equivalency provisions of Article IX of STCW.


§ 11.497 Mate (OSV).

(a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, to qualify for an endorsement as Mate (OSV), an applicant shall present evidence that he or she meets the appropriate requirements of STCW Regulation II/1.

(b) The OCMi may exempt an applicant from meeting any requirement under STCW Regulation II/1 that the OCMi determines to be inappropriate or unnecessary for service on an OSV, or that the applicant meets under the equivalency provisions of Article IX of STCW.


Subpart E—Professional Requirements for Engineer Officer

§ 11.501 Grade and type of engineer endorsements issued.

(a) Engineer endorsements are issued in the grades of:

(1) Chief engineer;

(2) First assistant engineer;

(3) Second assistant engineer;

(4) Third assistant engineer;

(5) Chief engineer (limited);

(6) Assistant engineer (limited);

(7) Designated duty engineer;

(8) Chief engineer uninspected fishing industry vessels; and,

(9) Assistant engineer uninspected fishing industry vessels.

(b) Engineer endorsements issued in the grades of chief engineer (limited) and assistant engineer (limited) of steam and/or motor vessels allow the holder to serve within any horsepower limitations on vessels of any gross tons in ocean, near coastal or Great Lakes service in the following manner:

(1) Assistant engineer (limited—oceans) may serve on ocean waters;

(2) Chief engineer (limited—near coastal) may serve on near coastal waters; and,

(3) Chief engineer (limited—oceans) may serve on ocean waters.

(c) Engineer licenses or MMC endorsements issued in the grades of designated duty engineer of steam and/or motor vessels allow the holder to serve within stated horsepower limitations on vessels of not more than 500 gross tons in the following manner:

(1) Designated duty engineers limited to vessels of not more than 1000 horsepower or 4000 horsepower may serve only on near coastal or inland waters;

(2) Designated duty engineers with no horsepower limitations may serve on any waters.

(d) An engineer officer’s license or MMC endorsement authorizes service on either steam or motor vessels or may authorize both modes of propulsion.

(e) A person holding an engineer license or MMC endorsement which is restricted to near coastal waters may serve within the limitations of the license or MMC upon near coastal, Great Lakes, and inland waters.


§ 11.502 Additional requirements for engineer endorsements.

(a) For all original and raise of grade of engineer licenses or MMC endorsements, at least one-third of the minimum service requirements must have been obtained on the particular mode of propulsion for which applied.

(b) If an applicant desires to add a propulsion mode to his or her endorsement, the following alternative methods, while holding a license or MMC endorsement in that grade, are acceptable:

(1) Four months of service as an observer in the same capacity as their endorsement on vessels of the other propulsion mode;

(2) Four months of service as an engineer officer at a lower level on vessels of the other propulsion mode;

(3) Six months of service as oiler, watertender, or junior engineer on vessels of the other propulsion mode; or,

(4) Completion of a Coast Guard approved training course for this endorsement.