

Designated Examiner

Designated Examiner Description

A person who is qualified, and approved by the Coast Guard, to evaluate whether a candidate for a towing credential is proficient at performing specific tasks by comparing the performance of the tasks against performance standards published by the Coast Guard.

How To Apply

Requests for approval or renewal as a designated examiner, or modification of an existing approval, are submitted to the National Maritime Center and must include a description of the mariner's qualifications and service record, both specific to the tasks to be assessed.

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Or

National Maritime Center
Attn: Training and Assessment Division NMC-2
100 Forbes Drive
Martinsburg, West Virginia 25404.

Approval Requirements

To become a Designated Examiner you must have documentary evidence to establish that you:

- have experience, training or been instructed in assessment techniques;
- have at least (3) years of service as the Master on a towing vessel for each route requested.

Renewal Requirements

Requests for Renewal are submitted to the National Maritime Center a minimum of 90 days prior to the expiration date, and must include a description of the mariner's qualifications and service record, both specific to the tasks to be assessed.

Modification Requirements

Requests for modification or the addition of a route are submitted to the National Maritime Center and must include a description of the mariner's qualifications and service record, both specific to the tasks to be assessed.

Explanation of Routes/Restrictions

Route endorsements and authorities:

- Near-Coastal / Oceans waters
- Great Lakes / Inland waters
- Western Rivers
- Limited (Note: Must include a geographic area restriction)

Master of Towing Vessels Limited: The authority to act as a Designated Examiner while sailing on this credential is restricted to the same geographic area of operations. It enables a mariner with experience in a limited geographic area an opportunity to obtain a towing credential.