

## Panama Canal Regulations

## § 119.17

may come before the Board for reexamination at any time thereafter fixed by the Board.

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### § 119.16 Raise of grade.

(a) Upon the issuance of a license involving a raise of grade, the applicant shall surrender the old license to the Board.

(b) The Board shall, before granting a raise of grade of license, require the applicant to make written application on a prescribed form.

(c) The grade of a license as Master, mate, or pilot may not be raised except upon the certificate of a physician recognized by the Panama Canal Commission, attesting that the color sense of the applicant is normal. Applicants for raise of grade of engineer license are not subject to this requirement. Nothing herein contained shall debar an applicant who has lost the sight of one eye from securing a raise of grade of his license if he is qualified in all other respects and his vision in his one eye passes the test required for the better eye of an applicant having vision in both eyes.

(d) Applicants for raise of grade of license shall present to the Board letters, discharges, or other official documents certifying to the amount and character of their experience and the names of the vessels on which it was acquired.

(e) A raise of grade of license may not be granted to any applicant unless 25 percent of the required sea service shall have been served within the three years immediately preceding the date of application. Service in the armed forces of the United States or Republic of Panama shall not be counted in computing the three years.

(f) Sea service acquired prior to the issuance of the license held may not be accepted as any part of the service required for raise of grade.

### § 119.17 Renewal of license.

(a) Applicants for renewal of master's, mate's, or pilot's license shall present evidence of service on waters for which licensed obtained within the 3 years next preceding the date of application, or shall present evidence of employment in a position closely relat-

ed to the operation of vessels within the same 3-year period. If this requirement is not met, the Board shall determine to its satisfaction that the licensed officer is thoroughly familiar with the International rules of the road or the pilot or special rules applicable to the waters for which the applicant is licensed. A written examination may be required for this purpose or the applicant may be examined orally and a summary of the oral examination placed on the officer's license file.

(b) A license may not be renewed if title to it has been forfeited or if facts which would render renewal improper have come to the attention of the Board.

(c) A 12-month period of grace shall be allowed after the expiration date of the license held, during which period it may be renewed. Active service in the armed forces or the merchant marine shall not be included in computing the period of grace: *Provided, however*, That this exception applies only to such periods of service, or portions thereof, during which there was no reasonable opportunity for renewal.

(d) A license may not be renewed more than 30 days in advance of the date of expiration thereof, unless there are extraordinary circumstances that justify a renewal beforehand, in which case the reasons must appear in detail in the records of the Board.

(e) A license as Master, mate, or pilot may not be renewed except upon the official certificate of a physician recognized by the Commission that the color sense of the applicant is normal. Applicants for renewal of license as engineer are not subject to this requirement.

(f) [Reserved]

(g) Nothing contained herein shall debar an applicant who has lost the sight of one eye from securing a renewal of his license, if he is qualified in all other respects, and the vision in his one eye passes the test required for the better eye of an applicant having sight in both eyes.

(h) An officer making application for a renewal of his license shall appear in person before the Board, except in cases where the distance from the office of the Board is such as to put the applicant to great inconvenience and expense to appear in person. In this