

## Notice of Changes to the Inland Navigation Rules

On July 2, 2014, the U.S. Coast Guard published the Final Rule regarding Changes to the Inland Navigation Rules ([79 FR 37898](#)). This Final Rule is effective August 1, 2014.

The Final Rule amends the inland navigation rules and their annexes to align the regulations with amendments made by the International Maritime Organization to the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, to which the United States is a signatory, and to incorporate recommendations made by the Navigation Safety Advisory Council. These changes harmonize domestic and international law.

The National Maritime Center (NMC) has updated the Inland Rules of the Road Examination Questions affected by the changes in the Final Rule and has published the updated bank of questions on the [NMC website](#).

Beginning September 1, 2014, and throughout the subsequent 12 calendar months, Rules of the Road Modules on previously issued Approved to Test Letters will be replaced with updated modules at the Regional Exam Centers as follows:

- **054XX** will be replaced with **Q100** Rules of the Road: Inland & International
- **055XX** will be replaced with **Q301** Rules of the Road: Inland Limited Operator Uninspected Passenger Vessels
- **059XX** will be replaced with **Q475** Rules of the Road: Inland & International Renewal Open Book Exercise
- **066XX** will be replaced with **Q300** Rules of the Road: Inland
- **069XX** will be replaced with **Q476** Rules of the Road: Inland Renewal Open Book Exercise.

The Guide for Administration of Merchant Marine Examinations (Deck and Engineering Guide), June 2011, will be updated to include the new module numbers.

If you have questions, please contact the NMC at 1-888-IASKNMC (427-5662) or [IASKNMC@uscg.mil](mailto:IASKNMC@uscg.mil).

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