

QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES FOR QUALIFIED ASSESSORS

As specified in 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 10.405(a), to become a Qualified Assessor (QA), an applicant should have evidence to establish:

1. Experience, training, or instruction in assessment techniques;
2. Qualifications in the task for which the assessment is being conducted; and
3. Possession of the level of endorsement, or other professional credential, which provides proof that he or she has attained a level of experience and qualification equal or superior to the relevant level of knowledge, skills, and abilities for the task to be assessed.

All assessments of competence for STCW endorsements must be signed by a QA approved by the Coast Guard in accordance with 46 CFR 11.301(a)(1)(i) and 12.601(a)(1). In order to facilitate the transition to this new requirement, the Coast Guard will accept assessments that have been demonstrated in the presence of and signed by an assessor who has not been Coast Guard approved until December 31, 2016, provided that the assessor meets the professional requirements in 46 CFR 10.405(a)(3) to assess competence for the specific endorsement. Assessors must be in possession of the level of endorsement, or other professional credential, which provides proof that he or she has attained a level of experience and qualification equal or superior to the relevant level of knowledge, skills, and abilities to be assessed (46 CFR 10.405(a)(3)). In the interim, the Coast Guard will accept assessments signed by mariners who hold an appropriate national endorsement and meet the qualifications described in the table below. The Coast Guard will also consider other experience, including, but not limited to military experience, that is equivalent to that noted below.

| STCW ENDORSEMENT | ASSESSOR QUALIFICATIONS |
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| Chief Mate and Master on Vessels of 3,000 GT or More (STCW II/2; 46 CFR 11.305, 11.307) | |
| Function: Navigation | The assessor should have experience as Master on vessels of at least 1,600 GRT or 3,000 GT. For the function "cargo handling and stowage," the assessor should have at least 1 year of experience as Chief Mate and/or Master on cargo-carrying vessels of at least 1,600 GRT or 3,000 GT. |
| Function: Cargo handling and stowage | |
| Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board | |

| STCW ENDORSEMENT | ASSESSOR QUALIFICATIONS |
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| Chief Mate and Master on Vessels of 500 GT or More and Less Than 3,000 GT (STCW II/2; 46 CFR 11.311, 11.313) | |
| Function: Navigation | The assessor should have experience as Master valid on vessels of at least 200 GRT or 500 GRT. |
| Function: Cargo handling and stowage | |
| Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board | |
| Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch on Vessels of 500 GT or More (STCW II/1; 46 CFR 11.309) | |
| Function: Navigation | The assessor should have at least 1 year of experience as the officer in charge of a navigational watch (OICNW) on sea-going vessels of at least 200 GRT or 500 GT. |
| Function: Cargo handling and stowage | |
| Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board | |
| Master on Vessels of Less Than 500 GT (STCW II/2; 46 CFR 11.315) | |
| Function: Navigation | The assessor should have at least 1 year of experience as Mate and/or Master on oceans vessels of 100 GRT or more. |
| Function: Cargo handling and stowage | |
| Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board | |
| Master on Vessels of Less Than 500 GT Limited to Near-Coastal Waters (STCW II/3; 46 CFR 11.317) | |
| Function: Navigation | The assessor should have at least 1 year of experience as Mate and/or Master valid on oceans or near coastal vessels of 100 GRT or more. |
| Function: Cargo handling and stowage | |
| Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board | |
| Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch on Vessels of Less Than 500 GT (STCW II/1; 46 CFR 11.319) | |
| Function: Navigation | The assessor should have at least 1 year of experience as OICNW on oceans or near coastal vessels of 100 GRT or more. |
| Function: Cargo handling and stowage | |
| Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board | |

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| Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch on Vessels of Less Than 500 GT Limited to Near-Coastal Waters (STCW II/3; 46 CFR 11.321) | |
| Function: Navigation | The assessor should have at least 1 year of experience as OICNW on oceans or near coastal vessels of 100 GRT or more. |
| Function: Cargo handling and stowage | |
| Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board | |
| Able Seafarer-Deck (STCW II/5; 46 CFR 12.603) | |
| Function: Navigation | The assessor should have at least 1 year of experience as OICNW on vessels of at least 200 GRT or 500 GT. |
| Function: Cargo handling and stowage | |
| Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board | |
| Function: Maintenance and repair at the support level | |
| Rating Forming Part of a Navigational Watch (STCW II/4; 46 CFR 12.605) | |
| Function: Navigation | The assessor should have at least 1 year of experience as OICNW on vessels of at least 200 GRT or 500 GT. |
| Chief Engineer and Second Engineer Officer on Vessels of 3,000 kW/4,000 HP or More (STCW III/2; 46 CFR 11.325, 11.327) | |
| Function: Marine engineering (Steam) | The assessor should have at least 1 year of experience as Chief Engineer and/or First Assistant Engineer on vessels of at least 3,000 kW or 4,000 HP. Assessors should have this experience for each propulsion mode they will assess. |
| Function: Marine engineering (Motor) | |
| Function: Marine engineering (Gas Turbine) | |
| Function: Electrical, electronic & control engineering | |
| Function: Maintenance and repair | |
| Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board | |

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| Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch on Vessels of 750 kW/1,000 HP or More (STCW III/1; 46 CFR 11.329) | |
| Function: Marine engineering (Steam) | The assessor should have at least 1 year of experience as Chief Engineer and/or First Assistant Engineer on vessels of the applicable propulsion mode(s) of at least 1,000 HP or 750 kW. Assessors should have this experience for each propulsion mode they will assess. |
| Function: Marine engineering (Motor) | |
| Function: Marine engineering (Gas Turbine) | |
| Function: Electrical, electronic & control engineering | |
| Function: Maintenance and repair | |
| Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board | |
| Chief Engineer and Second Engineer Officer on Vessels of Between 750 kW/1,000 HP and 3,000 kW/4,000 HP (STCW III/3; 46 CFR 11.331, 11.333) | |
| Function: Marine engineering (Steam) | The assessor should have at least 1 year of experience as Chief Engineer Unlimited, Chief Engineer-Limited or Designated Duty Engineer, or First Assistant Engineer on vessels of at least 750 kW or 1,000 HP. Assessors should have this experience for each propulsion mode they will assess. |
| Function: Marine engineering (Motor) | |
| Function: Marine engineering (Gas Turbine) | |
| Function: Electrical, electronic & control engineering | |
| Function: Maintenance and repair | |
| Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board | |
| Electro-Technical Officer on Vessels of 750 kW/1,000 HP or More (STCW III/6; 46 CFR 11.335) | |
| Function: Electrical, electronic and control engineering | The assessor should have at least 1 year of experience as Chief Engineer and/or First Assistant Engineer or hold an STCW endorsement as an Electro-Technical Officer and have at least 1 year of experience performing duties as an Electro-Technical Officer or equivalent. |
| Function: Maintenance and repair | |
| Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board | |

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| Able Seafarer-Engine (STCW III/5; 46 CFR 12.607) | |
| Function: Marine engineering | The assessor should have at least 1 year of experience as officer in charge of an engineering watch (OICEW) on vessels of the applicable propulsion mode(s) of at least 750 kW or 1,000 HP. |
| Function: Electrical, electronic and control engineering | |
| Function: Maintenance and repair | |
| Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board | |
| Rating Forming Part of an Engineering Watch (STCW III/4; 46 CFR 12.609) | |
| Function: Marine engineering (Steam) | The assessor should have at least 1 year of experience as OICEW on vessels of the applicable propulsion mode(s) of at least 750 kW or 1,000 HP. |
| Function: Marine engineering (Motor) | |
| Function: Marine engineering (Gas Turbine) | |
| Electro-Technical Rating on Vessels of 750 kW/1,000 HP or More (STCW III/7; 46 CFR 12.611) | |
| Function: Electrical, electronic and control engineering | The assessor should have experience as Second Assistant Engineer, or hold an STCW endorsement as Electro-Technical Officer. |
| Function: Maintenance and repair | |
| Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board | |
| Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats Other Than Fast Rescue Boats (STCW VI/2-1; 46 CFR 12.613) | |
| All Competencies | The assessor should have shipboard experience with assigned duties as the person in charge of a lifeboat on vessels of at least 200 GRT or 500 GT. |
| Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats Other Than Lifeboats and Fast Rescue Boats (STCW VI/2-1; 46 CFR 12.615) | |
| All Competencies | The assessor should have shipboard experience with assigned duties as the person in charge of a survival craft on vessels of at least 200 GRT or 500 GT. |