




Complete Listing of Policy Letters


1. Current Policy Letters

Document 	Title	Action	Reference(s)
01-18	Guidelines for Requesting Harmonization of Expiration Dates of Merchant Mariner Credentials and Mariner Medical Certificates When Applying for an Original or Renewal Merchant Mariner Credential	This policy establishes the method for MMC applicants to request the harmonization of the expiration dates of their MMC and mariner medical certificates.	
02-17	Credentialing of Seafarers Working On Board Hurricane Maria Relief Vessels Involved With the Emergency Support of The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands	The Coast Guard will use this policy as a guide for determining appropriate manning of vessels providing relief support.	
01-17	Guidelines For Issuing Endorsements For Tankerman PIC Restricted To Fuel Transfers On Towing Vessels	The Coast Guard will use this policy as a guide to issue endorsements to personnel designated as a PIC of the transfer of fuel oil under 33 CFR 155.700 on a towing vessel inspected under 46 CFR Subchapter M.	(a) 46 CFR 13.111(a) (b) 33 CFR 155.710(e)(1) (c) 46 CFR 136.202
MMC 01-16	Restricted Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels (ROUPV) Endorsements	Establish minimum requirements for, and provide guidance to Officers in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) in determining appropriate qualifications for ROUPV endorsements within their Area of Responsibility (AOR).	(a) 46 CFR 11.467(g) (b) 46 CFR 10.225 (c) 46 CFR 11.201


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OES 01-16	Guidelines for Training of Personnel On Ships Subject to the International Code for Ships Operating In Polar Waters	The Coast Guard will use this policy as a guide to help ensure personnel engaged on ships subject to the Polar Code are trained, in a manner that provides a level of safety taking into account the challenges specific to the unique polar environment. Officers In Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMIs) should bring this policy to the attention of the maritime industry within their zones of responsibility.	<p>(a) International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code)</p> <p>(b) International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW), Resolution 11 and sections B-V/g of the STCW Code</p> <p>(c) International Maritime Organization (IMO) Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its Ninety Fifth Session (MSC 95/22/Add2) Annex 8 and 9</p> <p>(d) USCG Marine Safety Manual, Volume III, Marine Industry Personnel</p> <p>(e) NVIC 03-14</p>
01-15	Guidelines For Liquefied Natural Gas Fuel Transfer Operations And Training Of Personnel On Vessels Using Natural Gas As Fuel		(a) International Maritime Organization (IMO) Resolution MSC.285(86) - Interim Guidelines on Safety for Natural Gas-Fueled Installations in Ships
15-03	Crediting Recent Service Of Uniformed Service Personnel		<p>(a) Marine Safety Manual, Volume III, Marine Industry Personnel, COMDTINST M16000.8B (MSM)</p> <p>(b) 46 CFR 11.201(c)(2)</p> <p>(c) Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014, P.L 113-281</p>
14-03	Evaluating Sea Service Aboard Liftboats		46 CFR 11.201(1) and 46 CFR 11.211 (g). 46 CFR 11.201(1) and 46 CFR 11.211 (g)


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11-11 CH-1	Engineer Officer Endorsements On Uninspected Commercial Fishing Industry Vessels		(a) Title 46 United States Code (46 USC) Part F- Manning of Vessels (b) Title 46 United States Code (46 USC) 3302- Exemptions [from Inspection] (c) Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations (46 CFR) Part 11 (d) USCG Marine Safety Manual, Volume III, Marine Industry Personnel (e) NVIC 03-14
11-12	Sea Service on Vessel Measured under both the regulatory measurement system and convention measurement system.		(a) Title 46 United States Code (USC) Part E- Merchant Seaman Licenses, Certificates, and Documents (b) 46 CFR 11.211 (h)
11-15	Merchant Mariner Credentials for Mariners Not Requiring a Transportation Worker Identification Credential		(a) Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010, Public Law 111- 281 (b) 46 CFR Part 15 (c) 46 CFR Part 10 (d) 33 CFR Parts 104 & 105
04-03	Acceptance of STCW assessments of Skills to Qualify for Near Coastal and Oceans Towing Vessel Licenses and Endorsements		(a) NVIC 03-16 (b) 46 CFR Part 11
02-01	Guidance for Issuance of gas turbine endorsement	Will cancel on March 24, 2019	NVIC 02-01
07-01	Recognition of Training Courses Approved or Accepted by Foreign Administrations		46 CFR Part 10
01-00	Sea Service Credit in the Gulf of Mexico		(a) 46 CFR 10.107 (b) 46 CFR 7.105 (c) Title 46 United States Code 2101(3) (d) 33 CFR 2.05-10

2. Cancelled 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.	Cancelled by Regulation Change	46 CFR Part 15, Subpart K
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.	Superseded by Policy	(a) 46 CFR 12.625 (b) 46 CFR 12.627 (c) 46 CFR 11.337 (d) NVIC 21-14
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).	Superseded by Policy	(a) 46 CFR Part 12 (b) NVIC 03-14 (c) NVIC 18-14 (d) NVIC 14-14
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.	Superseded by Policy	(a) NVIC 12-14 (b) 46 CFR 11.309
10-04	Restricted Endorsements for Merchant Mariner Credentials (MMC) as Operator Of Uninspected Passenger Vessels (OUPV)	Superseded by Policy	(a) MMC 01-16 (b) 46 CFR 11.467(g) (c) 46 CFR 10.225 (d) 46 CFR 11.201
01-03	Change 1 to Policy Letter 08-01	Cancelled by Regulation Change	46 CFR Part 12, Subpart F
02-03	Processing Applications for Mariner Credentials For Service on Seagoing Vessels Beginning 1 February 2003	Cancelled by Regulation Change	46 CFR Part 10
06-03	Qualification for Issuance of Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Endorsements	Cancelled by Regulation Change	46 CFR Part 11, Subpart F
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	Cancelled by Regulation Change	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	Cancelled by Regulation Change	46 CFR 10.205 46 CFR 10.209 See, "Coast Guard Clarifies Delayed Issuance" Bulletin for further information

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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	Superseded by Policy Letter 11-07; Subsequently superseded by NVIC 12-14	(a) 46 CFR 11.309 (b) NVIC 12-14
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 Exam Guide	Deck and Engineering Exam Guide
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	Cancelled as of January 1, 2017	(a) 46 CFR Part 11 (b) NVIC 10-14
05-02	Administration of oaths to applicants for merchant mariner's credentials	Superseded by NMC Guidance Document 04-06; Subsequently cancelled by regulation change	46 CFR 10.225(c)
08-02	Electronic Submission of request for course approval	Superseded by Policy	(a) NVIC 03-14 (b) 46 CFR Part 10, Subpart D
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	NVIC 13-14
10-02	Employment of foreign nationals on U.S.-flag vessels	Cancelled by Regulation Change	46 CFR Part 11, Subpart J
11-02	Verification of Identity of Students in Coast Guard Approved Courses	Superseded by NVIC 03-14	46 CFR Part 10
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	(a) 46 CFR 11.301(g) (b) 46 CFR 12.201
13-02	Endorsements on a Merchant Mariners Document (MMD) Issued to a Licensed Officer	Cancelled by Regulation Change	46 CFR 12.01(a)(1)
14-02	Qualification for deck and Engineering Ratings	Superseded by Policy	(a) NVIC 06-14 (b) NVIC 07-14
15-02	Sea Service on Vessels Measured Under the International Tonnage Convention System	Superseded by Policy	Policy Letter 11-12
16-02	Change 1 to NMC Policy Letter 01-02	Superseded by Policy Letter 11-07; Subsequently superseded by NVIC	NVIC 12-14
17-02	Changes to Approval of Training Courses by the Minerals Management Service	Cancelled - information no longer applies	46 CFR Part 10

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05-01	Lifeboatman and proficiency in Survival Craft (PSC) Qualifications for service on vessels not equipped with lifeboats	Cancelled by Regulation Change	46 CFR 12.615
06-01	Qualifications for issuance of type rating endorsements authorizing service on high-speed craft	Superseded by Policy	(a) 46 CFR 11.821 (b) NVIC 20-14
08-01	In-Service Qualifications as a Lifeboatman and Certification as proficient in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats; Also see Policy Letter 01-03	Cancelled by Regulation Change	46 CFR Part 12, Subpart F
09-01	Evaluating experience aboard commercial vessels that do not get underway or that get underway for only limited periods	Cancelled by Regulation Change	46 CFR Part 10, Subpart B
10-01	Sea Service Credit for Approved Courses	Superseded by Policy	NVIC 03-14
12-01	Continuing Competency in Basic Safety Training (BST)	Cancelled - information is out of date & inconsistent with regulations	(a) 46 CFR Part 12, Subpart F (b) NVIC 08-14
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	Cancelled by Regulation Change	46 CFR 15.1101
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)	Information notice no longer required	Approved Courses
16-01	Merchant Marine Licensing Examination Question Comment and Protest	Contained in Deck & Engine Exam Guide	Deck and Engineering Exam Guide
3-00	Guidance for determination of user fees	Cancelled by Regulation Change	46 CFR 10.219
5-00	Approval of Programs Leading to Certification as a rating forming part of a Navigational Watch	Superseded by Policy	(a) 46 CFR Part 10 (b) NVIC 06-14 (c) NVIC 03-14
6-00	Clarification of Navigational and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 7-00 on the application of STCW on vessels less than 200 GRT	Cancelled by Regulation Change	46 CFR Part 11, Subpart D
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	Superseded by Policy. Grandfathering for STCW OSV endorsements allows use of this policy until January 1, 2018 and for National OSV endorsements allows use of this policy until March 24, 2019.	(a) NVIC 04-17 (b) NVIC 03-17 (c) NVIC 02-17 (d) NVIC 01-17 (e) 46 CFR Part 11
1-99	Instructor Requirements	Superseded by Policy	(a) NVIC 03-14 (b) 46 CFR Part 10
4-99	Approval of Stereo Optical Company Farnsworth Lantern (Falant) Color Perception Test	Cancelled by Regulation Change	46 CFR 10.305

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5-99	Evidence of Completion of Basic Safety Training (BST)	Subsequently superseded by NVIC 05-00; Subsequently by NVIC 08-14	NVIC 08-14
09-99	Medical Training and Qualifications Set Forth in the International Convention an Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW)	Cancelled by NVIC 03-14	46 CFR Part 11
10-99	Fire Fighting Turnout gear for live Fire Training	Superseded by Policy	NVIC 03-14
1-98	Approval of courses offered outside the United States	Superseded by Policy	(a) 46 CFR Part 10 (b) NVIC 03-14
4-98	Request for Approval of Instructors after Initial Course Approval	Superseded by Policy	NVIC 03-14
7-98	Submission of Application for courses approval	Superseded by Policy	NVIC 03-14
9-98	Fire Fighting Course Approval	Superseded by Policy	(a) 46 CFR Part 11.302 (b) NVIC 03-14
11-98	Medical Standards for Entry Level Ratings	Superseded by Policy	(a) 46 CFR Part 10 Subpart C (b) NVIC 04-08
14-98	Standards for Approval of Basic Safety Training Courses	Superseded by Policy	(a) NVIC 03-14 (b) 46 CFR 12.602 (c) 46 CFR 11.302
15-98	Approval of Survival craft and Lifeboat training Courses	Superseded by Policy	(a) NVIC 03-14 (b) 46 CFR Part 12
18-98	Consistency of Evaluations	Obsolete due to centralization	71 FR 48480-01
20-98	Alternate Site Approvals for Training	Superseded by Policy	NVIC 03-14
21-98	Acceptance of Training for Qualification as a Person in Charge of Medical Care on Board Ship	Superseded by Policy	Policy Letter 9-99
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)	Policy Letter 14-02