

Retest Policy

[46 CFR 10.107](#) defines the following:

Officer Endorsement: “Officer endorsement: means an annotation on an MMC that allows a mariner to serve in the capacities listed in § 10.109 of this part.”

Ratings Endorsement: “Rating endorsement: is an annotation on an MMC that allows a mariner to serve in those capacities set out in § 10.109 of this part.”

Examination Retest Policy for Officer Endorsements

In accordance with [46 CFR 11.217 Examination procedures and denial of officer endorsements](#):

“(a) The examination fee set out in Table 10.219(a) of this subchapter must be paid before the applicant may take the first examination section. If an applicant fails three or more sections of the examination, a complete re-examination must be taken. On the subsequent exam, if the applicant again fails three or more sections, at least 3 months must elapse before another complete examination is attempted, and a new examination fee is required. If an applicant fails one or two sections of an examination, the applicant may be retested twice on these sections during the next 3 months. If the applicant does not successfully complete these sections within the 3-month period, a complete re-examination must be taken at least 3 months from the date of the last retest, and a new examination fee is required. The 3-month retest period may be extended by the Coast Guard if the applicant presents evidence documenting sea time that prevented the taking of a retest during the 3-month period. The retest period may not be extended beyond 7 months from the initial examination. All examinations and retests must be completed within 1 year of approval for examination.

(b) If the Coast Guard refuses to grant an applicant the endorsement applied for due to the applicant’s failure to pass a required examination, the Coast Guard will provide the applicant with a written statement setting forth the portions of the examination that must be retaken and the date by which the examination must be completed.”

Examination Retest Policy for Rating Endorsements

In accordance with [46 CFR 12.205 Examination procedures and denial of rating endorsements](#):

“(a) The examination fee set out in Table 10.219(a) in § 10.219 of this subchapter must be paid before the applicant may take the first section of the examination.

(b) Upon receipt of an application for a rating endorsement, the Coast Guard will give any required examination as soon as practicable after determining that the applicant is otherwise qualified for the endorsement.

(c) An applicant for a rating endorsement who has been duly examined and failed the examination may seek reexamination at any time after the initial examination. However, an applicant who fails an examination for the third time must wait 90 days before re-testing. All examinations and retests must be completed within 1 year of approval for examination.”