

(i) A certificate for operator of radio in the GMDSS issued by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC); and

(ii) A certificate of completion from a Coast Guard-approved or accepted course for operator of radio in the GMDSS or from another approved or accepted program of training and assessment covering the same areas of competence. The course or program must be sufficient to establish that the applicant is competent to perform radio duties on a vessel participating in the GMDSS and meets the standard of competence under STCW Regulation IV/2.

(2) Paragraph (n)(1) of this section does not apply to a candidate intending to serve only as a pilot, or intending to serve only on vessels not required to comply with the provisions of the GMDSS in Chapter IV of the Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended (SOLAS).

(3) Each candidate presenting a certificate described in paragraph (n)(1) of this section may have his or her STCW certificate suitably endorsed with his or her GMDSS qualification.

(o) *Procedures for bridge team work.* Except as otherwise provided by § 10.202, each candidate for an STCW certificate as master or mate for service on vessels in ocean or near-coastal service, shall present sufficient documentary proof that he or she understands and can effectively apply procedures for bridge team work as an essential aspect of maintaining a safe navigational watch, taking into account the principles of bridge-resource management enumerated in Section B-VIII/2 of the STCW Code.

(p) *Practical demonstration of skills.* Each candidate for an original license shall successfully complete any practical demonstrations required under this part and appropriate to the particular license concerned, to prove that he or she is sufficiently proficient in skills required under subpart I of this part. The OCMI must be satisfied as to the authenticity and acceptability of all evidence that each candidate has successfully completed the demonstrations required under this part in the presence of a designated examiner. The OCMI will place in the file of each can-

didate a written or electronic record of the skills required, the results of the practical demonstrations, and the identification of the designated examiner in whose presence the requirements were fulfilled.

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§ 10.207 Requirements for raises of grades of licenses.

(a) *General.* Before any person is issued a raise of grade of license, the applicant shall present satisfactory documentary evidence of eligibility. 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) *Surrendering old license.* Upon the issuance of a new license for raise of grade, the applicant shall surrender the old license to the OCMI. If requested, the old license is returned to the applicant after cancellation.

(c) *Age, experience, training, and assessment.* (1) Each applicant for a raise of grade of license shall establish that he or she possesses the age, experience, and training necessary, and has been examined and otherwise assessed as may be required by this part to establish competence to hold the particular license requested, before he or she is entitled to a raise in grade of license.

(2) Applicants for raise of grade of license shall present to the OCMI at a Regional Examination Center, letters, discharges, or other official documents certifying to the amount and character of their experience and the names of the vessels on which acquired. Certificates of discharge are returned to the applicant after review by the OCMI. All other documentary evidence of service, or copies thereof, are filed with the application.

(3) Sea service acquired prior to the issuance of the license held is generally not accepted as any part of the service required for raise of grade of that license. However, service acquired prior to issuance of a license will be accepted for certain crossovers, endorsements or increases in scope of a license, as appropriate. In the limited tonnage categories for deck licenses, total accumulated service is a necessary criterion for most raises in grade; service acquired prior to the issuance of such licenses will, therefore, be accepted.

(4) No raise of grade of license may be issued to any naturalized citizen on less experience in any grade than would have been required of a citizen of the United States by birth.

(5) Experience and service acquired on foreign vessels while holding a valid U. S. license is creditable for establishing eligibility for a raise of grade, subject to evaluation by the OCMI to determine that it is a fair and reasonable equivalent to service acquired on merchant vessels of the United States, with respect to grade, tonnage, horsepower, waters and operating conditions. An applicant who has obtained the qualifying experience on foreign vessels shall submit satisfactory documentary evidence of such service (including any necessary translations into English) in the forms prescribed by paragraph (c)(2) of this section.

(6) An applicant remains eligible for a raise of grade of license while on probation as a result of action under part 5 of this chapter. A raise of grade of license issued to a person on probation will be subject to the same probationary conditions imposed against the applicant's other certificates or licenses. The offense for which he or she was placed on probation will be considered on the merits of the case in determining fitness to hold the license applied for. No applicant will be examined for a raise of grade of license during any period when a suspension without probation or a revocation imposed under part 5 of this chapter is effective against the applicant's license or certificate or while an appeal from these actions is pending.

(d) *Professional Examination.* (1)(i) When the OCMI finds an applicant's experience and training for raise of grade

to be satisfactory and the applicant is eligible in all other respects, the OCMI will authorize the examination. Oral-assisted examinations may be administered in accordance with §10.205(i)(1). The OCMI will place in the applicant's file a record indicating the subjects covered.

(ii) The general instructions for administration of examinations and the lists of subjects for all licenses appear in Subpart I of this part.

(2) The qualification requirements for *radar observer* are contained in §10.480.

(e) *Physical requirements.* (1) An applicant for raise of grade of a license who has not had a physical examination for an original license or renewal of license within three years must submit a certification by a licensed physician or physician assistant that he or she is in good health and has no physical impairment or medical condition which would render him or her incompetent to perform the ordinary duties of the license applied for.

(2) If the OCMI has reason to believe that an applicant for raise of grade of license suffers from some physical impairment or medical condition which would render the applicant incompetent to perform the ordinary duties of that license, the applicant may be required to submit the results of an examination by a licensed physician or physician assistant that meets the requirements for an original license.

(3) An applicant who has lost the sight of one eye may obtain a raise of grade of license, provided that the applicant is qualified in all other respects and that the visual acuity in the one remaining eye passes the test required under §10.205(d).

(f) *Firefighting certificate.* Applicants for raise of grade of license who have not previously met the requirements in §10.205(g), must do so.

(g) *Chemical testing for dangerous drugs.* To obtain a raise of grade of a license each applicant shall produce evidence of having passed a chemical test for dangerous drugs or of qualifying for an exception from testing in §16.220 of this subchapter.

(h) *Criminal Record Review.* Each applicant for a raise of grade may be required to submit to a criminal record check under § 10.201(h).

(i) *National Driver Register.* Each applicant for a raise of grade of a license shall consent to an NDR check under § 10.201(i) if the license is reissued with a new expiration date.

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§ 10.209 Requirements for renewal of licenses, certificates of registry, and STCW certificates and endorsements.

(a) *General.* Except as provided in paragraph (g) of this section, an applicant for renewal of a license or certificate of registry shall establish possession of all of the necessary qualifications before the license or certificate of registry is issued.

(1) Each application must be on a Coast Guard furnished form and be accompanied by the evaluation fee set out in table 10.109 in § 10.109. An approved application is valid for 12 months.

(2) The applicant may apply in person at any Regional Examination Center listed in § 10.105 or may renew the license or certificate of registry by mail under paragraph (e)(3) of this section.

(3) The applicant shall submit the original or a photocopy of the license or certificate of registry to be renewed. A photocopy will include the back and all attachments. If requested, the old license or certificate of registry will be returned to the applicant.

(b) *Fitness.* No license or certificate of registry will be renewed if it has been suspended without probation or revoked as a result of action under part 5 of this chapter, or facts that would render a renewal improper have come to the attention of the Coast Guard.

(c) *Professional requirements.* (1) In order to renew a license as master, mate, engineer, pilot, or operator, the applicant shall:

(i) Present evidence of at least 1 year of sea service during the past 5 years;

(ii) Pass a comprehensive, open-book exercise covering the general subject matter contained in appropriate sections of subpart I of this part;

(iii) Complete an approved refresher training course; or

(iv) Present evidence of employment in a position closely related to the operation, construction or repair of vessels (either deck or engineer as appropriate) for at least 3 years during the past 5 years. An applicant for a deck license with this type of employment must also demonstrate knowledge on an applicable Rules of the Road exercise.

(2) The qualification requirements for renewal of *radar observer* endorsement are in § 10.480.

(3) Additional qualification requirements for renewal of a license as pilot are contained in § 10.713.

(4) An applicant for renewal of a radio officer's license shall, in addition to meeting the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, present a currently valid license as first- or second-class radiotelegraph operator issued by the Federal Communications Commission. This license will be returned to the applicant.

(5) An applicant for renewal of a medical doctor or professional nurse certificate of registry shall, in addition to meeting the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, present evidence that he or she holds a currently valid appropriate license as physician, surgeon, or registered nurse issued under the authority of a state or territory of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia.

(6) An applicant for renewal of a license as master or mate (pilot) of towing vessels shall submit satisfactory evidence of either by—

(i) Completing a practical demonstration of maneuvering and handling a towing vessel before a designated examiner; or

(ii) Submitting documentary proof of ongoing participation in training and drills during the validity of the license being renewed.

(d) *Physical requirements.* (1) An applicant for renewal of a license shall submit a certification by a licensed physician or physician assistant that he or