## General Requirements
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<td>Must have U.S. Citizenship.</td>
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<td>Must be at least Age 21.</td>
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### Medical Certificate Requirements:
- Original - Must hold or **be approved** for Medical Certificate.
- Renewal, ROG, New Endorsement - Must hold an unexpired Medical Certificate or submit a Medical Certificate application. 
  - 10.301/10.302

- Must be Drug Testing Compliant. | 10.225/10.231 |
- Mariner Fees must be paid. | 10.219 |

## Sea Service Requirements
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<td><strong>Recency</strong> – 90 days service in the past 3 years on vessels. A minimum tonnage is not applicable for towing MMC. Not required for adding a route or adding to current MMC greater than 200 GRT.</td>
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### NOTE: Service will be credited as follows:
1. Service on GL will be credited day for day towards GL, Oceans or NC.
2. Service on inland waters, other than GL, may substitute for up to 50% of the total required service towards Ocean and NC.
3. Only service on WR is applicable towards WR endorsement.

The OC or NC TOAR must still be completed to obtain the OC or NC MMC.

### MASTER OF TOWING VESSELS 46 CFR
1. 540 days must be on towing vessels as Mate (Pilot) **AND**
2. 90 days must be on a particular route, may be any deck position. | 11.464 |

### HOLDS MASTER MORE (GREATER) THAN 200 GRT
May operate towing vessels within any restrictions on their endorsement if they have:
1. 30 days of training & observation on towing vessels on a particular route; **AND**
2. Either hold a completed TOAR **OR** complete an approved course.

**Note:** Western Rivers requires 90 days of observation and training. TOAR or approved course and **must be endorsed on credential; EXCEPTION:**

If operating on LMR Pilotage waters (MM 236 and below), not required to hold WR endorsement but must hold either a FCP for that route, a MMC for Western Rivers or Master greater than 200 GRT for other routes/waters.

### REMOVE TONNAGE LIMITATION
For mariners who were grandfathered with tonnage to match the inspected deck officer endorsement (Example: Master 100 GRT inspected with Master T/V 100 GRT). Not to be used for limited geographic endorsements.
1. Completion of Apprentice Mate (Steersman) Exam or course, route appropriate.  
   **Note:** There is no equivalent or superior exam to remove the tonnage limitation on the T/V Endorsement. The equivalent or superior exam only applies to those who have never held Master of T/V and have met grandfathering per NVIC 3-16, Enclosure (10)
### Requirements for Adding A Route

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<td>90 days on requested route, appropriate TOAR and exam to add route</td>
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<td><strong>Western Rivers</strong> – 90 day of observation and training on towing vessels; AND WR TOAR; AND evidence of Apprentice Mate/Steersman WR course/testing.</td>
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<td><strong>Inland</strong> – 30 days of observation and training; AND Inland TOAR; AND evidence of Apprentice Mate Inland course/testing.</td>
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<td><strong>Near Coastal/Oceans</strong> – 30 days of observation and training; AND NC/Oceans TOAR; AND evidence of Apprentice Mate/Steersman NC/Oceans course/testing.</td>
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**NOTE:** Testing is only required for holders of Master greater than 200 GRT if adding a superior route (Example: Holds Master 500 Inland, adding Master T/V Near Coastal).

### GRANDFATHERING OPTION

46 CFR

See Grandfathering of Towing Checklist for alternate paths

### Other Requirements

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<th>First Aid</th>
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<td>CPR</td>
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For **All Routes** - Approved Basic Fire Fighting Course within 5 years of application date (unless previously met) Valid STCW BT is acceptable.

For **Oceans** – Basic Fighting as noted above and Advanced Fire Fighting Course within 5 years of application date (unless previously met) Valid STCW Advanced Firefighting is acceptable

The “unless previously held” noted above for firefighting covers most exceptions to Basic and/or Advanced Firefighting requirements. See NVIC 03-16, Enclosure (10) for all exceptions if firefighting not met or submitted

### EXAMS

See Exam Guide

| Course completion certificate in lieu of Coast Guard examination | 11.301 |
| Examination | 11.903 |

**NOTE:** A person holding this endorsement may qualify for an STCW endorsement, according to 11.307, 11.311, 11.313 and 11.315.

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**Note:** 11.463 (f) Deck officers serving on the following seagoing vessels must hold the appropriate STCW endorsement.

1. A towing vessel on an oceans voyage operating beyond near-coastal waters.
2. A towing vessel on an international voyage.
3. A towing vessel of 200 GRT or more on a domestic, near-coastal voyage

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