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Subpart A—General

§ 10.101 Purpose of regulations.

(a) The purposes of the regulations in this part are to provide—

(1) A comprehensive means of determining the qualifications an applicant must possess to be eligible for a license as a deck officer, engineer, pilot, radio officer, or radio operator on merchant vessels, or for a license to operate uninspected towing vessels or uninspected passenger vessels, or for a certificate of registry as a staff officer; and

(2) A means of determining that an applicant is competent to serve as a master, chief mate, officer in charge of a navigational watch, chief engineer officer, second engineer officer (first assistant engineer), officer in charge of an engineering watch, designated duty engineer, or radio operator, in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended in 1995 (STCW), and other laws, and to receive the appropriate certificate or endorsement as required by STCW.

(b) With few exceptions, these regulations do not specify or restrict licenses to particular types of service such as tankships, freight vessels or passenger vessels. However, all licensed personnel shall become familiar with the relevant characteristics of each vessel prior to assuming their duties. As appropriate, these characteristics include but are not limited to: general arrangement of the vessel; maneuvering characteristics; proper operation of the installed navigation equipment; fire-fighting and lifesaving equipment; stability and loading characteristics; emergency duties; and main propulsion and auxiliary machinery, including steering gear systems and controls.

(c) The regulations in subpart C of this part prescribe the requirements applicable to—

(1) Each approved training course, if the training course is to be acceptable as a partial substitute for service or for a required examination, or as training required for a particular license or license endorsement; and

(2) All training and assessment associated with meeting the standards of competence established by STCW.

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§ 10.102 Incorporation by reference.

(a) Certain material is incorporated by reference into this part with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. To enforce any edition other than that specified in paragraph (b) of this section, the Coast Guard must publish notice of change in the FEDERAL REGISTER and must ensure that the material is available to the public. All approved material is available for inspection at the U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Operating and Environmental Standards, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html. All material is available from the sources indicated in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) The material incorporated by reference in this part and the sections affected are as follows: *International Maritime Organization (IMO)*, 4 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SR, England. The STCW—International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (the STCW Convention, or the STCW)—and Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Code (the STCW Code), approved for incorporation by reference in sections 10.103; 10.205; 10.304; 10.603; 10.901; 10.903; 10.1005; and 10.1105 of this part.

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§ 10.103 Definitions of terms used in this part.

Apprentice mate (steersman) of towing vessels means a mariner qualified to perform watchkeeping on the bridge,

aboard a towing vessel, while in training under the direct supervision of a licensed master or mate (pilot) of towing vessels.

Approved means approved by the Coast Guard in accordance with § 10.302.

Approved training means training that is approved by the Coast Guard or meets the requirements of § 10.309.

Assistant engineer means a qualified officer in the engine department.

Assistance towing means towing a disabled vessel for consideration.

Ballast control operator (BCO) is a licensed officer restricted to service on MODUs. The duties involve the operation of the complex ballast system found on many MODUs. A ballast control operator, when assigned to a MODU, is the equivalent of a conventionally licensed mate.

Barge supervisor (BS) is a licensed officer restricted to service on MODUs. The duties involve support to the OIM in marine related matters including, but not limited to, maintaining watertight integrity, inspecting and maintaining mooring and towing components, and the maintenance of emergency and other marine related equipment. A barge supervisor, when assigned to a MODU is the equivalent of a conventionally licensed mate.

Boatswain means the leading seaman and immediate supervisor of unlicensed deck personnel who supervises the maintenance of deck gear.

Chief engineer means any person responsible for the mechanical propulsion of a vessel and who is the holder of a valid license as chief engineer.

Chief mate means the deck officer next in seniority to the master and upon whom the command of the vessel will fall in the event of the incapacity of the master.

Coast Guard-accepted means that the Coast Guard has officially acknowledged in writing that the material or process at issue meets the applicable requirements; that the Coast Guard has issued an official policy statement listing or describing the material or process as meeting the applicable requirements; or that an entity acting on behalf of the Coast Guard under a Memorandum of Agreement has determined that the material or process meets the applicable requirements.