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June 30, 1990, and meet the following requirements:

(1) Coast Guard acknowledgment of service.

(i) To obtain a Coast Guard acknowledgment of service, the applicant must provide a letter from a senior company official of the company worked for. This letter must provide:

(A) Name of vessel(s) served on;  
(B) MODU license which the individual's position is equivalent to; and  
(C) Period of service.

(ii) The Coast Guard acknowledgment of service is valid for one year and is not renewable.

(2) Temporary license.

(i) To obtain a temporary license, the applicant must:

(A) Provide a letter from a senior company official of the company worked for. This letter must provide:

(1) Name of vessel(s) served on;  
(2) MODU license which the individual's position is equivalent to; and  
(3) Period of service; and

(B) Provide evidence of 120 days of service in a position equivalent to the license endorsement sought.

(ii) a temporary license is valid for five years and is not renewable.

(b) Acknowledgments or temporary licenses obtained using the provisions of this section will restrict service authority to vessels operated by the company which has certified service.

[CGD 81-059a, 55 FR 14802, Apr. 18, 1990]

**§ 10.480 Radar observer.**

(a) This section contains the requirements that an applicant must meet to qualify as a radar observer. (Part 15 of this chapter specifies who must qualify as a radar observer.)

(b) If an applicant meets the requirements of this section, one of the following Radar-Observer endorsements will be added to his or her deck officer's license:

(1) Radar Observer (Unlimited).

(2) Radar Observer (Inland Waters and GIWW).

(3) Radar Observer (Rivers).

(c) Endorsement as Radar Observer (Unlimited) is valid on all waters. Endorsement as Radar Observer (Inland Waters and GIWW) is valid only for those waters other than the Great Lakes covered by the Inland Naviga-

tional Rules. Endorsement as Radar Observer (Rivers) is valid only on any river, canal, or similar body of water designated by the OCMI, but not beyond the boundary line.

(d) Except as provided by paragraphs (e) and (f) of this section, each applicant for a Radar-Observer endorsement or for renewal of an endorsement must complete the appropriate course approved by the Coast Guard, receive the appropriate certificate of training, and present the certificate to the OCMI.

(e) An applicant who possesses a Radar-Observer endorsement, resides in a remote geographic area, and can substantiate to the satisfaction of the OCMI that the applicant's absence will disrupt normal movement of commerce, or that the applicant cannot attend an approved Radar-Observer renewal course, may have his or her endorsement renewed upon successful completion of an examination administered by the Coast Guard, or by a third party acceptable to the Coast Guard.

(f) Except as provided by paragraph (k) of this section, a Radar-Observer endorsement issued under this section is valid for 5 years after the month of issuance of the certificate of training from a course approved by the Coast Guard. It is not terminated by the issuance of a new license during these 5 years.

(g) The month and year of the expiration of the Radar-Observer endorsement are printed on the license.

(h) A Radar-Observer endorsement may be renewed at any time.

(i) An applicant for renewal of a license that does not need a Radar-Observer endorsement may renew the license without meeting the requirements for the endorsement.

(j) An applicant seeking to raise the grade of a license or increase its scope, where the increased grade or scope requires a Radar-Observer certificate, may use an expired certificate to fulfill that requirement.

(k) The renewal date of a Radar-Observer endorsement may be extended beyond the normal 5-year duration to coincide with the renewal date of the license to which it pertains. This extension may not exceed 2 years and

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will be necessary only once, to synchronize the two renewal dates.

[CGD 94-041, 62 FR 11305, Mar. 11, 1997]

### § 10.482 Assistance towing.

(a) This section contains the requirements to qualify for an endorsement authorizing an applicant to engage in assistance towing. The endorsement applies to all licenses except those for master and mate (pilot) of towing vessels and those for master or mate authorizing service on inspected vessels over 200 gross tons. Holders of any of these licenses may engage in assistance towing within the scope of the licenses and without the endorsement.

(b) An applicant for an assistance towing endorsement shall pass a written examination demonstrating his or her knowledge of assistance towing safety, equipment, and procedures.

(c) An assistance towing endorsement on a license as master, mate, or operator authorizes the holder to engage in assistance towing on any vessel within the scope of the license.

(d) The period of validity of the endorsement is the same as the license on which it is endorsed, and it may be renewed with the license.

[CGD 87-017, 53 FR 18562, May 24, 1988, as amended by USCG-1999-6224, 64 FR 63235, Nov. 19, 1999]

### § 10.491 Licenses for service on offshore supply vessels.

Each license for service on offshore supply vessels (OSVs) authorizes service on OSVs as defined in 46 U.S.C. 2101(19) and as interpreted under 46 U.S.C. 14104(b), subject to any restrictions placed on the license.

[CGD 95-062, 62 FR 34532, June 26, 1997]

### § 10.493 Master (OSV).

(a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, to qualify for a license as Master (OSV), an applicant shall present evidence that he or she meets the appropriate requirements of STCW Regulation II/2.

(b) The OCMI may exempt an applicant from meeting any requirement under STCW Regulation II/2 that the OCMI determines to be inappropriate or unnecessary for service on an OSV, or that the applicant meets under the

equivalency provisions of Article IX of STCW.

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### § 10.495 Chief Mate (OSV).

(a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, to qualify for a license as Chief Mate (OSV), an applicant shall present evidence that he or she meets the appropriate requirements of STCW Regulation II/2.

(b) The OCMI may exempt an applicant from meeting any requirement under STCW Regulation II/2 that the OCMI determines to be inappropriate or unnecessary for service on an OSV, or that the applicant meets under the equivalency provisions of Article IX of STCW.

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### § 10.497 Mate (OSV).

(a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, to qualify for a license as Mate (OSV), an applicant shall present evidence that he or she meets the appropriate requirements of STCW Regulation II/1.

(b) The OCMI may exempt an applicant from meeting any requirement under STCW Regulation II/1 that the OCMI determines to be inappropriate or unnecessary for service on an OSV, or that the applicant meets under the equivalency provisions of Article IX of STCW.

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## Subpart E—Professional Requirements for Engineer Officers' Licenses

### § 10.501 Grade and type of engineer licenses issued.

(a) Licenses are issued in the grades of:

- (1) Chief engineer;
- (2) First assistant engineer;
- (3) Second assistant engineer;
- (4) Third assistant engineer;
- (5) Chief engineer (limited);
- (6) Assistant engineer (limited);
- (7) Designated duty engineer;
- (8) Chief engineer uninspected fishing industry vessels; and,
- (9) Assistant engineer uninspected fishing industry vessels.