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Charge, Marine Inspection a letter justifying the need for the certificate of registry.

(b) The applicant must hold or apply for a merchant mariner's document.

(c) Endorsements for a higher grade are not made on certificates of registry. An applicant for a higher grade in the staff department shall apply in the same manner as for an original certificate of registry and shall surrender the certificate upon issuance of the new certificate of registry. A person holding a certificate of registry as staff officer may serve in a lower grade of a service for which he or she is registered.

(d) Title 46 U.S.C. 8302 addresses uniforms for staff officers who are members of the Naval Reserve.

(e) A duplicate certificate of registry may be issued by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection. (See §10.219.)

(f) A certificate of registry is valid for a term of 5 years from the date of issuance. Procedures for renewing certificates of registry are found in §10.209.

(g) Each applicant for an original certificate of registry or a higher grade of certificate of registry, as described by paragraph (c) of this section, shall produce evidence of having passed a chemical test for dangerous drugs or of qualifying for an exception from testing in §16.220 of this subchapter. An applicant who fails a chemical test for dangerous drugs will not be issued a certificate of registry.

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§10.807 Experience requirements for registry.

(a) The applicant for a certificate of registry as staff officer shall submit evidence of experience as follows:

(1) *Chief purser*. Two years of service aboard vessels performing duties relating to work in the purser's office.

(2) *Purser*. One year of service aboard vessels performing duties relating to work in the purser's office.

(3) *Senior assistant purser*. Six months of service aboard vessels performing

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duties relating to work in purser's office.

(4) *Junior assistant purser*. Previous experience not required.

(5) *Medical doctor*. A valid license as physician or surgeon issued under the authority of a state or territory of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia.

(6) *Professional nurse*. A valid license as a registered nurse issued under authority of a state or territory of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia.

(b) Employment on shore in connection with ship's business may be accepted in lieu of service aboard vessels. Related shore employment is accepted in the ratio of two months of shore service to count as one month of service aboard vessels.

(c) In computing the length of service required of an applicant for a certificate of registry, service of one season on vessels on the Great Lakes is counted as service of one year.

(d) In the event an applicant for a certificate of registry, other than medical doctor or professional nurse, presents evidence of other qualifications which, in the opinion of the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, is equivalent to the experience requirements of this section and is consistent with the duties of a staff officer, the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection may issue the certificate of registry.

§10.809 Experience requirements for ratings endorsed on certificate of registry.

An applicant for rating to be endorsed on a certificate of registry shall submit evidence of experience as follows:

(a) *Marine physician assistant*. Successful completion of an accredited course of instruction for a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner program.

(b) *Hospital corpsman*. A rating of at least hospital corpsman or health services technician, first class in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marine Corps, or an equivalent rating in the U.S. Army (not less than staff sergeant, Medical Department, U.S.A.), or

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in the U.S. Air Force (not less than technical sergeant, Medical Department, U.S.A.F.), and a period of satisfactory service of at least one month in a military hospital or U.S. Public Health Service Hospital.

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Subpart I—Subjects of License Examinations and Practical Demonstrations of Competence

§ 10.901 General provisions.

(a) Each applicant for any license listed in this part shall pass examinations on the appropriate subjects listed in this subpart, except as noted in § 10.903(b).

(b) If the license is to be limited in a manner which would render any of the subject matter unnecessary or inappropriate, the examination may be amended accordingly by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection. Limitations which may affect the examination content are:

(1) Restricted routes for reduced service licenses (master or mate of vessels of not more than 200 gross tons, operator of uninspected passenger vessels or master or mate (pilot) of towing vessels); or,

(2) Engineer licenses with horsepower restrictions.

(c) Except as provided in §§ 10.202 and 10.209, each applicant for an STCW certificate or endorsement in the following capacities on vessels that operate beyond the Boundary Line shall also furnish sufficient documentary evidence that he or she has made a practical demonstration(s) of competence as set out under the appropriate STCW Regulations (incorporated by reference in § 10.102):

(1) *Deck Department.* (i) Officer in charge of the navigational watch on a seagoing vessel of 500 gross tons (GT) or more.

(ii) Officer in charge of the navigational watch on a seagoing vessel of less than 500 GT not engaged on a near-coastal voyage.

(iii) Officer in charge of the navigational watch on a seagoing vessel of less than 500 GT engaged on a near-coastal voyage.

(iv) Master and chief mate on a seagoing vessel of 3,000 GT or more.

(v) Master and chief mate on a seagoing vessel of between 500 and 3,000 GT.

(vi) Master on a seagoing vessel of less than 500 GT not engaged on a near-coastal voyage.

(vii) Master on a seagoing vessel of less than 500 gross tons engaged on a near-coastal voyage.

(2) *Engine Department.* (i) Officer in charge of the engineering watch in a manned engine-room on a seagoing vessel.

(ii) Designated duty engineer in a periodically unmanned engine-room on a seagoing vessel.

(iii) Chief engineer officer of a seagoing vessel driven by main propulsion machinery of 3,000 kW [4,000 hp] of propulsion power or more.

(iv) Second engineer officer of a seagoing vessel driven by main propulsion machinery of 3,000 kW [4,000 hp] of propulsion power or more.

(v) Chief engineer officer of a seagoing vessel driven by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW [1,000 hp] and 3,000 kW [4,000 hp] of propulsion power.

(vi) Second engineer officer of a seagoing vessel driven by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW [1,000 hp] and 3,000 kW [4,000 hp] of propulsion power.

(d) Simulators used in assessment of competence under paragraph (c) of this section must meet the appropriate performance standards set out in Section A-I/12 of the STCW Code. However, simulators installed or brought into use before February 1, 2002, need not meet them so far as they fulfill the objectives of the assessment of competence or demonstration of proficiency.

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§ 10.903 Licenses requiring examinations.

(a) The following licenses require examinations for issuance: