

STCW VESSEL SECURITY OFFICER (VSO) § 11.337

(Mariners meeting qualification for VSO are also endorsed with VPDS and SA)

NAME: _____ REFERENCE #: _____ DATE: _____

General Requirements	Reference: 46 CFR	✓
Must have U.S. Citizenship.	10.221(a)(2)	
Must be at least age 18.	104.215	
Medical Certificate requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original MMC- Must hold or be approved for Medical Certificate. • Renewal, ROG, New Endorsement or Modification - Must hold or have application for Medical Certificate. 	10.301/10.302	
Sea Service Letters or Discharges	10.232	
Mariners must hold a national endorsement as OS Wiper, SD (FH) or higher.	11.201	
Sea Service Requirements	Reference: 33 CFR 104.215	
<p>Option 1 - 360 days of approved service on any vessel subject to 104.105 which are listed here:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) MODU, cargo, or passenger vessel subject to SOLAS (2) Foreign cargo vessel greater than 100 gross register tons (3) Self-propelled U.S. cargo vessel greater than 100 GRT subject to 46 CFR Subchapter I, except commercial fishing vessels inspected under 46 CFR part 105 (4) Vessel subject to 46 CFR chapter I, subchapter L (5) Passenger vessel subject to 46 CFR I, subchapter H (6) Passenger vessel certificated to carry more than 150 passengers (7) Other passenger vessel carrying more than 12 passengers, including at least one passenger-for-hire, that is engaged on a international voyage (8) Barge subject to 46 CFR chapter I, subchapters D or O (9) Barge carrying certain dangerous cargo in bulk or barge that is subject to 46 CFR Chapter I, subchapter I, that is engaged on an international voyage (10) Tank ship subject to 46 CFR chapter I, subchapters D or O, (11) Towing vessel greater than eight meters in registered length that is engaged in towing a barge or barges subject to this part, except a towing vessel that- -Temporarily assists another vessel engaged in towing a barge or barges subject to this part; -Shifts a barge or barges subject to this part at a facility or within a fleeting facility; -Assists sections of a tow through a lock; or -Provides emergency assistance. <p>While not subject to 33 CFR 104.105, service on the following vessels, if 100 GRT or more may be used.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) MSC non-commissioned vessels (designated USNS), 2) USACE vessels; OR 3) NOAA vessels. <p><u>No</u> documented evidence of vessel operations /knowledge is required when the above 360 days of sea service on the listed vessels is met.</p>	NVIC 21-14	

<p>Option 2 - 180 days of approved service on any of the vessels listed under Option 1 above, AND Provide evidence of knowledge on agency, company or vessel letterhead in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic vessel layout and construction 2. Shipboard organization 3. Shipboard safety 4. Protection of the marine environment 5. Familiarity with key definitions, terminology, and operational practices employed in the maritime industry. <p>Option 3 - The holder of any officer endorsement valid for service on vessels more than 100 GRT: 180 days service on any of the vessels listed under Option 1 above. No documented evidence of vessel operations /knowledge is required when the above 180 days of sea service on the listed vessels under Option 1 is met and if the appropriate officer endorsement is held.</p> <p>Option 4 - Military Service</p> <p>While not subject to 33 CFR 104.105, LIMITED service of not more than five months on the following vessels, if <u>100 GRT</u> or more may be used.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) U.S. Coast Guard cutters 2) U.S Army vessels; OR 3) U. S. Navy vessels (designated USS). <p>All military service is documented and calculated in accordance with 46 CFR 10.232.</p> <p>The remaining 30 days or more remaining required service must be on any vessel(s) listed under Option 1.</p> <p>When using any military service and if any officer endorsement valid for service on vessels more than 100 GRT is NOT HELD, must also: Provide evidence of knowledge via agency, company or vessel letterhead in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic vessel layout and construction 2. Shipboard organization 3. Shipboard safety 4. Protection of the marine environment 5. Familiarity with key definitions, terminology, and operational practices employed in the maritime industry. 	<p>NVIC 21-14</p>	
Approved Training		
CG Accepted or Approved VSO Course	104.215	
OPTIONAL: Basic Training or Continued Competency not required (if provided endorse with VI/1 and list as capacity – if not provided do not endorse)	11.202	

Previous applicants may have been issued without holding any national endorsement, to renew, all applicants must be issued at least an entry level MMC and pay all applicable fees.

Comments: _____
