§ 11.407 Service requirements for third 
mat of ocean or near-coastal self-
propelled vessels of unlimited 
tonnage.

(a) The minimum service or training 
required to qualify an applicant for an endorse-
ment as third mate of ocean or near-coastal self-propelled vessels of unlimited 
tonnage is—

(1) Three years of service in the deck 
department on ocean self-propelled ves-
sels, with a minimum of 6 months of 
bridge watchkeeping duties under the 
supervision of the master or a qualified 
officer. Experience gained in the engine

(i) A minimum of 6 months service as 
officer in charge of a deck watch on 
ocean self-propelled vessels.

(ii) Service on ocean self-propelled 
vessels as boatswain, able seaman, or 
quartersmaster while holding a certifi-
cate or MMC endorsement as able sea-
man, which may be accepted on a two-
for-one basis to a maximum allowable 
substitution of six months (12 months 
of experience equals 6 months of cred-
itable service).

(b) Service towards an oceans, near-
coastal or STCW endorsement will be 
credited as follows:

(1) Service on the Great Lakes will be 
credited on a day-for-day basis up to 
100 percent of the total required serv-
ice.

(2) Service on inland waters, other 
than Great Lakes, that are navigable 
waters of the United States, will be 
credited on a day-for-day basis for up 
to 50 percent of the total required serv-
ice.

(3) Service on vessels to which STCW 
applies, whether inland or coastwise, 
will be credited on a day-for-day basis.

(c) If an individual holds an endorse-
ment or license as master of Great 
Lakes and inland self-propelled vessels 
of unlimited tonnage or master of in-
land self-propelled vessels of unlimited 
tonnage, he or she may obtain an en-
dorsement as second mate of ocean or 
near-coastal self-propelled vessels of unlimited 
tonnage by completing the 
prescribed examination in subpart I of 
this part.

(d) A person holding this endorse-
ment may qualify for an STCW en-
dorsement, according to §11.309 of this 
part.