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§ 12.623 Requirements to qualify for an STCW endorsement as Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) at-sea maintainer.

To qualify for an STCW endorsement as GMDSS at-sea maintainer, an applicant must—

(a) Be not less than 18 years of age;

(b) Provide evidence of—

(1) Successful completion of a training program that covers at least the scope and content of the training outlined in Section B–IV/2 of the STCW Code (incorporated by reference, see §12.103 of this part); or

(2) Passing an approved GMDSS at-sea maintainer course; and

(3) Be a person who has been employed as a GMDSS at-sea maintainer for a period of at least 5 years, during the last 5 years, as meeting the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this section for the following areas, as set out in Table A–VI/2–2 of the STCW Code:

(i) Taking charge of a fast rescue boat during and after launch, including—

(A) Controlling safe launching, operating of the engine, and recovering a fast rescue boat;

(B) Handling a fast rescue boat in prevailing weather and sea conditions;

(C) Using communication and signaling equipment between the fast rescue boat and a helicopter and a ship;

(D) Using the emergency equipment carried; and

(E) Carrying out search patterns, taking account of environmental factors.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) The Coast Guard will only accept evidence of assessments conducted ashore as meeting the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this section for the areas not included in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, as set out in Table A–VI/2–2 of the STCW Code.

(4) Applicants who cannot meet the requirement for 1 year of sea service within the last 5 years, as described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, will be required to meet the requirements of paragraph (a)(3) of this section or complete approved or accepted refresher training.
§ 12.625 Requirements to qualify for an STCW endorsement as vessel personnel with designated security duties.

(a) An applicant for an STCW endorsement as vessel personnel with designated security duties must—

1. Present satisfactory documentary evidence, such as a certificate or letter signed by a company official, or a certificate of completion from a Coast Guard-accepted or Coast Guard-approved course, of meeting the requirements in 33 CFR 104.230;

2. Meet the physical examination requirements in 46 CFR Part 10, subpart C; and

3. Meet the safety and suitability requirements and the National Driver Registry review requirements in §10.209(e) of this subchapter, unless the applicant has met these requirements within the previous 5 years in connection with another endorsement.

(b) Until March 24, 2014, seafarers will be able to apply for an endorsement as vessel personnel with designated security duties by—

1. Having completed approved sea-going service with designated security duties, for a period of at least 6 months in total during the preceding 3 years;

2. Having performed security functions considered to be equivalent to the seagoing service required in paragraph (b)(1) of this section; or

3. Successfully completing Coast Guard-accepted or Coast Guard-approved training.

§ 12.627 Requirements to qualify for an STCW endorsement for security awareness.

(a) An applicant for an endorsement for security awareness must—

1. Present satisfactory documentary evidence, such as a certificate or letter signed by a company official, or a certificate of completion from a Coast Guard-accepted or Coast Guard-approved course, of meeting the requirements in 33 CFR 104.235;

2. Meet the physical examination requirements in 46 CFR, part 10, subpart C; and

3. Meet the safety and suitability requirements and the National Driver Registry review requirements in §10.209(e) of this subchapter, unless the applicant has met these requirements within the previous 5 years in connection with another endorsement.

(b) Until March 24, 2014, seafarers will be able to apply for an endorsement in security awareness by—

1. Having performed approved seagoing service for a period of at least 6 months in total during the preceding 3 years;

2. Having performed security functions considered to be equivalent to the seagoing service required in paragraph (b)(1) of this section; or

3. Successfully completing Coast Guard-accepted or Coast Guard-approved training.

Subpart G—Entry-Level National Ratings and Miscellaneous Ratings

§ 12.701 Credentials required for entry-level and miscellaneous ratings.

Every person employed or engaged on a vessel subject to 46 U.S.C. 8701, must produce an MMC or MMD with the appropriate endorsement to the master or person in charge (PIC), if appropriate, before signing shipping articles.

§ 12.703 General requirements for entry-level ratings.

(a) Rating endorsements will be issued without professional examination to applicants in capacities other than able seaman, lifeboatman, lifeboatman-limited, tankerman, or QMED, including—

1. Ordinary seaman;

2. Wiper;

3. Steward’s department; and

4. Steward’s department (F.H.).

(b) Holders of MMCs or MMDs endorsed as ordinary seaman may serve in any unqualified rating in the deck or steward’s department, except as a food handler.

(c) Holders of MMCs or MMDs endorsed as wiper may serve in any unqualified rating in the engine or steward’s department, except as a food handler.