

*Undocumented vessel* means a vessel not required to have a certificate of documentation issued under the laws of the United States.

*Upper level* is used as a category of deck and engineer officer endorsements established for assessment of fees. Upper-level endorsements are those for which the requirements are listed in §§ 11.404 to 11.407 of this subchapter and §§ 11.510, 11.512, 11.514, and 11.516 of this subchapter.

*Vessel Security Officer (VSO)* means a person onboard the vessel accountable to the Master, designated by the Company as responsible for security of the vessel, including implementation and maintenance of the Vessels Security Plan, and for liaison with the Facility Security Officer and the vessel's Company Security Officer.

*Western rivers* means the Mississippi River, its tributaries, South Pass, and Southwest Pass, to the navigational demarcation lines dividing the high seas from harbors, rivers, and other inland waters of the United States, and the Port Allen-Morgan City Alternate Route, and that part of the Atchafalaya River above its junction with the Port Allen-Morgan City Alternate Route including the Old River and the Red River, and those waters specified in 33 CFR 89.25.

*Year* means 360 days for the purpose of complying with the service requirements of this subchapter.

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#### § 10.109 Classification of endorsements.

(a) The following officer endorsements are established in part 11 of this subchapter. The endorsements indicate that an individual holding a valid MMC with this endorsement is qualified to serve in that capacity and the endorsement has been issued under the requirements contained in part 11 of this subchapter:

- (1) Master;
- (2) Chief mate;
- (3) Second mate;
- (4) Third mate;
- (5) Mate;
- (6) Master of towing vessel;

- (7) Mate (pilot) of towing vessel;
- (8) Apprentice mate (Steersman);
- (9) Offshore installation manager (OIM);
- (10) Barge supervisor (BS);
- (11) Ballast control operator (BCO);
- (12) Operator of uninspected passenger vessels (OUPV);
- (13) Master of uninspected fishing industry vessels;
- (14) Mate of uninspected fishing industry vessels;
- (15) Master of offshore supply vessels;
- (16) Chief mate of offshore supply vessels;
- (17) Mate of offshore supply vessels;
- (18) Chief engineer;
- (19) Chief engineer (limited);
- (20) Chief engineer (limited-ocean);
- (21) Chief engineer (limited-near-coastal);
- (22) First assistant engineer;
- (23) Second assistant engineer;
- (24) Third assistant engineer;
- (25) Assistant engineer (limited);
- (26) Designated duty engineer (DDE);
- (27) Chief engineer offshore supply vessel;
- (28) Engineer offshore supply vessel;
- (29) Chief engineer MODU;
- (30) Assistant engineer MODU;
- (31) Chief engineer uninspected fishing industry vessels;
- (32) Assistant engineer uninspected fishing industry vessels;
- (33) Radio officer;
- (34) First class pilot
- (35) Chief purser;
- (36) Purser;
- (37) Senior assistant purser;
- (38) Junior assistant purser;
- (39) Medical doctor;
- (40) Professional nurse;
- (41) Marine physician assistant;
- (42) Hospital corpsman; and
- (43) Radar observer.

(b) The following rating endorsements are established in part 12 of this subchapter. The endorsements indicate that an individual holding a valid MMC with this endorsement is qualified to serve in that capacity and the endorsement has been issued under the requirements contained in part 12 of this subchapter:

- (1) Able seaman:
  - (i) Any waters, unlimited;
  - (ii) Limited;
  - (iii) Special; and

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- (iv) Special (OSV).
- (2) Ordinary seaman.
- (3) Qualified member of the engine department (QMED):
  - (i) Refrigerating engineer;
  - (ii) Oiler;
  - (iii) Deck engineer;
  - (iv) Fireman/Watertender;
  - (v) Junior engineer;
  - (vi) Electrician;
  - (vii) Machinist;
  - (viii) Pumpman;
  - (ix) Deck engine mechanic; and
  - (x) Engineman.
- (4) Lifeboatman.
- (5) Wiper.
- (6) Steward's department
- (7) Steward's department (F.H.).
- (8) Cadet.
- (9) Student observer.
- (10) Apprentice engineer.
- (11) Apprentice mate.

(c) The following ratings are established in part 13 of this subchapter. The endorsements indicate that an individual holding a valid MMC with this endorsement is qualified to serve in that capacity and the endorsement has been issued under the requirements contained in part 13 of this subchapter:

- (1) Tankerman PIC.
- (2) Tankerman PIC (Barge).
- (3) Restricted tankerman PIC.
- (4) Restricted tankerman PIC (Barge).
- (5) Tankerman assistant.
- (6) Tankerman engineer.

(d) The following STCW endorsements are established by STCW and issued according to the STCW Code, STCW Convention and parts 11 and 12 of this subchapter. The endorsements indicate that an individual holding a valid MMC with this endorsement is qualified to serve in that capacity and the endorsement has been issued under the requirements contained in parts 11 or 12 of this subchapter as well as the STCW Code and STCW Convention (incorporated by reference see § 10.103):

- (1) Master.
- (2) Chief mate.
- (3) Officer in charge of a navigational watch (OICNW).
- (4) Chief engineer.
- (5) Second engineer officer.
- (6) Officer in charge of an engineering watch in a manned engine room or designated duty engineer in a periodically unmanned engine room (OICEW).

(7) Rating forming part of a navigational watch (RFPNW).

(8) Rating forming part of a watch in a manned engine room or designated to perform duties in a periodically unmanned engine room (RFPEW).

(9) Proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats (PSC).

(10) Proficiency in fast rescue boats.

(11) Person in charge of medical care.

(12) Medical first aid provider.

(13) GMDSS at-sea maintainer.

(14) GMDSS operator.

(15) Tankerman PIC.

(16) Tankerman assistant.

(17) Tankerman engineer.

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### Subpart B—General Requirements for All Merchant Mariner Credentials

#### § 10.201 General characteristics of the merchant mariner credential.

(a) A merchant mariner credential (MMC) (Coast Guard Form CG–4610), is a credential combining the elements of the merchant mariner's document (MMD), merchant mariner's license (license), and certificate of registry (COR) enumerated in 46 U.S.C. subtitle II part E as well as the STCW endorsement issued pursuant to the STCW Convention and STCW Code incorporated by reference in § 10.103. MMDs, licenses, STCW endorsements and CORs are no longer issued as separate documents and all qualifications formerly entered on those separate documents appear in the form of an endorsement(s) on an MMC.

(b) An MMC authorizes the holder to serve in any capacity endorsed thereon, or in any lower capacity in the same department, or in any capacity covered by a general endorsement.

(c) An MMC may be issued to qualified applicants by the National Maritime Center or at any Regional Examination Center during usual business hours, or through the mail.