

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

NAME: _____ REFERENCE #: _____ DATE: _____

General Requirements	Reference: 46 CFR	✓
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	
Must be 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. Not required for adding a route or adding to current MMC greater than 200 GRT.	11.201	
NOTE: Service will be credited as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>The OC or NC TOAR must still be completed to obtain the OC or NC MMC.</p>	11.401	
MASTER OF TOWING VESSELS	46 CFR	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 540 days must be on towing vessels as Mate (Pilot) AND 2. 90 days, in any deck position, on requested route (unless route previously held as AMS or Mate (Pilot)). <p>Note: If route previously held <u>only</u> as AMS, may need TOAR for other route(s))</p>	11.464	
HOLDS MASTER MORE (GREATER) THAN 200 GRT		
<p>May operate towing vessels within any restrictions on their endorsement if they have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Note: Western Rivers requires 90 days of observation and training, TOAR or approved course and <u>must be endorsed on credential</u>; 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.</p>	11.464	
	15.610	
REMOVE TONNAGE LIMITATION	NVIC 03-16	
<p>For mariners who were grandfathered with tonnage to <u>match</u> the inspected deck officer endorsement (Example: Master 100 GRT inspected with Master T/V 100 GRT). Not to be used for limited geographic endorsements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completion of Apprentice Mate (Steersman) Exam or course, route appropriate. <p>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), see Checklist for National Grandfathering of Master & Mate (Pilot) of towing Vessels.</p>		

Requirements for Adding A Route not held as Master			
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 which is not already held (Example: Holds Master 500 Inland, adding Master T/V Near Coastal). If holding an endorsement as Master T/V: 90 days on requested route (unless requested route held as AMS or Mate (Pilot)), appropriate TOAR and exam to add route (no exam if request route held as AMS or Mate (Pilot)).		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 All Routes – 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	
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 **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

Comments:
