

Complete Listing of Policy Letters

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12-05	Hours of Rest--Implementation of the 2010 amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978.		
12-06	International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended, endorsements as vessel personnel with designated security duties and for security-awareness.		
12-07	Guidance on issuance of endorsements and approval of Training to meet the 2010 amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW).		
11-07	Qualification VIA "The Hawsepip" for STCW Endorsement As Officer in charge of a navigation watch on ships of 200 GRT/500 GT or more.		
11-12	Sea Service on Vessel Measured under both the regulatory measurement system and convention measurement system.		
11-15	Merchant Mariner Credentials for Mariners Not Requiring a Transportation Worker Identification Credential		
10-04	Restricted Endorsements for Merchant Mariner Credentials (MMC) as Operator Of Uninspected Passenger Vessels (OUPV)		
01-03	Change 1 to Policy Letter 08-01		
02-03	Processing Applications for Mariner Credentials For Service on Seagoing Vessels Beginning 1 February 2003		

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04-03	Acceptance of STCW assessments of Skills to Qualify for Near Coastal and Oceans Towing Vessel Licenses and Endorsements		
06-03	Qualification for Issuance of Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Endorsements		
07-03	Requirements for Fingerprinting and a Safety and Security Check When Issuing a Merchant Mariner's Document (MMD) with a New Expiration Date. [Enclosure 1] Table of MMD Transactions	Superseded by NMC Guidance Document 03-06	46 CFR 10.209
08-03	Removal of Dates for Completion of Basic Safety Training (BST) From Certificates Issued Under the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as Amended (STCW)	Informational notice no longer required	46 CFR 11.202(b)
09-03	Procedures to Prevent Reduced Periods of Validity of a Mariner's Credentials at Renewal	Superseded by Regulation	46 CFR 10.205 46 CFR 10.209 See, " Coast Guard Clarifies Delayed Issuance " Bulletin for further information
01-02	Applicants for ocean or near coastal mate license for service on vessels of 500 or more gross tonnage (GT) (200 gross register tons [GRT]) with qualifying service or training beginning on or after 1 August 1998 and all applicants beginning 1 February 2002. [Part 2] , [Part 3] , Also see Policy Letter 16-02	Cancelled as of July 1, 2011	CG 543 Policy Letter 11-07
02-02	Administration of examinations for certain deck and engine licenses subject to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW)	Contained in Deck & Engine Guide	Deck and Engineering Guide



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03-02	Acceptance of radar observer (unlimited) courses to satisfy requirements of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW)	Informational notice no longer required	46 CFR 11.305
04-02	Applicants for ocean or near coastal Master and Chief Mate licenses for service on vessels of 3000 or more gross tonnage (GT) with qualifying service or training beginning on or after 1 August 1998 and all applicants beginning 1 February 2002		
05-02	Administration of oaths to applicants for merchant mariner's credentials	Superseded by NMC Guidance Document 04-06	46 CFR 10.225(e)
08-02	Electronic Submission of request for course approval		
08-02-Change 2	Electronic Submission of request for course approval	Superseded by NMC Guidance Document 01-06	46 CFR 11.302
09-02	Validity of licenses for service on vessels of not more than 200 gross tons (GT) valid for service on oceans	Expired grandfathering provision. Cancelled as of Feb. 1, 2002	46 CFR 11.202
10-02	Employment of foreign nationals on U.S.-flag vessels		
11-02	Verification of Identity of Students in Coast Guard Approved Courses		
12-02	Conducting Assessments of Skills to Satisfy Requirements of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as Amended	Informational notice no longer required	46 CFR 11.301(g) 46 CFR 12.02-11(d)
13-02	Endorsements on a Merchant Mariners Document (MMD) Issued to a Licensed Officer	Superseded by regulation change	46 CFR 12.02-11(a)(1)



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14-02	Qualification for deck and Engineering Ratings	Attachments A&B of enclosure (2) are replaced by NVIC 01-06	NVIC 01-06 , <i>Guidelines for Assessment of Merchant Mariner's Proficiency for Certification as Ratings Forming Part of an Engineering Watch Through Demonstration of Skills</i>
15-02	Sea Service on Vessels Measured Under the International Tonnage Convention System	Superseded by Policy Letter 11-12	
16-02	Change 1 to NMC Policy Letter 01-02	Cancelled as of July 1, 2011	CG 543 Policy Letter 11-07
17-02	Changes to Approval of Training Courses by the Minerals Management Service		
02-01	Guidance for Issuance of gas turbine endorsement		
05-01	Lifeboatman and proficiency in Survival Craft (PSC) Qualifications for service on vessels not equipped with lifeboats	Transition provisions self-cancelling as of Feb. 1, 2002	46 CFR Subpart 12.10
06-01	Qualifications for issuance of type rating endorsements authorizing service on high-speed craft		
07-01	Recognition of Training Courses Approved or Accepted by Foreign Administrations		
08-01	In-Service Qualifications as a Lifeboatman and Certification as proficient in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats Also see Policy Letter 01-03		
09-01	Evaluating experience aboard commercial vessels that do not get underway or that get underway for only limited periods		
10-01	Sea Service Credit for Approved Courses		
12-01	Continuing Competency in Basic Safety Training (BST)		



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14-01	Exceptions to the Application of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW) to Seagoing Vessels. [Enclosure 1] , Evaluation of a Request for Exemption from the STCW	Superseded by regulation change	46 CFR 15.103
15-01	Acceptance of courses completed prior to the implementation of the 1995 amendments to the international convention on standards of training, certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers, 1978 (STCW)		Approved Courses
16-01	Merchant Marine Licensing Examination Question Comment and Protest	Contained in Deck & Engine Guide	Deck and Engineering Guide
1-2000	Sea Service Credit in the Gulf of Mexico		
3-00	Guidance for determination of user fees	Superseded by regulation change	46CFR 10.219
5-00	Approval of Programs Leading to Certification as a rating forming part of a Navigational Watch		
6-00	Clarification of Navigational and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 7-00 on the application of STCW on vessels less than 200 GRT		
07-00	Licenses and Certifications Issued under the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW) for Service on Offshore Supply Vessels (OSV)- Change 1 to Policy Letter 7-00		
1-99	Instructor Requirements		
4-99	Approval of Stereo Optical Company Farnsworth Lantern (Falant) Color Perception Test	Replaced by NVIC	NVIC 4-08 , <i>Medical and Physical Evaluation Guidelines for Merchant Mariner Credentials</i>

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5-99	Evidence of Completion of Basic Safety Training (BST)	Replaced by NVIC	NVIC 5-00 , <i>Guidance on Performance Measures Used to Assess Seafarers' Proficiency in Programs in Basic Safety Training Meeting the Requirements on the International Convention on Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as Amended</i>
9-99	Medical Training and Qualifications Set Forth in the International Convention an Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW)		
10-99	Fire Fighting Turnout gear for live Fire Training		
1-98	Approval of courses offered outside the United States		
4-98	Request for Approval of Instructors after Initial Course Approval	Superseded by regulation change	46 CFR 11.302
7-98	Submission of Application for courses approval	Superseded by regulation change	46 CFR 11.302
9-98	Fire Fighting Course Approval		
11-98	Medical Standards for Entry Level Ratings	Superseded by NVIC 04-08	46 CFR 10.215(e)(2)
14-98	Standards for Approval of Basic Safety Training Courses		
15-98	Approval of Survival craft and Lifeboat training Courses		
18-98	Consistency of Evaluations	Obsolete due to centralization	71 FR 48480-01

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20-98	Alternate Site Approvals for Training		
21-98	Acceptance of Training for Qualification as a Person in Charge of Medical Care on Board Ship	Superseded by subsequent policy	NMC Policy Letter 9-99 , <i>Medical Training and Qualifications Set Forth in the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW)</i>
24-98	Application of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW), to Engineering Personnel	NMC Policy Letter 14-02 cancelled Enclosure (2)	NMC Policy Letter 14-02 , <i>Qualifications for Deck and Engineering Ratings</i>