

**§ 10.404 Service requirements for master of ocean or near coastal steam or motor vessels of any gross tons.**

The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for license as master of ocean or near coastal steam or motor vessels of any gross tons is:

(a) One year of service as chief mate on ocean steam or motor vessels; or,

(b) One year of service on ocean steam or motor vessels while holding a license as chief mate of ocean steam or motor vessels as follows:

(1) A minimum of six months of service as chief mate; and,

(2) Service as officer in charge of a navigational watch accepted on a two-for-one basis (12 months as second or third mate equals six months of creditable service).

**§ 10.405 Service requirements for chief mate of ocean or near coastal steam or motor vessels of any gross tons.**

The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for license as chief mate of ocean or near coastal steam or motor vessels of any gross tons is one year of service as officer in charge of a navigational watch on ocean steam or motor vessels while holding a license as second mate.

**§ 10.406 Service requirements for second mate of ocean or near coastal steam or motor vessels of any gross tons.**

The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for license as second mate of ocean or near coastal steam or motor vessels of any gross tons is:

(a) One year of service as officer in charge of a navigational watch on ocean steam or motor vessels while holding a license as third mate; or,

(b) While holding a license as third mate of ocean steam or motor vessels of any gross tons, 12 months of service on deck as follows:

(1) A minimum of six months service as officer in charge of a deck watch on ocean steam or motor vessels; in combination with,

(2) Service on ocean steam or motor vessels as boatswain, able seaman, or quartermaster while holding a certificate as able seaman, which may be accepted on a two-for-one basis to a maximum allowable substitution of six months (12 months of experience equals 6 months of creditable service); or,

(c) A licensed master of Great Lakes and inland steam or motor vessels of any gross tons or master of inland steam or motor vessels of any gross tons, may obtain a license as second mate of ocean or near coastal steam or motor vessels of any gross tons by completing the prescribed examination in subpart I of this part.

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**§ 10.407 Service requirements for third mate of ocean or near coastal steam or motor vessels of any gross tons.**

(a) The minimum service or training required to qualify an applicant for license as third mate of ocean or near coastal steam or motor vessels of any gross tons is:

(1) Three years of service in the deck department on ocean steam or motor vessels, six months of which shall have been as able seaman, boatswain, or quartermaster, while holding a certificate as able seaman. Experience gained in the engine department on vessels of appropriate tonnage may be creditable for up to three months of the service requirements for this license; or,

(2) Graduation from:

(i) The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (deck curriculum);

(ii) The U.S. Coast Guard Academy and qualification as an underway officer in charge of a navigational watch;

(iii) The U.S. Naval Academy and qualification as an underway officer in charge of a navigational watch; or,

(iv) The deck class of a maritime academy approved by and conducted under rules prescribed by the Maritime Administrator and listed in part 310 of this title, including the ocean option program in the deck class of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy; or,

(3) Satisfactory completion of a three year apprentice mate training program approved by the Commandant.

(b) Graduation from the deck class of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy with no ocean sea service will qualify the graduate to be examined for a license as third mate near coastal steam or motor vessels of any gross tons.