

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 a national endorsement as Able Seaman, 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)				
Seafarers may be considered to have qualified for this endorsement if they: 1. Meet the requirements for certification as a RFPNW; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While qualified as an RFPNW, have seagoing service in the deck department of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 540 days; or • 360 days and have completed approved AS-D training • Qualify to be issued AB. See AB Checklist. Note: Not necessary to hold the endorsement for RFPNW but ALL training/assessments, watchstanding and sea service required for RFPNW must be completed before accruing the sea service towards AS-D.	12.603 NVIC 14-14			
----- 2. 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 NVIC 14-14			
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.

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

ONLY USE 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 II/5 ³	Training Required by this section ⁴
A/B unlimited	None	Y	Y	N
A/B limited	180 ⁵	Y	Y	N
A/B special	360 ⁵	Y	Y	N
A/B offshore supply vessels	360 ⁵	Y	Y	N
A/B sail	360 ⁵	Y	Y	N
A/B fishing industry	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.

Comments: _____
