

Enlisted Personnel

- The [Marine Safety Manual, Volume III, Chapter 2](#) contains a table (Table 2-1, see [Attachment A, Suggested Acceptance of Military Sea Service by Rating for License Qualifications](#)) with all military ratings. The table shows which ratings may be used towards deck, engineer, or staff officer endorsements.
- Notes at the end of the table may be applicable to your position. If so, ensure additional information is not required, such as a Professional Qualification Standard or documentation of engine room Watchstanding for Hull Technicians.
- Due to the great variety of specialized duties that enlisted personnel perform, the following guidelines are provided for sea service evaluation:
 - Service as a seaman apprentice (SA) or seaman (SN) is equivalent to sea service as an ordinary seaman or deckhand.
 - Service as fireman apprentice (FA) or fireman (FN) is equivalent to sea service as a wiper or coal passer.
 - Service as a petty officer (E-4 and above) in the deck department is considered equivalent to that of an able-bodied seaman.
 - Service as a petty officer (E-4 and above) in the engineering department is considered equivalent to that of a qualified member of the engine department.
 - Deck rating of E-4 and above with qualifications as deck watch officer-underway is considered equivalent to licensed mate time.
 - Service experience obtained as a junior officer of the deck is considered equivalent to able seaman time.
 - Engine rating of E-4 and above with qualifications as engineering watch officer-underway is considered equivalent to licensed assistant engineer time.

Attachment A

Suggested Acceptance of Military Sea Service by Rating for License Qualifications

FIGURE 2-1: SUGGESTED ACCEPTANCE OF MILITARY SEA SERVICE BY RATING FOR LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

NAVY AND COAST GUARD RATINGS And THEIR EQUIVALENCIES	DECK 100%	DECK 50%	QMED 100%	QMED ¹	PURSER 100%	PURSER ²	PURSER 50%	Jr. Asst. PURSER
Patternmaker (PM)								
Personnelman (PN)								
Photographer's Mate (Ph)								
Port Securityman (PS)								
Postal Clerk (PDT)								
Public Affairs Specialist (PA)								
Quartermaster (QM)	XXX							
Radarman (RD)	XXX							
Radioman (Rm) (USCG Service See TC)								
Religious Program Specialist (RP)								
Ship's Serviceman (SH)							XXX	
Signalman (SM)	XXX							
Sonar Technician (ST), (STS)								
Steelworker (SW)								
Storekeeper (SK)					XXX			
Subsistence Specialist (SS)						XXX		
Telecommunications Specialist (TC)								
Telephone Technician (TT)				XXX				
Torpedoman's Mate (TM)								
Utilitiesman (UT)								
Weapons Technician (WT)								
Yeoman (YN)								

1ST RULE: CALCULATE 60% OF QUALIFYING TIME THEN APPLY ADDITIONAL % AS SHOWN ABOVE

¹ QMED 100% Only For Standing Engine room Watches; Watchstanding Must Be Documented.

² PURSER 100%; Must Be A PO1 Through MCPO, Or, PO2 For 5 Years In Supervising On Ordering.

³ QMED 100% Only For Standing Engine room Watches; Watchstanding Must Be Documented.

⁴ PURSER 100%; Must Be A PO1 Through MCPO, Or, PO2 For 5 Years In Supervising And Ordering.

⁵ HS and HM Rates, 1st Class Or Higher, Qualify For Hospital Corpsman Endorsement With At Least 1 Month Service In Military Hospital Or U.S. Public Health Services Hospital (Time At Sea Not Required); Must Be Issued Jr. Asst. Purser For This Endorsement.

⁶ QMED 100% Only For Standing Engine room Watches; Watchstanding Must Be Documented.

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