

E-ICAM Sponsor Requirement Changes



BLUF: On 16-JULY-2024, the rules that govern E-ICAM AMID accounts that require sponsorship and the eligibility to sponsor will change. These accounts are used, for example, in applications via EAMS-A, AESD, and direct-LDAP queries.

Change Summary

Users Requiring Sponsorship: *Is relaxed* as US Citizenship is no longer a requirement.

Sponsoring Others: *Is tightened* as branch of service is limited to Army-only and pay-grade criteria is added.

Change Detail

End-Users Requiring Sponsorship	
Current Rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Users without a CAC or users that are not a U.S. Citizen (excluding active Army).
New Rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Users without a CAC.

Those Users Who Can Sponsor	
Current Rule	Anyone that meets these criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Holds a CACBranch of Service is Army, Navy, or DoDPTC is one of these: MIL, CIV or NAFIs a U.S. Citizen Or Active Military (regardless of citizenship) may sponsor: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Or Active Army MIL with a CAC.
New Rule	Anyone that meets these criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Holds a CACBranch of Service is ArmyPTC is one of these: MIL, CIV or NAFIs a U.S. CitizenIs an Officer or Warrant Officer OR their pay grade is equal or greater than E7, GS12, NH03 and NJ04 Or Active Military (regardless of citizenship) may sponsor: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Holds a CACBranch of Service is ArmyPTC is MILPay grade is equal or greater than E7 – including officers

Change Reason

The Army E-ICAM program has updated operational guidelines and terms of agreement for sponsors and accounts requiring sponsors in support of Federal and DoD mandates to incorporate a Zero Trust security model across the Army Unified Network. Additionally, the rules were reviewed with the objective to streamline and simplify the process.

Significance

As a current sponsor:

1. If you currently sponsor a person because they are not a US Citizen and they have a CAC, then there is no action on your part. The link between you and the guest will be dissolved.

2. If you currently sponsor a person who does not have a CAC, then the guest will still require a sponsor. If you are losing eligibility to sponsor, then you will have to transfer your guest accounts to authorized Army sponsors.

As a sponsored guest:

1. If you are a CAC holder and are not a US citizen with a DOD Enterprise named account, then the account will simply become unsponsored with no name change without any action on your part.
2. If you are a CAC holder and are not a US citizen with a "SPN" account (e.g., Jon.Williams7.spn) then the account will be replaced with an unsponsored DOD Enterprise named account (e.g., Jonathan.a.williams32.ln, Jonathan.a.williams.fn, etc.). You will be required to CAC login to the ICAM Portal and update your password and security questions. Your new username will be displayed in the ICAM Portal if you should require it.

FAQs

Question: What will happen to the link between sponsors? Will sponsors or even the guest-users who no longer require sponsorship notice anything or will it be transparent?

Answer: After go-live, the sponsorship link between the two will be dissolved and the 'guest' will remain active. If the person sponsored does not have a CAC, then the link will remain if the sponsor meets the criteria. If the sponsor does not meet the criteria, then the guest account will be deactivated if the sponsor did not transfer the guest before the go-live date.

Question: For eligibility to sponsor, does grade still apply to active U.S. Army?

Answer: Yes

Question: Will personnel be impacted if they are issued tokens instead of CACs?

Answer: No, personnel that are issued NEATS, PIV, or ALT smart cards etc. should not be impacted by this update.