

charge of deck watch on steam or motor vessels over 75 feet in length engaged in towing; or

(d) Present evidence of recent service or experience which is considered at least equivalent to the requirements provided in paragraph (a), (b), or (c), of this section, as determined by a review board composed of three Commission officials, appointed by the Maritime Operations Director.

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Subpart D—Pilots

§ 119.141 Pilot, Panama Canal; qualifications.

(a) An applicant for a license as Pilot, Panama Canal, Of Vessels Not Over 225 Feet in Length Upon All Panama Canal Waters must have been employed by the Panama Canal Commission as Pilot-in-Training for at least 17 weeks and must meet the following minimum requirements:

(1) He must have served at least three years as a licensed deck officer on vessels of 1,000 gross tons or over, one year of which must have been as a chief mate while holding a license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard as Chief Mate Unlimited, or its equivalent as determined by the Maritime Operations Director; or

(2) He must have served at least three years as a pilot on vessels of 4,000 gross tons or over on the Great Lakes while holding license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard as First Class Pilot, Great Lakes; or

(3) He must have served at least 520 eight-hour watches as Master of Panama Canal Commission vessels of 1,000 horsepower or over while holding a Panama Canal license as Master of Steam and Motor Vessels; or

(4) He must have completed the Pilot Training Program conducted by the Panama Canal Commission.

(b) An applicant for a license as Pilot, Panama Canal, Of Vessels Not Over 526 Feet in Length Upon All Panama Canal Waters must have been employed by the Panama Canal Commission as pilot of vessels not over 225 feet in length for at least 12 weeks.

(c) An applicant for a license as Pilot, Panama Canal, Of Vessels of Any Tonnage Upon All Panama Canal Wa-

ters must have been employed by the Panama Canal Commission as pilot of vessels not over 526 feet in length for at least 52 weeks.

(d) Prior to receiving any license as Pilot under this section, an applicant must pass a prescribed examination.

(e) The qualifying periods of employment specified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this section may be shortened or lengthened by the Administrator, upon recommendation of the Maritime Operations Director where the pilot demonstrates other than normal competence.

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§ 119.143 Pilot, United States Government local vessel; employment requirement.

An applicant for pilot, U.S. Government local vessel, must be in the employment of the Panama Canal Commission as Master or mate of a Panama Canal Commission vessel or the employment of the U.S. Army or U.S. Navy as Master or mate of a U.S. Government local vessel, such as a mine sweeper, landing craft, patrol boat or tug, or he must be conditionally eligible for such employment.

Subpart E—Motorboat Operators

§ 119.183 Motorboat operator; age and job requirements.

(a) The Board may examine and the Maritime Operations Director may issue licenses to operate motorboats to qualified applicants. To be eligible for examination, an applicant shall establish that he is conditionally eligible for appointment to a position with the Panama Canal Commission or with another U.S. Government agency operating in Canal waters requiring a motorboat operator's license. Licenses to operate motorboats will be issued only to the extent, and subject to such conditions and limitations, as the Maritime Operations Director determines appropriate.

(b) A person must be 18 years of age or over to be issued a motorboat operator's license.