

qualify under the requirements of this part existing before that date. This includes the assessments published prior to March 24, 2014, as well as the additional requirements for the STCW endorsement section.

(4) Except as noted by this subpart, the Coast Guard will continue to issue STCW endorsements meeting the requirements of this part existing before March 24, 2014, for seafarers identified in paragraph (c)(3) of this section, until January 1, 2017.

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§ 12.602 Basic training.

(a) Applicants seeking an STCW rating endorsement must provide evidence, with their application, of meeting the standard of competence for basic training as described below:

(1) Personal survival techniques, as set out in Table A-VI/1-1 of the STCW Code (incorporated by reference, see § 12.103 of this part).

(2) Fire prevention and firefighting, as set out in Table A-VI/1-2 of the STCW Code.

(3) Elementary first aid, as set out in Table A-VI/1-3 of the STCW Code.

(4) Personal safety and social responsibilities, as set out in Table A-VI/1-4 of the STCW Code.

(b) Every 5 years, seafarers qualified in accordance with § 12.601 (a) of this subpart must provide evidence of maintaining the standard of competence for basic training (BT).

(c) The Coast Guard will accept on-board training and experience, through evidence of 1 year of sea service within the last 5 years for the following areas:

(1) Personal survival techniques, as set out in Table A-VI/1-1 of the STCW Code:

- (i) Donning a lifejacket.
- (ii) Boarding a survival craft from the ship, while wearing a lifejacket.
- (iii) Taking initial actions on boarding a lifeboat to enhance chance of survival.
- (iv) Streaming a lifeboat drogue or sea-anchor.
- (v) Operating survival craft equipment.
- (vi) Operating location devices, including radio equipment.

(2) Fire prevention and firefighting, as set out in Table A-VI/1-2 of the STCW Code:

- (i) Using self-contained breathing apparatus.
- (ii) Performing a rescue in a smoke-filled space, using an approved smoke-generating device aboard, while wearing a breathing apparatus.

(3) Elementary first aid, as set out in Table A-VI/1-3 of the STCW Code.

(4) Personal safety and social responsibilities, as set out in Table A-VI/1-4 of the STCW Code.

(d) The Coast Guard will only accept evidence of approved assessments conducted ashore for the following areas:

(1) Personal survival techniques, as set out in Table A-VI/1-1 of the STCW Code:

- (i) Donning and use an immersion suit.
- (ii) Safely jumping from a height into the water.
- (iii) Righting an inverted liferaft while wearing a lifejacket.
- (iv) Swimming while wearing a lifejacket.
- (v) Keeping afloat without a lifejacket.

(2) Fire prevention and firefighting as set out in Table A-VI/1-2 of the STCW Code:

- (i) Using various types of portable fire extinguishers.
- (ii) Extinguishing smaller fires. e.g., electrical fires, oil fires, and propane fires.
- (iii) Extinguishing extensive fires with water, using jet and spray nozzles.
- (iv) Extinguishing fires with foam, powder, or any other suitable chemical agent.
- (v) Fighting fire in smoke-filled enclosed spaces wearing self-contained breathing apparatuses.
- (vi) Extinguishing fire with water fog or any other suitable firefighting agent in an accommodation room or simulated engine room with fire and heavy smoke.
- (vii) Extinguishing oil fire with fog applicator and spray nozzles, dry chemical powder, or foam applicators.

(e) Applicants who cannot meet the requirement for 1 year of sea service within the last 5 years, as described in paragraph (c) of this section, will be required to meet the requirements of

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paragraph (a) of this section or complete approved or accepted refresher training.

§ 12.603 Requirements to qualify for an STCW endorsement as able seafarer-deck.

(a) To qualify for this endorsement as able seafarer-deck, an applicant must—

- (1) Be not less than 18 years of age;
- (2) Meet the requirements for certification as a RFPNW;
- (3) While qualified as an RFPNW, have seagoing service in the deck department of—
 - (i) Not less than 18 months; or
 - (ii) Not less than 12 months and have completed approved training;
- (4) Provide evidence of meeting the standard of competence specified in Table A–II/5 of the STCW Code (incorporated by reference, see §12.103 of this part); and
- (5) Provide evidence of having satisfactorily completed approved training in—
 - (i) Proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats (PSC); or
 - (ii) Proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats, other than lifeboats or fast rescue boats-limited (PSC-limited), as appropriate.
- (b) Until January 1, 2017, seafarers will be considered to have met the re-

quirements of this section if they have served as a watchstanding A/B or as an RFPNW for a period of not less than 12 months within the 60 months prior to application.

(c) Seafarers holding a rating endorsement as able seaman before January 1, 2017, will be eligible for this endorsement upon showing evidence of—

- (1) Holding an endorsement as an RFPNW; and
- (2) Having satisfactorily completed approved training in—
 - (i) Proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats, other than fast rescue boats (PSC); or
 - (ii) Proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats, other than lifeboats or fast rescue boats-limited (PSC-limited), as appropriate.

(d) The Coast Guard may exempt an applicant from meeting any individual knowledge, understanding, and proficiency required in Section A–II/5 of the STCW Code. These exemptions must be approved by the Coast Guard, based upon vessel type. Under these circumstances, the endorsement may include a corresponding limitation.

(e) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, seafarers with the following national rating endorsements will be eligible for this endorsement upon completion of the requirements designated in this section:

TABLE 1 TO § 12.603(e)—STCW ENDORSEMENT AS ABLE SEAFARER-DECK

Entry path from national endorsements	Sea service under authority of the endorsement ¹	Competence—STCW Table A–II/4 ²	Competence—STCW Table A–II/5 ³	Training required by this section ⁴
A/B unlimited	None	Y	Y	N
A/B limited	None	Y	Y	N
A/B special	6 months ⁵	Y	Y	N
A/B-offshore supply vessels	12 months ⁶	Y	Y	N
A/B sail	12 months ⁶	Y	Y	N
A/B-fishing industry	12 months ⁶	Y	Y	N

¹ This column provides the minimum additional service required of the seafarer already holding an RFPNW endorsement in order to meet the requirements of this section.

² Complete any items in paragraph (a)(2) of this section not previously satisfied.

³ Complete any items in paragraph (a)(4) of this section not previously satisfied.

⁴ Complete any items in paragraph (a)(5) of this section not previously satisfied.

⁵ The service may be reduced to 3 months if training has been completed as part of an approved training program meeting the requirements of paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

⁶ The service may be reduced to 6 months if training has been completed as part of an approved training program meeting the requirements of (a)(4) of this section.