

(I) shall be credited to the account from which the costs of such issuance or renewal were paid; and

(II) may remain available until expended.

(3) NOTICE OF CHANGE IN INFORMATION.—

(A) REQUIREMENT.—The owner of a vessel shall notify the Coast Guard of each change in the information on which the issuance of the certificate of documentation for the vessel is based that occurs before the expiration of the certificate under this subsection, by not later than 30 days after such change.

(B) TERMINATION OF CERTIFICATE.—The certificate of documentation for a vessel shall terminate upon the expiration of such 30-day period if the owner has not notified the Coast Guard of such change before the end of such period.

(4) STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY TO REMOVE ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of a State or local authority from taking action to remove an abandoned or derelict vessel.

(Pub. L. 109–304, § 5, Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1493; Pub. L. 115–282, title V, § 512, Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4275; Pub. L. 117–81, div. C, title XXXV, § 3511, Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2238.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
12105(a) .....	46:12103(a) (less filing by owner).	
12105(b) .....	46:12103a.	
12105(c) .....	46:12103(c).	
12105(d) .....	46:12103(d).	

In subsection (b), the words “eligible under” are substituted for “if the applicant for the certificate of documentation meets the requirements set out in” for consistency in the chapter and to eliminate unnecessary words.

**Editorial Notes**

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 12105, Pub. L. 98–89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 586; Pub. L. 100–710, title I, § 104(a)(4), Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4750; Pub. L. 101–225, title III, § 301(a)(5), Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1920; Pub. L. 109–241, title III, § 310, July 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 529, originally derived from section 65h of former Title 46, Shipping, related to registry endorsements, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109–304. See section 12111 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (e)(2)(A). Pub. L. 117–81, § 3511(1), added subpar. (A) and struck out former subpar. (A), which read as follows: “IN GENERAL.—A certificate of documentation for a recreational vessel and the renewal of such a certificate shall be effective for a 5-year period.”

Subsec. (e)(2)(B), (C). Pub. L. 117–81, § 3511, redesignated subpar. (C) as (B) and struck out former subpar. (B), which read as follows: “PHASE-IN PERIOD.—During the period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2021, the owner or operator of a recreational vessel may choose a period of effectiveness of between 1 and 5 years for such a certificate of documentation for such vessel or the renewal thereof.”

2018—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 115–282 added subsec. (e).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

CERTIFICATES OF DOCUMENTATION FOR RECREATIONAL VESSELS

Pub. L. 114–120, title III, § 311, Feb. 8, 2016, 130 Stat. 57, provided that: “Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Feb. 8, 2016], the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall issue regulations that—

“(1) make certificates of documentation for recreational vessels effective for 5 years; and

“(2) require the owner of such a vessel—

“(A) to notify the Coast Guard of each change in the information on which the issuance of the certificate of documentation is based, that occurs before the expiration of the certificate; and

“(B) [to] apply for a new certificate of documentation for such a vessel if there is any such change.”

**§ 12106. Surrender of title and number**

(a) IN GENERAL.—A documented vessel may not be titled by a State or required to display numbers under chapter 123 of this title, and any certificate of title issued by a State for a documented vessel shall be surrendered as provided by regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

(b) VESSELS COVERED BY PREFERRED MORTGAGE.—The Secretary may approve the surrender under subsection (a) of a certificate of title for a vessel covered by a preferred mortgage under section 31322(d) of this title only if the mortgagee consents.

(Pub. L. 109–304, § 5, Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1494.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
12106 .....	46:12124.	

**Editorial Notes**

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 12106, Pub. L. 98–89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 586; Pub. L. 98–454, title III, § 301(b), Oct. 5, 1984, 98 Stat. 1734; Pub. L. 100–239, § 6(a)(2), (3), Jan. 11, 1988, 101 Stat. 1781; Pub. L. 101–225, title III, § 301(a)(6), Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1921; Pub. L. 101–380, title IV, § 4205, Aug. 18, 1990, 104 Stat. 533; Pub. L. 104–324, title VII, § 743, title XI, § 1113(d), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3942, 3971; Pub. L. 108–293, title VI, § 608(a), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1054, originally derived from section 65i of former Title 46, Shipping, related to coastwise endorsements, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109–304. See sections 12102, 12112, 12116, 12117, and 12119 of this title.

**§ 12107. Wrecked vessels**

(a) REQUIREMENTS.—A vessel is a wrecked vessel under this chapter if it—

(1) was wrecked on a coast of the United States or adjacent waters; and

(2) has undergone repairs in a shipyard in the United States equal to at least 3 times the appraised salvage value of the vessel.

(b) APPRAISALS.—The Secretary may appoint a board of three appraisers to determine whether a vessel satisfies subsection (a)(2). The costs of the appraisal shall be paid by the owner of the vessel.

(Pub. L. 109–304, § 5, Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1494.)