

**Coast Guard, DHS**

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**§ 10.203 Quick reference table for license and certificate of registry requirements.**

certificates of registry. Provisions in the reference section are controlling.

Table 10.203 provides a guide to the requirements for various licenses and

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License category	Minimum age	Citizenship requirement	Physical required	Experience requirements	Recommendations and character check	Firefighting certificate	Professional exam requirements	Recency of Service	First aid and CPR requirements
Masters/mates and operators of uninspected passenger vessels (original license).	21; 10.201(f); Note: exceptions.	Yes; 10.201(e); Note: exception.	Yes; 10.205(d); Note: (d)(2).	Yes; 10.205(e); subpart D.	Yes; 10.205(f)	Yes; 10.205(g); Note: exceptions.	Yes; 10.205(i); 10.910; Note: 10.903(b).	Yes; 3 months past 36 months, 10.202(e).	Yes, in 10.205(h).
Engineers (original license)	21; 10.201(f); Note: exceptions.	Yes	Yes; 10.205(d); Note: (d)(3).	10.205(e); subpart E.	Yes; 10.205(f);	Yes; 10.205(g)	Yes; 10.205(i); 10.950.	Yes; 3 months in past 36 months, 10.202(e).	Yes; 10.205(h).
All raises of grade	21; 10.201(f); Note: exceptions.	Yes	10.207(e); Note: (e)(1).	10.207(c); subparts D & E.	N/A	Yes; Note: 10.207(f).	10.207(d); 10.910; 10.920; 10.950.	Yes; 3 months in past 36 months, 10.202(e).	N/A.
License renewals	N/A	Yes	10.209(d)	10.209(c)	N/A	N/A	10.209(c)	10.209(c)	N/A.
COR renewals	N/A	Yes	No	10.209(c)(5)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A.
Pilot	21	Yes	Yes; 10.709	10.703; 10.706(a), 10.715.	Yes; 10.205(f)	N/A	10.707, 10.910	Yes; 10.703, 10.705(e), 10.713.	Yes; 10.205(h).
Uninspected fishing industry vessels.	21; 10.201(f); Note: exceptions.	Yes	Yes; 10.205(d); Note: (d)(2) or (d)(3).	Deck; 10.462, Eng; 10.530, 10.205(f).	Yes; 10.205(f)	Yes; 10.205(g)	Yes; 10.205(i); 10.910; 10.950(oral).	Yes; 3 months in past 36 months, 10.202(e).	Yes; 10.205(h).
Towing vessels	Master of towing vessels; 21; mate (pilot) of towing vessels; 19; apprentice mate (steersman); 18.	Yes	Yes; 10.205(d); Note: (d)(2).	10.464	Yes; 10.205(f)	Yes; 10.205(g) oceans.	Yes; 10.205(i); 10.910.	Yes; 3 months in past 36 months, 10.202(e).	Yes; 10.205(h).
Radio officer	19	Yes	Yes; 10.205(d); Note: (d)(3).	10.603	Yes; 10.205(f)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes; 10.205(h).
Staff officer	21	Yes	No	10.807	Yes; 10.205(f)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A.
Offshore installation manager, charge supervisor, ballast control operator.	21; 10.201(f); Note: exceptions.	Yes	Yes; 10.205(d); Note: (d)(3).	Deck; 10.468, Eng; 10.540.	Yes; 10.205(f)	Yes; 10.205(g)	Yes; 10.205(i); 10.920.	Yes; 3 months in past 36 months, 10.202(e).	Yes; 10.205(h).

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#### § 10.204 Right of appeal.

Any person directly affected by a decision or action taken under this part, by or on behalf of the Coast Guard, may appeal therefrom in accordance with subpart 1.03 of this chapter.

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#### § 10.205 Requirements for original licenses, certificates of registry, and STCW certificates and endorsements.

(a) *General.* The applicant for an original license or certificate of registry shall present satisfactory documentary evidence of eligibility in respect to the requirements of this section. Each applicant shall make written application on a Coast Guard furnished form and, unless exempted under § 10.112, submit the evaluation fee set out in table 10.109 in § 10.109.

(b) *Minimum age.* The applicant shall present satisfactory proof of age as prescribed in § 10.201(f). This evidence may be any of the items submitted to establish citizenship.

(c) *Citizenship.* (1) The OCMI may reject any evidence of citizenship that is not believed to be authentic. Acceptable evidence of citizenship may be an original or certified copy of the following:

(i) Birth certificate or birth registration.

(ii) Certificate of naturalization (original must be presented; photocopies are unlawful).

(iii) Baptismal certificate or parish record recorded within one year after birth.

(iv) Statement of a practicing physician certifying attendance at the birth and who possesses a record showing the date and location at which it occurred.

(v) State Department passport.

(vi) A merchant mariner's document issued by the Coast Guard which shows the holder as a United States citizen.

(vii) Delayed certificate of birth issued under a state seal in the absence of any collateral facts indicating fraud in its procurement.

(viii) Certificate of Citizenship issued by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(2) If none of the requirements set forth in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (c)(1)(viii) of this section can be met by the applicant, the individual shall make a statement to that effect, and may submit data of the following character for consideration:

(i) Report of the Census Bureau showing the earliest available record of age or birth. Request for such information should be addressed to the Personal Census Service Branch, Bureau of the Census, Pittsburgh, KS 66762. In making such request, the use of Form BC-600, Application for Search of Census Records, furnished by the Bureau is required.

(ii) Affidavits of parents, relative, or two or more responsible citizens of the United States stating citizenship.

(iii) School records, immigration records, or insurance policies.

(d) *Physical examination.* (1) All applicants for an original license must pass an examination given by a licensed physician or a licensed physician assistant and present to the OCMI a completed Coast Guard physical examination form, or the equivalent, executed by the physician. This form must provide information on the applicant's acuity of vision, color sense, and general physical condition. This examination must have been completed prior to submission of the application and not more than 12 months prior to issuance of the license. (Physical examinations are not required for staff officers.)

(2) For an original license as master, mate, pilot, or operator, the applicant must have vision correctable to at least 20/40 in each eye and uncorrected vision of at least 20/200 in each eye. The color sense must be determined to be satisfactory when tested by any of the following methods, without the use of color sensing lenses:

(i) Pseudoisochromatic Plates (Dvorine, 2nd Edition; AOC; revised edition or AOC-HRR; Ishihara 16-, 24-, or 38-plate editions).

(ii) Eldridge—Green Color Perception Lantern.