

Rating Forming Part of a Navigational Watch (RFPNW) Lookout Duties Only

Publication of [Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular \(NVIC\) 02-14](#) provides guidance on transitional implementation of the final rule titled “Implementation of the Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW), as Amended, and Changes to National Endorsements” (78 FR 77796).

One item addressed in Enclosure 2, paragraph 3, of this NVIC is the interim, non-renewable endorsement of RFPNW Lookout Duties Only. Mariners who submitted an application with a course completion certificate prior to March 24, 2015, may be issued this endorsement. Applications for this endorsement received on or after March 24, 2015, will not be accepted.

RFPNW Lookout Only endorsements issued will remain valid until their specified expiration dates.

NVIC 02-14 Grandfathering and Transitional Provisions for Merchant Mariner Credentials may be viewed at www.uscg.mil/nmc. Mariners and other providers should contact the Customer Service Center at IASKNMC@uscg.mil or 1-888-IASKNMC (427-5662) with any questions.

Sincerely,

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