

(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.

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§ 119.15 Reexamination.

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