

Aircrew Survival Equipmentman (PR)



Aircrew Survival Equipmentman (PR) are responsible for keeping parachutes, life rafts, personal flight gear, and other aviation survival gear in proper working condition.

These technicians may also volunteer to fly as Naval aircrew. Aircrew perform numerous in-flight duties and operate aircraft systems in turbojet, helicopter, or propeller aircraft. Aircrew earn additional pay for flying. (See the Aircrew Program for details.)

In addition, PR's may volunteer for programs such as SEAL Team or EOD. See (See the Special Warfare Program for details.)

What They Do

The duties performed by PRs include:

- o inspecting, maintaining and repairing survival equipment, flight gear and protective clothing (anti-gravity suits etc.);
- o using, adjusting, maintaining and repairing sewing machines;
- o inspecting and testing oxygen regulators, liquid oxygen converters and safety equipment;
- o repairing, packing and rigging parachutes;
- o equipping and packing life rafts;
- o manufacturing various types of fabric work and webbing assemblies used in survival equipment.

Credit Recommendations

The American Council on Education recommends that 2 semester hour credits be awarded in the vocational certificate category in sewing machine operation, service, and maintenance, and 2 in parachute packing and inspection; additionally, 3 semester hours in lower-division bachelor's/associate's degree category in aviation safety equipment repair/maintenance. Credits may also be earned for other follow-on training ("C" schools) throughout your career.

Career Path After Recruit Training

Enlistees are taught the fundamentals of this rating through formal Navy schooling. Advanced technical and operational training is available in this rating during later stages of career development.

School	Present Location	Approximate Training Time	Subjects	Training Methods
Class "A" Technical School	NTTC Pensacola, FL.	PR Core and Strand "A" School Pensacola, FL. Approximately 3-7 Weeks	Aviation basic theory and basic skills required for rating	Group instruction and practical application

After "A" school, most Aircrew Survival Equipmentmen are assigned to squadrons, aircraft carriers or other Navy ships carrying aircraft, or Naval Air Stations. There they learn more advanced skills in their rating through on-the-job training. PRs going to intermediate level maintenance for their first assignment will attend a four-week "A" school strand following basic core "A" school. Advanced technical and operational training is also available in this rating during later stages of career development. During a 20-year period in the Navy, PRs spend about 50 percent of their time assigned to fleet units and 50 percent to shore stations

Qualifications and Interest

Personnel in the PR rating should be people-oriented, have a good memory, be resourceful, meticulous at detail work and record keeping, possess good manual dexterity and have an orientation toward tools, equipment and machines. They must be able to work well as part of a team.

Helpful attributes are curiosity, writing and speaking skills and physical fitness. PRs must possess a complete awareness and appreciation of details and be able to follow through every step of the way.

Working Environment

Duties in the PR rating are usually performed indoors in aircraft hangars and on board carriers. They also may work outdoors on flight decks and on Naval Air Station flight lines.

Opportunities

The opportunities for placement in this rating are good for qualified applicants. About 1,600 men and women work in the PR rating.

Related Civilian Jobs-

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11-1021.00 General and Operations Managers
 11-3061.00 Purchasing Managers
 47-4041.00 Hazardous Materials Removal Workers
 47-5031.00 Explosives Workers, Ordnance Handling Experts, and Blasters
 49-9093.00 Fabric Menders, Except Garment
 51-1011.00 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Production and Operating Workers
 51-6031.00 Sewing Machine Operators
 51-6051.00 Sewers, Hand

Since Navy programs and courses are revised at times, the information contained on this rating card is subject to change.

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