

**NATIONAL MATE (PILOT) OF TOWING VESSELS
UPON OCEAN, NEAR COASTAL, GREAT LAKES-INLAND & WESTERN
RIVERS § 11.465**

NAME: _____ **REFERENCE #:** _____ **DATE:** _____

General Requirements	Reference: 46 CFR	✓
Must have U.S. Citizenship.	10.221	
Must be at least Age 19.	11.201	
Medical Certificate Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	Reference: 46 CFR	
Recency – 90 days service in the past 3 years on any vessel. A minimum tonnage is not applicable for towing MMC.	11.201	
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.	11.401	
HOLDS APPRENTICE MATE (STEERSMAN):	46 CFR	
WITH: 1. 360 days on towing vessels as Apprentice Mate (Steersman). Service listed as Deckhand while holding AMS may be credited as AMS; AND 2. 90 days, in any deck position, on requested route (the 90 days need not be repeated if the requested route is already held at the AMS level); AND 3. TOAR OR approved TOAR course for appropriate route(s) (No further exams required unless adding a route not previously held).	11.465(a)	
HOLDS MASTER TOWING VESSELS (LIMITED):	46 CFR	
30 days of training & observation on towing vessels on a particular route; 90 days for Western Rivers (still required even if route already held as AMS); WITH 1 Appropriate TOAR OR approved TOAR course AND 2 Pass an exam (unless AMS exam or course previously completed)	11.465(a)	
HOLDS MATE STEAM/MOTOR > 200 GRT OR FCP:	46 CFR	
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 <u>must be endorsed on credential</u> ; 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 Mate greater than 200 GRT for other routes/waters.	11.465	
	15.610	

HOLDS MASTER STEAM/MOTOR VESSELS 200 GRT OR LESS (EXCEPT LIMITED MASTER):	46 CFR	
1080 days service as Master <u>under the authority</u> of endorsement held WITH 1. 30 days of training & observation on towing vessels on a particular route; 90 days for Western Rivers AND 2. Appropriate TOAR, AND 3. Appropriate Apprentice Mate exams or approved course	11.465	
IF HOLDER OF MASTER TOWING VESSELS	46 CFR	
The holder of Master of T/V may have an endorsement placed on the MMC as Mate (Pilot) of T/V for a route superior to the current route on which the holder has no operating experience after passing an examination for that additional route. After holder completes 90 days of experience and a TOAR on that route, the MMC will be endorsed as Master of Towing and Mate (Pilot) will be removed. WR is not a superior route, Inland is considered superior to WR.	11.464	
Requirements for Adding Route not held as Mate		
If holding an endorsement as Mate Greater Than 200 GRT: Western Rivers – 90 day of observation and training; AND WR TOAR; AND evidence of Apprentice Mate WR course/testing. Inland – 30 days of observation and training; AND Inland TOAR; AND evidence of Apprentice Mate Inland course/testing. Near Coastal/Oceans – 30 days of observation and training; AND NC/Oceans TOAR; AND evidence of Apprentice Mate NC/Oceans course/testing NOTE: Testing is only required for holders of Mate greater than 200 GRT if adding a superior route which is not already held. (Example: Holds Mate 500 Inland, adding Mate T/V Near Coastal). If holding an endorsement only as Mate T/V: 90 days on requested route (unless requested route held as AMS), appropriate TOAR and exam to add route (no exam if requested route held as AMS)	11.465	
GRANDFATHERING OPTION	46 CFR	
See Grandfathering of Towing Checklist for alternate paths		
Other Requirements	46 CFR	
First Aid (completed within 1 year) (original issue)	11.201	
CPR (must be valid) (original issue)	11.201	
For All Routes - Approved Basic Fire Fighting Course within 5 years of application date (unless previously met) Valid STCW BT is acceptable.	11.201(h)(2)	
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	11.201(h)(3)	
The unless previously held noted above for firefighting covers most exceptions to Basic and/or Advanced Firefighting, See NVIC 03-16, Enclosure (10) for all exceptions if firefighting not met or submitted	NVIC 03-16	
EXAMS See Exam Guide		
Examination	11.903	
NOTE TO EVAL: A person holding this endorsement may qualify for an STCW endorsement, according to 11.309, 11.317, 11.319 and 11.321.	11.465	

Note: 11.463(f) Deck officers **servicing** 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

Comments:
