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This experience can be equated with general shipboard familiarity, training, ship's business, and other related duties.

(d) Sea service obtained on submarines is creditable, as if it were surface vessel service, for deck and engineer licenses under the provision of paragraph (a) of this section. For application to deck licenses, submarine service may be creditable if at least 25 percent of all service submitted for the license was obtained on surface vessels (e.g. If four years' total service were submitted for an original license, at least one year must have been obtained on surface craft in order for the submarine service to be eligible for evaluation).

(e) Service gained in a civilian capacity as commanding officer, master, mate, engineer, or pilot, etc., of any vessel owned and operated by the United States, in any service, in which a license as master, mate, engineer, or pilot was not required at the time of such service, is evaluated by the OCMI and forwarded to the Commandant for a determination of equivalence.

§ 10.215 Modification or removal of limitations.

(a) If an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, is satisfied by the documentary evidence submitted that an applicant is entitled by experience, training, and knowledge to an endorsement or increase in the scope of any license held, any limitations which were previously placed upon the license by that OCMI may be changed. Such an increase in scope may include horsepower or tonnage limitations, or geographic route restrictions.

(b) An OCMI may not change a limitation on any license which that office did not place thereon before full information regarding the reason for the limitation is obtained from the OCMI responsible for the limitation.

(c) No limitation on any license may be changed before the applicant has made up any deficiency in the experience prescribed for the license or endorsement desired and passed any necessary examination.

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§ 10.217 Examination procedures and denial of licenses.

(a)(1) The examinations for all deck and engineer unlimited licenses are administered at periodic intervals. The examination fee set out in table 10.109 in § 10.109 must be paid before the applicant may take the first examination section. If an applicant fails three or more sections of the examination, a complete reexamination must be taken, but may be taken during any of the scheduled exam periods. On the subsequent exam, if the applicant again fails three or more sections, at least 3 months must lapse before another complete examination is attempted, and a new examination fee is required. If an applicant fails one or two sections of an examination, the applicant may be retested twice on these sections during the next 3 months. If the applicant does not successfully complete these sections within the 3 month period, complete reexamination must be taken after a lapse of at least 3 months from the date of the last retest, and a new examination fee is required. The 3 month retest period may be extended by the OCMI if the applicant presents discharges documenting sea time which prevented the taking of a retest during the 3 month period. The retest period may not be extended beyond 7 months from the initial examination.

(2) The scheduling of all other deck and engineer license examinations will be at the discretion of the OCMI. The examination fee set out in table 10.109 in § 10.109 must be paid before the applicant may take the first examination section. In the event of a failure, the applicant may be retested twice whenever the examination can be rescheduled with the OCMI. The applicant must be examined in all of the unsatisfactory sections of the preceding examination. If the applicant does not successfully complete all parts of the examination during a 3-month period from the initial test date, a complete reexamination must be taken after a lapse of at least 2 months from the date of the last retest, and a new examination fee is required.

(b) If the OCMI refuses to grant an applicant the license for which applied