

**NATIONAL MATE (PILOT) OF TOWING VESSELS  
UPON OCEAN, NEAR COASTAL, GREAT LAKES-INLAND & WESTERN  
RIVERS § 11.465**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ REFERENCE #: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>General Requirements</b>	<b>Reference: 46 CFR</b>	<b>✓</b>
Verify U.S. Citizenship	10.221	
Verify MMLD set to "Y" for SSEB Screening	10.211	
Minimum Age 19	11.201	
Verify Medical Certificate in MMLD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Original - Must hold or <b>be approved</b> for Medical Certificate.</li> <li>• Renewal - Must hold or <b>have application</b> for Medical Certificate.</li> <li>• ROG, New Endorsement or Modification - No requirement until March 2019 as it is considered embedded in the MMC. If combining with a renewal transition, follow requirements for renewal above.</li> </ul>	10.301/10.302	
Drug Testing Compliance (within 6 months)	10.225/10.231	
Mariner Fees (in MMLD)  Ensure all appropriate fees have been paid prior to issuance	10.219	
<b>Sea Service Requirements</b>	<b>Reference: 46 CFR</b>	
You may need to verify vessel type via MISLE or Vessel Documentation		
<b>Recency</b> – 90 days service in the past 3 years on any vessel. A minimum tonnage is not applicable for towing MMC.	11.201	
<b>NOTE: Service towards an Oceans, NC endorsement will be credited as follows:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Service on GL will be credited day for day.</li> <li>2. Service on inland waters, other than GL, may substitute for up to 50% of the total required service.</li> <li>3. Only service on WR is applicable towards any WR endorsement.</li> <li>4. The OC or NC TOAR must be completed to obtain the OC or NC endorsement.</li> </ol>	11.401	
<b>HOLDS APPRENTICE MATE (STEERSMAN):</b>	<b>46 CFR</b>	
<b>WITH:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 360 days on towing vessels as Apprentice Mate (Steersman). Service listed as Deckhand while holding AMS may be credited as AMS; <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. 90 days must be on a particular route; <b>AND</b></li> <li>3. TOAR <b>OR</b> approved course (No further exams required).</li> </ol>	11.465(a)	
<b>HOLDS MASTER TOWING VESSELS (LIMITED):</b>	<b>46 CFR</b>	
30 days of training & observation on towing vessels on a particular route; 90 days for Western Rivers <b>WITH</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appropriate TOAR <b>OR</b> approved course <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. Pass an exam (unless AMS exam or courses previously completed)</li> </ol>	11.465(a)	
<b>HOLDS MATE STEAM/MOTOR &gt; 200 GRT OR FCP:</b>	<b>46 CFR</b>	
May operate towing vessels within any restrictions on their credential <b>AFTER</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 30 days of training &amp; observation on towing vessels on a particular route; 90 days for Western Rivers <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. Either hold a completed TOAR or approved course</li> </ol> <b>Note 1): Western Rivers requires 90 days of observation and training and Western Rivers must be endorsed on credential; EXCEPTION: if operating on LMR Pilotage waters (MM 236 and below), not required to hold WR endorsement but must hold Mate of T/V for other routes/waters.</b>	11.465  15.610	

<b>HOLDS MASTER STEAM/MOTOR VESSELS 200 GRT OR LESS (EXCEPT LIMITED MASTER):</b>	<b>46 FR</b>	
1080 days service as Master under the authority of endorsement held <b>WITH</b> 1. 30 days of training & observation on towing vessels on a particular route; 90 days for Western Rivers <b>AND</b> 2. Appropriate TOAR, <b>AND</b> 3. Appropriate Apprentice Mate exams or approved course	11.465	
<b>IF HOLDER OF MASTER TOWING VESSELS</b>	<b>46 CFR</b>	
The holder of Master of T/V may have an endorsement placed on the MMC as Mate (Pilot) of T/V for a route superior to the current route on which the holder has no operating experience after passing an examination for that additional route. After holder completes 90 days of experience and a TOAR on that route, the MMC will be endorsed as Master of Towing and Mate (Pilot) will be removed. <b>WR is not a superior route</b>	11.464	
<b>Requirements for Adding A Route</b>		
<b>If holding an endorsement as Inspected Mate Greater Than 200 GRT:</b> <b>Western Rivers</b> – 90 day of observation and training; AND WR TOAR; AND evidence of Apprentice Mate WR course/testing. <b>Inland</b> – 30 days of observation and training; AND Inland TOAR; AND evidence of Apprentice Mate Inland course/testing. <b>Near Coastal/Oceans</b> – 30 days of observation and training; AND NC/Oceans TOAR; AND evidence of Apprentice Mate NC/Oceans course/testing <b>Note: Only needs testing if adding a route not held on the inspected license</b>	11.465	
<b>If holding an endorsement only as Mate T/V:</b> 90 days on requested route, appropriate TOAR and exam to add route		
<b>GRANDFATHERING OPTION</b>	<b>46 CFR</b>	
See Grandfathering of Towing Checklist for alternate paths		
<b>Other Requirements</b>		
First Aid (completed within 1 year) (original issue)	11.201	
CPR (must be valid) (original issue)	11.201	
If TOTAL (900 Days) service or training (This includes all the service towards AMS) commenced <b>after March 24, 2014:</b>	11.201(h)(3)	
Approved Basic Fire Fighting Course within 5 years of application date (unless previously met)	11.201(h)(2)	
Regardless of when service or training commenced, <b>all OCEANS</b> endorsements: Approved Basic and Advanced Fire Fighting Course within 5 years of application date (unless previously met)		
<b>EXAMS</b> see Exam Guide		
Course completion certificate in lieu of Coast Guard examination	11.301	
Exam codes & credential testing comments entered in MMLD	11.903	
Exams administered - Circle appropriate exam guide used Prior to March 24, 2014 After March 24, 2014		
Exam scores entered in MMLD		
<b>NOTE TO EVAL:</b> A person holding this endorsement may qualify for an STCW endorsement, according to 11.309, 11.317, 11.319 and 11.321.	11.465	

**Note:** 11.463(f) Deck officers **servicing** on the following seagoing vessels must hold the appropriate STCW endorsement.

- (1) A towing vessel on an oceans voyage operating beyond near-coastal waters.
- (2) A towing vessel on an international voyage.
- (3) A towing vessel of 200 GRT or more on a domestic, near-coastal voyage

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