

event he may, upon taking the oath of office before a person authorized to administer oaths, and upon forwarding the oath, together with the license to be renewed, and the written application and certificate of visual examination where required, have the license renewed by the Board, if a valid reason to the contrary is not known. The Board shall attach the oath to the stub end of the license, which is to be retained on file in the Board's office.

(i) If an applicant applies for renewal of his license for the same grade, after 12 months after the date of its expiration, he must pass an examination for the same grade of license, of such length and scope as will, in the judgment of the Board, be sufficient to demonstrate adequately the continued professional knowledge of the examinee, except that a professional examination shall not be required if the license expired during the time of the holder's service with the armed forces or the merchant marine, and there was no reasonable opportunity for renewal.

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§ 119.18 Sea service as member of armed forces of the United States or the Republic of Panama or on vessels owned by either nation.

(a) Sea service as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Republic of Panama will be accepted as qualifying experience for an original, raise of grade, or extension of route of license. Such service will be subject to evaluation to determine its equivalent to the sea service required on merchant-type vessels, and to determine the appropriate grade, class, and limit of license for which the applicant is eligible. An applicant may be permitted to omit the examination for intermediate grades of license if his experience is of such character as to qualify him for a higher, or the highest, grade of license.

(b) If a person who has served in a civilian capacity as commanding officer, Master, mate, engineer, or pilot, etc., of any vessel owned and operated by the United States or the Republic of Panama, in a service in which a license as Master, mate, engineer, or pilot was not required at the time of the service,

applies for examination for license, the Board shall evaluate the time or service and allow appropriate credit therefor.

§ 119.19 Evaluation of equivalent experience.

If an applicant presents evidence of service or experience which does not meet the specific requirements of these regulations, but which, in the opinion of the Board, is a reasonable equivalent thereof, the Board may evaluate the experience and allow appropriate credit therefor.

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§ 119.20 Increase in scope of license; removal of limitations.

(a) If the Board is satisfied on the basis of documentary evidence submitted that an applicant is entitled by experience and knowledge to an increase in the scope of his license, the Board may recommend removal or modification of any limitations which may have previously been placed upon the license.

(b) A limitation on a license may not be changed before the applicant has made up any deficiency in the experience prescribed for the license desired and has passed the necessary examination.

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§ 119.21 Written statement of reasons for denying license.

If the Board declines to recommend the applicant for the license applied for, it shall furnish him a statement, in writing, setting forth the reasons for its refusal to make the recommendation.

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§ 119.23 Limitations on license.

The Board may limit, as appropriate, the tonnage, length, horsepower, type of vessel(s) and the waters upon which any licensee may act. The Board will note any such limitations on the license.

§ 119.24 Oath of licensee.

Every person receiving a license or certificate of lost license shall sign