

Closely Related Service for Renewal

- According to [46 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) 10.227 \(e\)\(1\)\(iv\)](#), applicants must present evidence of employment in a position closely related to the operation, construction, or repair of vessels (either deck or engineer as appropriate) for at least 3 years during the past 5 years. An applicant for a deck license or officer endorsement with this type of employment must also demonstrate knowledge on an applicable Rules of the Road open-book exercise.
- The closely related service must total at least 3 years within 5 years from the date of application.
- Closely related service cannot be combined with underway service.
- Closely related service from multiple employers may be accepted but still must add up to 3 years in the last 5 years.
- The applicant cannot attest/sign his/her own closely related service.
- Must be in a position closely related to the operation, construction, or repair of **VESSELS**.
 - Operation may consist of:
 - Sales and delivery of a vessel
 - “Valet” service at a marina
 - Fit Out and Lay Up
 - Vessel inspection.
 - Construction, or repair of **VESSELS** may consist of:
 - Shipyard time
 - Builds and rebuilds
 - Design.

- Although [46 CFR 10.232\(g\)](#) refers to *raise of grade*, these are common positions that may be used for closely related service:
 - Port engineer
 - Shipyard superintendent
 - Service as a bona fide instructor at a school of navigation or marine engineering.

REMEMBER:

- An applicant for a deck license or officer endorsement with this type of employment must also demonstrate knowledge on an applicable Rules of the Road open-book exercise.
- An applicant for an engineering credential with this type of employment must also test for Lifeboatman in order to maintain the domestic Lifeboatman rating and in order to retain an international engineer rating.
- Closely related service cannot be used to renew an international endorsement. Current Basic Safety Training Courses must be presented.
- Applicants for renewals requesting closely related service for towing must still provide evidence of participation in training and drills. Applicants for Tankerman renewals must still provide evidence of 2 transfers within the past 5 years or a course (per [46 CFR 10.227 \(e\)\(7\)](#)).
- Crediting renewal service under [46 CFR 10.232\(e\)](#) is specific to certain vessels such as Dockside Casino Vessels, Commercial Vessels Operating in an Artificial Impoundment, Liftboats, Oil Spill Response, and Reduced Operating Service Vessels. This policy letter cannot be applied to vessels that are not specifically mentioned within the policy letter.