

Command Financial Specialist Course

MCO 1700.37 requires units to have qualified Command Financial Specialists (CFSs) readily available to provide financial training, education and information and referrals. The Personal Financial Managers (PFMs) train selected Marines and conduct unit inspections as needed. Upon completion of the 40 hour course the CFS is expected to serve as the command's principal advisor on policies and matters related to personal finance.

MCO 1700.37 mandates the following criteria:

- Minimum pay grade E5, WO, O1
- Highly motivated and financially stable
- Be designated in writing by the Commanding Officer/OIC (see MCO 1700.37 for template)
- Have at least 1 year remaining with current command
- Participate in continuing education (forums/refresher training) Functions of the CFS:
- Provide counseling, briefs, workshops
- Utilize approved internal/external financial resources
- Update PFMs with financial trends or metrics
- Assist in development of Extended Absence Plans, Family Care Plans and Financial Screening prior to overseas/special duty assignments
- Reference MCO 1700.37 and program's inspection checklist for details

Corporal for Financial Fitness

Corporal for Financial Fitness (CFF) Course is a trained Corporal who is nominated to attend a 2 day course. The CFF is expected to provide peer-to-peer influence by sharing the knowledge obtained with their peers. The CFF will support the unit Command Financial Specialist (CFS) and installation Personal Finance Managers (PFM) by bringing awareness to personnel with financial trends and educational needs.

Eligibility:

- Command endorsed
- No NJP/poor performance counseling above
- Lance Corporal
- Have at least 1 year remaining with current command
- Reference MCO 1700.37 for details

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