§ 12.15–13 Deck engine mechanic.

(a) An applicant for an endorsement as deck engine mechanic shall be a person holding an MMC or MMD endorsed as junior engineer. The applicant shall be eligible for such certification upon furnishing one of the following:

(1) Satisfactory documentary evidence of sea service of 6 months in the rating of junior engineer on steam vessels of 4,000 horsepower or over; or,

(2) Documentary evidence from an operator of an automated vessel that he has completed satisfactorily at least 4 weeks indoctrination and training in the engine department of an automated steam vessel of 4,000 horsepower or over; or,

(3) Satisfactory completion of a course of training for deck engine mechanic acceptable to the Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center.

(b) The Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, who is satisfied that an applicant for the rating of deck engine mechanic meets the requirements specified in this section, will endorse this rating on the applicant’s MMC.

(c) Any holder of an MMC or MMD endorsed for any rating in the engine department, QMED—any rating or deck engine mechanic is qualified as an engineman and that endorsement will not be entered on his or her credential.


§ 12.15–15 Engineman.

(a) An applicant for an endorsement as engineman shall be a person holding an MMC or MMD document endorsed as fireman/watertender and oiler, or junior engineer. The applicant shall be eligible for such endorsement upon furnishing one of the following:

(1) Satisfactory documentary evidence of sea service of 6 months in any one or combination of junior engineer, fireman/watertender or oiler on steam vessels of 4,000 horsepower or over; or,

(2) Documentary evidence from an operator of a partially automated steam vessel that he has completed satisfactorily at least 2 weeks indoctrination and training in the engine department of a partially automated steam vessel of 4,000 horsepower or over; or,

(3) Satisfactory completion of a course of training for engineman acceptable to the Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center.

(b) The Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, who is satisfied that an applicant for the rating of engineman meets the requirements specified in this section, will endorse this rating on the applicant’s MMC.

(c) Any holder of an MMC or MMD endorsed for any rating in the engine department, QMED—any rating or deck engine mechanic is qualified as an engineman and that endorsement will not be entered on his or her credential.


Subpart 12.25—Certificates of Service for Ratings Other Than Able Seaman or Qualified Member of the Engine Department

§ 12.25–1 Credentials required.

Every person employed in a rating other than able seaman or qualified member of the engine department of U.S. merchant vessels requiring such persons shall produce an MMC or MMD with the appropriate endorsement to the master, or person in charge if appropriate, before signing a shipping articles agreement.


§ 12.25–10 General requirements.

(a) Rating endorsements shall be issued without professional examination to applicants in capacities other than able seaman, lifeboatman, tankerman, or QMED. For example, ordinary seaman, wiper, and steward’s department (F.H.) endorsements do not require an exam. Holders of MMCs or MMDs endorsed as ordinary seaman may serve in any unqualified rating in the engine department. Holders of MMCs or MMDs endorsed as wiper may serve in any unqualified rating in the engine department.