

## Coast Guard, DHS

## § 15.501

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(b) International Maritime Organization (IMO), 4 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SR United Kingdom, telephone +44(0)20 7735 7611, <http://www.imo.org>.

(1) STCW—The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended 1995, (STCW Convention), incorporation by reference approved for §§15.103; 15.1101; 15.1103; 15.1105; 15.1109.

(2) Seafarer's Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Code, as amended 1995 (STCW Code), incorporation by reference approved for §§15.1101; 15.1109.

[USCG-2009-0702, 74 FR 49225, Sept. 25, 2009]

### Subpart B [Reserved]

### Subpart C—Manning Requirements; All Vessels

#### § 15.401 Employment and service with-in restrictions of credential.

A person may not employ or engage an individual, and an individual may not serve, in a position in which an individual is required by law or regulation to hold a license, certificate of registry, merchant mariner's document, transportation worker identification credential, and/or merchant mariner credential, unless the individual holds all credentials required, as appropriate, authorizing service in the capacity in which the individual is engaged or employed and the individual serves within any restrictions placed on the credential. Beginning April 15, 2009, all mariners holding an active license, certificate of registry, MMD, or MMC issued by the Coast Guard must also hold a valid transportation worker identification credential (TWIC) issued

by the Transportation Security Administration under 49 CFR part 1572.

[USCG-2006-24371, 74 FR 11260, Mar. 16, 2009]

#### § 15.405 Familiarity with vessel characteristics.

Each credentialed individual must become familiar with the relevant characteristics of the vessel on which engaged prior to assuming his or her duties. As appropriate, these include but are not limited to: general arrangement of the vessel; maneuvering characteristics; proper operation of the installed navigation equipment; fire-fighting and lifesaving equipment; stability and loading characteristics; emergency duties; and main propulsion and auxiliary machinery, including steering gear systems and controls.

[CGD 81-059, 52 FR 38652, Oct. 16, 1987, as amended by USCG-2006-24371, 74 FR 11260, Mar. 16, 2009]

#### § 15.410 Credentialed individuals for assistance towing vessels.

Every assistance towing vessel must be under the direction and control of an individual holding a license or MMC authorizing them to engage in assistance towing under the provisions of 46 CFR 10.482.

[CGD 87-017, 53 FR 18562, May 24, 1988, as amended by USCG-2006-24371, 74 FR 11260, Mar. 16, 2009]

#### § 15.415 [Reserved]

### Subpart D—Manning Requirements; Inspected Vessels

#### § 15.501 Certificate of inspection.

(a) The certificate of inspection (COI) issued by an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI), to a vessel required to be inspected under 46 U.S.C. 3301 specifies the minimum complement of officers and crew necessary for the safe operation of the vessel.

(b) The manning requirements for a particular vessel are determined by the OCMI after consideration of the applicable laws, the regulations in this part, and all other factors involved, such as: Emergency situations, size and type of vessel, installed equipment, proposed routes of operation including frequency of port calls, cargo carried, type of