

## § 12.02-14

Services or by the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services;

(c) If the applicant can not meet the requirements set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (8) of this section, the applicant must make a statement to that effect, and may submit data of the following character for consideration:

(1) Report of the Census Bureau showing the earliest available record of age or birth.

(2) Affidavits of parents, other relative, or two or more responsible citizens of the U.S. stating citizenship.

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

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## § 12.02-14 Nationality of aliens.

(a) Any alien making application for a continuous discharge book or certificate of identification or merchant mariner's document representing a certificate of identification shall present acceptable evidence of nationality at the time of making application. No original document shall be issued to any alien until nationality is established by acceptable evidence.

(b) Any document of an official character showing the country of which the alien is a citizen or subject may be accepted as acceptable evidence of an alien's nationality. The following are examples of such a document:

(1) Declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States made by the alien after 1929.

(2) A travel document in the nature of a passport issued by the government of the country of which the alien is a citizen or subject.

(3) A certificate issued by the consular representative of the country of which the alien is a citizen or subject.

(c) Should any doubt arise as to whether or not the document presented may be considered as acceptable evidence of the alien's nationality, the matter shall be referred to the Com-

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manding Officer, National Maritime Center, for decision.

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## § 12.02-15 Oath requirement.

Applicants for a merchant mariner's document for any rating shall take an oath before an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, or other official authorized to give such oath, or a commissioned officer of the Coast Guard authorized to administer oaths under 10 U.S.C. 936 or 14 U.S.C. 636, that they will faithfully and honestly perform all the duties required of them by law and carry out all lawful orders of superior officers on shipboard. Such an oath remains binding for all subsequent merchant mariner's documents issued to a person until the document is surrendered to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

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## § 12.02-17 Preparation and issuance of documents.

(a) Upon application of a person for a merchant mariner's document, any required examination will be given as soon as practicable.

(b) Upon determining that the applicant satisfactorily meets all requirements for the document and any endorsements requested, the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, shall issue the appropriate document to the applicant. A merchant mariner's document is valid for a term of 5 years from the date of issuance. Any document which is renewed or reissued prior to its expiration date automatically becomes void upon issuance of the replacement document.

(c) When a person applies for a merchant mariner's document, he or she must—

(1) Sign the document; and

(2) Provide acceptable proof of identity as described in § 12.02-12.

(d) For recordkeeping purposes, the official identification number is a seaman's social security number.

(e) After July 31, 1998, an applicant for a merchant mariner's document who will be serving on a seagoing vessel of 200 GRT or more shall provide a