

STCW Frequently Asked Questions: National – Officer – Engine

- 1. Chief engineer of steam, motor and/or gas turbine-propelled vessels. Will a new MMC be issued for the chief engineer (limited) endorsement, or will both chief engineer (limited-oceans) and chief engineer (limited near-coastal) be simply recognized as the same for now?**

Mariners holding an endorsement as chief engineer (limited-oceans) or chief engineer (limited near-coastal) will be issued a chief engineer (limited) endorsement at the first credential transaction following March 24, 2014, without further sea service or examination requirements.

- 2. (**ADDED 02/14/14**) Chief engineer (limited) endorsement. Why does the chief engineer (limited) endorsement still have tonnage restrictions?**

The tonnage limitations on chief engineer (limited) endorsements reflect the maximum tonnage on which the endorsement may be used, as specified in 46 CFR 15.915(b), and reflect the limited nature of the examination and service requirements to qualify for the endorsement.

- 3. (**ADDED 07/07/14**) I hold a 1st engineers unlimited license but I am currently sailing as a 3rd Asst Engineer on a vessel with 12,000 hp and tonnage of 3500 GT ITC. The vessels manning list calls for only a Offshore Supply Vessel (OSV) Chief with unlimited horsepower and a Designated Duty Engineer (DDE) or 3rd Asst Engineer. Since there are only two engineers on the vessel am I allowed to get discharges as a 1st asst Engineer toward my Chief Unlimited License without sailing on a vessel that requires a 1st Asst Engineer on its manning list?**

The Coast Guard will accept the service towards chief engineer where it can be demonstrated that the position in which you serve was next in rank to chief engineer and that position becomes responsible for the engineering installations of the vessel in the event of the incapacitation of the chief engineer.