

STCW ABLE SEAFARER-DECK §12.603

NAME: _____ REFERENCE #: _____ DATE: _____

General Requirements	Reference: 46 CFR §	Division / Branch Responsible		✓
Completed Application CG-719B	10.209	REC	PQEB	
Verify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Citizenship • Holds a valid MMC (except OUPV limited to non-documented vessels), OR • Alien admitted for permanent residence (Check MMLD remarks, if not a permanent resident alien will state "PQEB PROCESSING REQUIRED. DOES NOT HOLD PRC) 	10.221(a)(2)	SSEB	PQEB	
Verify Age 18	12.603	PQEB		
Verify MMLD set to "Y" for SSEB Screening.	10.211 / 10.214	SSEB	PQEB	
Medical Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original MMC- Must hold or be approved for Medical Certificate. • Renewal, ROG, New Endorsement, Modification - Must hold or have application for Medical Certificate. 	10.301 / 10.302	MEB		
Mariner must hold or qualify for a national endorsement as Able Seafarer (Formerly Able Seaman AB), entry level <u>is not</u> considered the appropriate national endorsement. Licensed Deck Officers without AB <u>is not</u> acceptable.	11.201	PQEB		
Sea Service Requirements	Reference: 46 CFR §	# of Days		
You may need to verify vessel type, tonnage, horsepower, propulsion and/or manning via MISLE (Spreadsheet Optional)				
1. Seafarers may be considered to have qualified for this endorsement if they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have at least 12 months service in the deck department; and • Complete Assessments for both RFPNW and ASD; and • Meet requirements of PSC or PSC Limited (including LB or LB Limited; and • Complete USCG approved or accepted training for ASD; and • Qualify to be issued National Able Seafarer 	12.603 PL 04-24			
2. Seafarers may be considered to have qualified for this endorsement if they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have at least 18 months service in the deck department; and • Complete Assessments for both RFPNW and ASD; and • Meet requirements of PSC or PSC Limited (including LB or LB Limited; and • Qualify to be issued AB <p>Note: There is no need to qualify for RFPNW first or submit the training or experience associated with navigational watchkeeping in option 1 or 2 above.</p>	12.603 PL 04-24			

3. Mariners <u>holding a rating endorsement as Able Seaman issued before January 1, 2017</u> , will be eligible for this endorsement if they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold an endorsement as RFPNW; and • Have completed approved training for PSC or PSC-Limited (46 CFR 12.603(c)); and • Have currently valid Basic Training (46 CFR 12.602). Assessments are not required if using this option per 12.603(c) and NVIC 14-14, Enclosure (1), Part 2.b.	12.603		
Assessments			
Provide evidence of meeting the Standards of Competence specified in Table A-II/5 of the STCW Code	12.603 NVIC 14-14		
Approved Training		46 CFR	Completion Date:
Valid Basic Training (or continued competency)	12.602		
Proficiency in survival craft (Limited or Full)	12.603		

Mariners holding II/1 or II/2 must meet all requirements before endorsing AS-D.

Note: This table is only applicable to applicants qualifying under 12.603(a) (Option 1 above), all assessments are still required however the assessments *may* be part of the AS-D program.

MMC issued after January 17, 2025, will have the new gender-neutral endorsement as Able Seafarer - Unlimited, Limited, Special, OSV, Sail or Fish. No change to how the table is applicable.

Table 1 to 12.603(e) – STCW Endorsement as Able Seafarer Deck
Modified by Policy Letter 02-24

Use Only For

Applications processed between 22 December 2023 and 22 December 2026

Entry path from national endorsements	Sea service under the authority of the endorsement 1	Competence STCW Table A-II/4 2	Competence STCW Table A-II/5 3	Training required by this section 4
AB Unlimited	None	Y	Y	N
AB Limited	180 5	Y	Y	N
AB Special	360 5	Y	Y	N
AB OSVs	360 5	Y	Y	N
AB Sail	360 5	Y	Y	N
AB Fish	360 5	Y	Y	N

Note 1: Additional required sea service as AB for mariners who already hold RFPNW.

Note 2: Complete any RFPNW assessments not previously completed.

Note 3: Complete any AS-D assessments not previously completed.

Note 4: Approved training is PSC or PSC – Limited unless previously met.

Note 5: Sea service may be reduced if Coast Guard approved training was used to meet AS-D assessments. The approved training will state how much the service has been reduced.

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