

## § 12.10-3

United States Customs and Border Protection Port Director or his or her representative or master before signing articles of agreement. No endorsement as lifeboatman is required of any person employed on any unrigged vessel, except on a seagoing barge and on a tank barge navigating waters other than rivers and/or canals.

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### § 12.10-3 General requirements.

(a) An applicant to be eligible for an endorsement as lifeboatman must meet one of the following requirements:

(1) At least 1 year's sea service in the deck department, or at least 2 years' sea service in the other departments of ocean, coastwise, Great Lakes, and other lakes, bays, or sounds vessels.

(2) Graduation from a schoolship approved by and conducted under rules prescribed by the National Maritime Center.

(3) Satisfactory completion of basic training by a Cadet of the United States Merchant Marine Cadet Corps.

(4) Satisfactory completion of 3 years' training at the U.S. Naval Academy or the U.S. Coast Guard Academy including two training cruises.

(5) Satisfactory completion of a course of training approved by the National Maritime Center, or service aboard a training vessel.

(6) Successful completion of a training course, approved by the National Maritime Center, such course to include a minimum of 30 hours' actual lifeboat training; *provided*, however, that the applicant produces satisfactory evidence of having served a minimum of 6 months at sea board ocean or coastwise vessels.

(b) An applicant, to be eligible for an endorsement as lifeboatman, shall be able to speak and understand the English language as would be required in the rating of lifeboatman and in an emergency aboard ship.

(c) An applicant shall be 18 years old to be eligible for an endorsement as proficient in survival craft under

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STCW Regulation VI/2 (incorporated by reference in § 12.01-3).

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### § 12.10-5 Examination and demonstration of ability.

(a) Before an applicant is issued an endorsement as a lifeboatman, he or she shall prove to the satisfaction of the Coast Guard by oral or other means of examination, and by actual demonstration, his or her knowledge of seamanship and the ability to carry out effectively all the duties that may be required of a lifeboatman. The applicant shall demonstrate that he or she:

(1) Has been trained in all the operations connected with the launching of lifeboats and liferafts, and in the use of oars;

(2) Is acquainted with the practical handling of boats; and

(3) Is capable of taking command of the boat's crew.

(b) The examination, whether administered orally or by other means, must be conducted only in the English language and must consist of questions regarding:

(1) Lifeboats and liferafts, the names of their essential parts, and a description of the required equipment;

(2) The clearing away, swinging out, and lowering of lifeboats and liferafts, the handling of lifeboats under oars and sails, including questions relative to the proper handling of a boat in a heavy sea; and,

(3) The operation and functions of commonly used types of davits.

(c) The practical examination shall consist of a demonstration of the applicant's ability to carry out the orders incident to launching lifeboats, and the use of the boat's sail, and to row.

(d) Each applicant for a lifeboatman's endorsement with an STCW endorsement for proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats shall be not less than 18 years old and shall produce satisfactory evidence that he or she meets the requirements of STCW Regulation VI/2 (incorporated by reference in § 12.01-3), paragraph 1, and the