



Guidance on Recent Sea Service of Raises of Grade for National Officer Endorsements

The Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing has published CG-MMC Policy Letter 02-25 titled *Crediting Recent Service of Applicants for National Officer Endorsements*.

Under current regulation ([46 CFR 11.201\(c\)\(1\)](#)), a mariner who has not worked on vessels of the uniformed services must have at least 3 months of qualifying service in the 3 years immediately prior to application for a raise of grade of their credentials. This policy increases that recency period to 7 years. This will allow mariners who had taken a short sabbatical from the maritime industry to re-enter the industry and use previously obtained sea service to raise the grade of their credentials without having to re-acquire recent sea service.

This policy letter is available on the [Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Credentialing policy website](#).

Mariners and other interested parties should contact the Mariner Credentialing Program Policy Division at MMCPolicy@uscg.mil or (202) 372-2357 with any questions or feedback.

Sincerely,

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