

Approval to Test and Grandfathering

The National Maritime Center (NMC) has received questions from mariners regarding how to determine, from their [Approved to Test letter](#), whether they will be testing under the previous or current regulations. In January 2014, the Coast Guard issued Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) [02-14](#) to provide guidance regarding the transition from previous to current mariner credentialing regulations, which went into effect on March 24, 2014. Enclosure (1) of the NVIC provides information regarding whether an applicant will examine under the previous or current regulation.

If the examination code on the Approved to Test Letter is preceded by a Q, the examination module is based on the current regulation. If the examination code is not preceded by a Q, the examination module is based on the previous regulation. All Rules of the Road examination modules will be preceded by a Q, regardless of which regulation the applicant was evaluated under. The module codes are found in the [Deck and Engineering Guide for the Administration of Merchant Marine Examinations](#) on the [NMC website](#).

Current Regulation:

<u>Module</u>	<u>Module Name</u>	<u>Passing Score</u>
Q100	RULES OF THE ROAD: INLAND AND INTERNATIONAL	90
Q160	DECK GENERAL	70
Q161	DECK SAFETY	70

Previous Regulation:

<u>Module</u>	<u>Module Name</u>	<u>Passing Score</u>
072X1	RULES OF THE ROAD: INLAND AND INTERNATIONAL	70
073	CHART NAVIGATION	90
221	DECK GENERAL + DECK SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	70
Q100	RULES OF THE ROAD: INLAND AND INTERNATIONAL	90

The NMC is working to update various pages on our website to more clearly reflect this information. Questions should be addressed to the NMC Call center via e-mail at IASKNMC@uscg.mil, by [Chat](#) from the [NMC Website](#), or by phone at 1-888-IASKNMC (427-5662).

Sincerely,

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