 4032); PPA is submitted to the Air Force Contact Center (AFCC) for processing.
 - Once you have submitted your PPA you will get an auto reply with an incident number for future reference; you can go under “my stuff” to check status of retraining.
 - The AFCC is your main POC, contact number is DSN 665-5000, comm 210 565-5000
 - The AFCC will now determine your eligibility status
 - If approved the AFCC will reply to member with what documentation is needed, (i.e. medical flight physical, PAST, etc.)
 - The member will scan the appropriate documents and send back to AFCC
 - When AFPC approves eligibility of the retraining package its loaded into MILPDS and the AFPC Retraining section works your package and assigns you a class date to the Combat Control Selection Course (CCSC)
- **Recycled Retrainees: If you have successfully completed at least the first course (Lackland AFB TX) but not the entire pipeline and...**
 - ...did not graduate the Combat Control Apprentice course and your training record (125A) did not restrict you from returning to the CCT retraining pipeline then you may be able to return to training without going through the VMPF retraining application process.
 - Contact the AETC CCT Training Pipeline Manager for assistance.
- **Pipeline Schools:**
 - **Combat Control Orientation Course (CCOC):** Lackland AFB, TX (2 weeks)
 - Additional reporting instructions see: <https://etca.randolph.af.mil> Click on the AETC Command patch (second patch top row), then type “Combat Control Selection Course” in the Title Key Word area.
 - **Air Traffic Control Course:** Keesler AFB MS (72 training days/14.4 weeks)
 - **Basic Army Airborne School:** Ft. Benning GA (15 training days/3 weeks); <https://www.infantry.army.mil/videos/video05/index.htm>
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- **Basic Survival:** Fairchild AFB WA (17 days/2.5 weeks)
- **Combat Control Apprentice Course:** Pope AFB NC (61 training days/12.2 weeks)
- **Advanced Skills Training (AST), Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC)**
 - **3-phases (11-12 months)**

Note: All CCT School graduates move PCS to Hurlburt Fld, FL. Dependents are allowed to move, but not prior to the member graduating CCT School.

- **Formal Training Phase:** In processing, physical training, pre-scuba water confidence and academics. Attend AF Combat Diver Course (Scuba) at Panama City, FL. Attend Army Military Free Fall Course (MFF) at Fort Bragg, NC/ Yuma, AZ. Gain ATV/Dirt-bike Safety Course qualifications. (5 months)
- **Core Skills Phase:** Communications, survey, demolitions, Air Traffic Control, Forward Area Refueling /Rearming Point (FARRP) and fire support operations with helicopter and fixed wing aircraft. Completion of the CCT Career Development Course. (3 months)
- **Operational Readiness Training Phase:** Tactical vehicles, weapons, small unit tactics, advanced navigation, amphibious ops, static line jump week, MFF week, helicopter infiltration/extraction, Rigging Alternate Method Zodiac (RAMZ) airdrops. Introduction to Special Tactics, mission planning, reconnaissance, Combat Search and Rescue operations, amphibious operations, urban calls-for-fire, airfield seizure operations, special ops unique training and operations. (3 months)
- **Initial Assignment Locations after AST:**
 - Pope Army Airfield, (Fayetteville) NC (21st Special Tactics Squadron)
 - Joint Base Lewis-McChord, (Tacoma) WA (22nd Special Tactics Squadron)
 - Hurlburt Field, (Ft. Walton Beach) FL (23rd Special Tactics Squadron)
 - Kadena AB, (Okinawa) JA (320th Special Tactics Squadron)
 - Mildenhall AB, (England) UK (321st Special Tactics Squadron)
 - Cannon AFB, (Clovis) NM (26th Special Tactics Squadron) Activation pending
 - Assignment to 24 STS (Pope AFB) is possible after serving 2-years in an operational STS and successfully completing “24 STS Assessment” course
- **Special Pays (If pay qualifications maintained for each):** Total: \$900
 - Combat Diver (SCUBA): \$150/month
 - Military Free Fall (HALO): \$225/month
 - Demolition: \$150/month
 - Special Duty Assignment Pay (SDAP): up to \$375 month
 - Note: Other special reenlistment bonuses and special duty incentive pays may apply to qualified personnel in certain year-groups or location.
- **Internet Web Site:** See <http://www.afsoc.af.mil/specialtactics/> for additional information
- **AF Special Operations Training Center/Recruiting:** Capt Brian Hicks, 850-884-3346 (DSN 579), 1-800-831-USAF, email Brian.Hicks@hurlburt.af.mil



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NOTE: This Fact Sheet is a guideline. Rules, procedures, etc. change from time to time.



PRIOR SERVICE SCREENING FOR CCT CANDIDATES

The following point chart is used to assist in pre-qualifying Prior Service (PS) candidates for Combat Control - CCT (AFSC 1C2X1) duty. Start with the individual's Military Specialty score, add additional qualification points and combat bonus points to get a final score. A score of 30 points is recommended but not mandatory in order to request further screening by career field officials. Recruiter's will make copies of applicable diplomas, DD Form 214, last 5 Enlisted Performance Reports, Prior Service Physical Ability Stamina Test (PAST), other supporting documents and a completed point chart and forward to the CCT career field functional manager via mail service or e-mail.

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