

## Panama Canal Regulations

## § 119.12

### **§ 119.5 Revocation for parting with license.**

A license shall be immediately revoked if, for any purpose, the holder thereof voluntarily parts with its possession, or places it beyond his personal control by selling or lending it to, or pledging or depositing it with, another person.

[31 FR 12311, Sept. 16, 1966]

### **§ 119.6 Employment of licensed officers.**

Only persons who are actually employed in, or conditionally eligible for appointment to, a position subject to licensing under this part, or who can establish that they have a bona fide intention to operate a U.S. Government local craft within Panama Canal waters, may be issued an original license under this part. Renewals may be issued irrespective of the employment requirement if, in the judgment of the Maritime Operations Director, the likelihood of return to Canal employment or other circumstances warrant renewal.

[46 FR 63189, Dec. 30, 1981; 47 FR 54072, Dec. 1, 1982]

### **§ 119.7 Original license defined.**

The first license issue to an applicant shall be considered an original license, where the records show no previous issuance of a license of the kind concerned to such applicant.

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### **§ 119.8 Application form.**

The applicant for a license shall make written application upon the form furnished by the Board.

[31 FR 12311, Sept. 16, 1966]

### **§ 119.9 Service records and endorsements.**

(a) Applicants for original licenses or raise in grade of license other than motorboat operator, shall present to the Board, to be filed with their applications, letters, discharges, or other official documents, certifying to the amount and character of their experience and names of the vessels on which it was acquired. Certified photostatic

copies of the aforementioned documents may be accepted.

(b) The Board shall, when practicable, require an applicant for Master's, mate's, pilot's, or engineer's license to have the written endorsement of the Master or chief engineer of the vessels upon which he has served. Applicants for license as pilot shall have the endorsement of at least two licensed pilots as to their qualifications.

### **§ 119.10 Age and literacy requirements.**

To be eligible for examination for any license an applicant must, except as provided by § 119.183(b), be at least 21 years of age, and have the necessary experience as specified in this part. In addition, an applicant for license as pilot, Master, mate, or engineer must have a working knowledge of the English language. Proficiency in English will be determined by the Supervisory Training Instructor, Language Training Program, Office of Personnel Administration. The examination will be given in either English or Spanish, according to the choice of the applicant.

### **§ 119.11 Knowledge of first aid.**

An applicant for an original license as master, mate, pilot, or engineer, may not be examined unless he presents satisfactory evidence to the Board that he has completed a course of instruction and passed an examination in the principles of first aid administered by an agency recognized as competent by the Maritime Operations Director. Possession of any valid U.S. Coast Guard license shall constitute satisfactory evidence of the applicant's compliance with this requirement.

[43 FR 13380, Mar. 30, 1978]

### **§ 119.12 Physical and experience requirements.**

(a) All applicants for original license must pass a physical examination given by a physician recognized by the Commission, and present a certificate executed by the examining physician to the Board. The certificate shall attest to the applicant's acuity of vision, color sense, and general physical condition.

(b) For original license as master, mate, or pilot, the applicant must have either with or without glasses, at least 20/20 vision in one eye, and at least 20/40 in the other. An applicant who wears glasses, however, must also be able to pass a test without glasses of at least 20/40 in one eye and at least 20/70 in the other. The applicant's color sense shall be tested by an approved method.

(c) Applicants for original license as engineer shall be examined only as to their ability to distinguish the colors red, blue, green, and yellow.

(d) For original license as engineer, the applicant must have either with or without glasses at least 20/30 vision in one eye, and at least 20/50 vision in the other. An applicant who wears glasses, however, must also be able to pass a test without glasses of at least 20/50 in one eye and at least 20/70 in the other.

(e) If an applicant is not possessed of the vision, hearing, and general physical condition considered necessary, the Board, after consultation with the examining physician, may make recommendations to the Maritime Operations Director for an exception to these requirements if, in its opinion, extenuating circumstances warrant special consideration.

(f) No original license shall be issued to any person unless 25 percent of the required experience has been obtained within the three years immediately preceding the date of application. Such period shall include, in addition to the three years specified, any service in the Armed Forces of the United States or the Republic of Panama that immediately preceded or interrupted the last three years spent by the applicant in a civilian status prior to the date of the application. When an applicant for a license as engineer does not meet the requirement of this paragraph, but is otherwise qualified, the Board may examine him and recommend to the Maritime Operations Director that he be licensed. In such cases a license may be issued provided the applicant has satisfactorily completed a 90-day period as trainee aboard applicable equipment of the Panama Canal Commission.

(g) It is not required that an applicant has obtained his experience on United States vessels. Experience on foreign vessels will be given due credit.

(h) An applicant for a license may not be given a grade of license higher than that in which he has served. However, this paragraph shall not apply to persons qualifying for license under the Panama Canal pilot Master and engineer training programs.

(i) When a qualified person makes application for license it shall be the duty of the Board to give the applicant the required examination as soon as practicable.

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#### **§ 119.13 Burden of establishing qualifications.**

Applicants for licenses must establish to the satisfaction of the Board that they possess all of the qualifications necessary, such as age, experience and character before they shall be entitled to be issued licenses.

#### **§ 119.14 Applicant to appear for examination.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, before an original license or raise in grade is issued to any person to act as Master, mate, pilot, or engineer, he shall personally appear before the Board and pass a written examination, covering such subjects as will demonstrate that the applicant has sufficient knowledge of maritime matters necessary for the license for which he has applied. A list of subjects to be tested may be obtained from the Board.

(b) Applicants will also be required to pass a practical examination.

(c) Upon the recommendation of the Board that he do so, the Maritime Operations Director may, at his discretion, issue an original license either without an examination or with an examination covering only subjects of a local nature, to an applicant who possesses a currently valid marine license issued by a competent national authority and who is otherwise eligible under this part.

[46 FR 63189, Dec. 30, 1981; 47 FR 54072, Dec. 1, 1982]

#### **§ 119.15 Reexamination.**

An applicant for license who has been duly examined and refused a license,