

(d) Each person issued a document described in §12.02-5, shall report its loss to an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

(e) If a merchant mariner's document or service record is lost, the seaman may obtain a duplicate by following the procedures in paragraph (c) of this section and by signing an affidavit, before the OCMI or a designated representative, explaining the loss of the document or service record. The Coast Guard will not process any application for a duplicate merchant mariner's document unless the applicant complies with the requirements of §12.02-9.

(f) No application from an alien for a duplicate merchant mariner's document shall be accepted unless the alien complies with the requirements of §12.02-10.

(g) The Coast Guard may deny applications for duplicate merchant mariner's documents for any reason listed in §12.02-4.

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**§ 12.02-24 Reporting loss of continuous discharge book, merchant mariner's document, or certificate of discharge.**

Whenever a mariner loses a continuous discharge book, merchant mariner's document, or certificate of discharge, the mariner shall immediately report the loss to the nearest OCMI. The report shall be made in writing giving the facts incident to its loss.

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**§ 12.02-25 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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**§ 12.02-27 Requirements for renewal of a merchant mariner's document.**

(a) *General.* Except as provided in paragraph (g) of this section, an applicant for renewal of a merchant mari-

ner's document shall establish possession of all of the necessary qualifications before the document is renewed. The Coast Guard will not process an application until the applicant has submitted a complete application package that complies with the requirements of §12.02-9. A request for a renewed merchant mariner's document may be denied for any reason listed in §12.02-4.

(1) Each application for a merchant mariner's document must be made on form CG-719B furnished by the Coast Guard and be accompanied by the evaluation fee (including examination and issuance fees when required) established in Table 12.02-18 of §12.02-18. Each application must contain all necessary proofs of qualifications, identity, and citizenship or nationality. It must be current and up-to-date with respect to service, the physical examination, and all other pertinent matters.

(2) The applicant may apply either in person at any Regional Examination Center listed in §12.01-7(a) or by mail under paragraph (e)(3) of this section.

(3) Each applicant who elects to renew by mail shall submit the merchant mariner's document with his or her application. If a document is submitted, it will not be returned to the applicant. A photocopy of a merchant mariner's document showing both the front and the back of the document may be submitted in place of the existing document.

(4) The expiration date of a merchant mariner's document that was issued without an expiration date is determined in accordance with §12.02-29.

(5) Each applicant shall comply with §12.02-09(b)(1) of this part.

(b) *Fitness.* No merchant mariner's document 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 which would render a renewal improper have come to the attention of the Coast Guard.

(c) *Professional requirements.* (1) In order to renew a merchant mariner's document endorsed with a qualified rating, the applicant shall comply with one of the following:

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