

**NATIONAL MASTER OF TOWING VESSELS
UPON OCEAN, NEAR COASTAL, GREAT LAKES-INLAND & WESTERN
RIVERS § 11.464**

NAME: _____ REFERENCE #: _____ DATE: _____

| General Requirements | Reference: 46 CFR | ✓ |
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| Must have U.S. Citizenship. | 10.221 | |
| Must be at least Age 21. | 11.201 | |
| Medical Certificate Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original - Must hold or be approved for Medical Certificate. • Renewal, ROG, New Endorsement - Must hold an unexpired Medical Certificate or submit a Medical Certificate application. | 10.301/10.302 | |
| Drug Testing Compliant | 10.225/10.231 | |
| Mariner Fees must be paid. | 10.219 | |
| Sea Service Requirements | Reference: 46 CFR | |
| Recency – 90 days service in the past 3 years on vessels. A minimum tonnage is not applicable for towing MMC. | 11.201 | |
| NOTE: Service will be credited as follows: 1. Service on GL will be credited day for day towards GL, Oceans or NC. 2. Service on inland waters, other than GL, may substitute for up to 50% of the total required service towards Ocean and NC. . 3. Only service on WR is applicable towards WR endorsement. The OC or NC TOAR must still be completed to obtain the OC or NC MMC. | 11.401 | |
| MASTER OF TOWING VESSELS | 46 CFR | |
| 1. 540 days must be on towing vessels as Mate (Pilot) AND 2. 90 days must be on a particular route, may be any deck position. | 11.464 | |
| HOLDS MASTER MORE (GREATER) THAN 200 GRT | | |
| May operate towing vessels within any restrictions on their endorsement if they have: 1. 30 days of training & observation on towing vessels on a particular route; AND 2. Either hold a completed TOAR OR complete an approved course. Note: Western Rivers requires 90 days of observation and training, TOAR or approved course and 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 either a FCP for that route, a MMC for Western Rivers or Master greater than 200 GRT for other routes/waters. | 11.464 | |
| | 15.610 | |
| REMOVE TONNAGE LIMITATION | NVIC 03-16 | |
| For mariners who were grandfathered with tonnage to match the inspected deck officer endorsement (Example: Master 100 GRT inspected with Master T/V 100 GRT). Not to be used for limited geographic endorsements. 1. Completion of Apprentice Mate (Steersman) Exam or course, route appropriate. Note: There is no equivalent or superior exam to remove the tonnage limitation on the T/V Endorsement. The equivalent or superior exam only applies to those who have never held Master of T/V and have met grandfathering per NVIC 3-16, Enclosure (10) | | |

| Requirements for Adding A Route | | |
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| <p>If holding an endorsement as Master Greater Than 200 GRT: Western Rivers – 90 day of observation and training on towing vessels; AND WR TOAR; AND evidence of Apprentice Mate/Steersman WR course/testing. Inland – 30 days of observation and training; AND Inland TOAR; AND evidence of Apprentice Mate Inland course/testing. Near Coastal/Oceans – 30 days of observation and training; AND NC/Oceans TOAR; AND evidence of Apprentice Mate/Steersman NC/Oceans course/testing. NOTE: Testing is only required for holders of Master greater than 200 GRT if adding a superior route (Example: Holds Master 500 Inland, adding Master T/V Near Coastal).</p> <p>If holding an endorsement as Master T/V: 90 days on requested route, appropriate TOAR and exam to add route</p> | 11.464 | |
| GRANDFATHERING OPTION | 46 CFR | |
| See Grandfathering of Towing Checklist for alternate paths | | |
| Other Requirements | | Reference: |
| First Aid (completed within 1 year) | (original issue) | 11.201 |
| CPR (must be valid) | (original issue) | 11.201 |
| For Near Coastal - Approved Basic Fire Fighting Course within 5 years of application date (unless previously met) Valid STCW BT is acceptable. | | 11.201(h)(2) |
| For Oceans – Basic Fighting as noted above and Advanced Fire Fighting Course within 5 years of application date (unless previously met) Valid STCW Advanced Firefighting is acceptable | | 11.201(h)(3) |
| The “unless previously held” noted above for firefighting covers most exceptions to Basic and/or Advanced Firefighting requirements. See NVIC 03-16, Enclosure (10) for all exceptions if firefighting not met or submitted | | NVIC 03-16 |
| EXAMS See Exam Guide | | |
| Course completion certificate in lieu of Coast Guard examination | | 11.301 |
| Exam | | 11.903 |
| NOTE: A person holding this endorsement may qualify for an STCW endorsement, according to 11.307, 11.311, 11.313 and 11.315. | | 11.464 |

Note: 11.463 (f) Deck officers serving 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

Comments:
