

NATIONAL FIRST CLASS PILOT § 11.701

NAME: _____ REFERENCE #: _____ DATE: _____

General Requirements	Reference: 46 CFR	✓
Must have U.S Citizenship.	10.221	
Must be at least age 21.	11.201	
Medical Certificate Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original - Must hold a valid Medical Certificate or be approved for Medical Certificate. • Renewal, ROG, New Endorsement - Must hold an unexpired Medical Certificate or submit a Medical Certificate application 	10.30 1/10.302	
Must be drug testing compliant.		
Mariner Fees must be paid.	10.219	
Sea Service Requirements	Reference: 46 CFR	
Recency – 90 days sea service in the past 3 years on vessels (Not required when adding Routes and general sea service requirements already met)	11.201	
General Routes (routes not restricted to rivers, canals or small lakes) 1080 days of service in the deck department, OF WHICH: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 540 days of service must be performing bridge watchkeeping duties under the supervision of the master or a qualified officer. AND 2. 360 days of the 540 days of service must be on vessels operating on the class of waters for which the pilotage is desired, OR 	11.703(a)(1)	
River Routes – at least 1080 days in the deck department, OF WHICH <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 360 days service on vessels operating on the waters of rivers while the applicant is performing bridge watchkeeping duties under the supervision of the master or qualified officer. OR 	11.703(a)(2)	
Canal and small lakes routes – at least 720 days in the deck department, OF WHICH 240 days service on vessels operating on canals or small lakes, OR	11.703(a)(3)	
Graduate of Great Lakes Maritime Academy in the deck class meets the service requirements of this section for an endorsement as FCP on the Great Lakes, OR	11.703(b)	
Completion of an approved or accepted pilot training course may be substituted for a portion of the service requirements of this section in accordance with 46 CFR 10.404, ADDITIONALLY <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roundtrips made during this training may apply toward the route familiarization requirements of 46 CFR 11.705, AND 2. An individual using substituted service must have at least 270 days of shipboard service, OR 	11.703(c)	
Master or Mates Officer endorsements of more than 1600 GRT meet the service requirement of this section (roundtrips still apply).	11.703(d)	
Route Requirements/Local Policies May Apply	46 CFR	
No Deck Officer Held: Original FCP endorsement – completion of minimum 12 round trips and maximum 20 round trips: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As quartermaster, wheelsman, AB, apprentice pilot or equivalent capacity <u>standing regular watches</u> at the wheel or in the pilothouse as part of routine duties over the route sought, OR 2. As an observer, properly certified by the master and/or pilot of the vessel. 	11.705	
Currently Holds a Deck Officer Original FCP endorsement – completion of minimum 8 round trips and maximum 15 round trips: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As quartermaster, wheelsman, AB, apprentice pilot or equivalent capacity <u>standing regular watches</u> at the wheel or in the pilothouse as part of routine duties over the route sought, OR 2. As an observer, properly certified by the master and/or pilot of the vessel 	11.705	
Any Subsequent FCP endorsement – completion of minimum of 8 round trips and a maximum of 15 round trips,		
FCP Trip Recency – All Routes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 25% of the round trips must be during the hours of darkness, AND 2. One of the required round trips must be within 6 months of date of application 	11.705	

Tonnage Requirements		
Unlimited Tonnage: 540 days of service as master, mate, quartermaster, wheelsman, AB, apprentice pilot or equivalent capacity <u>standing regular watches</u> at the wheel or in the pilothouse as part of routine duties on vessels 1600 GRT or more AND	11.711	
2/3 of the minimum number of round trips over the route sought has been on vessels 1600 GRT or more.		
Limited Tonnage: If an applicant does not have sufficient experience (540 days) on vessels of 1,600 GRT /3,000 GT or more, the endorsement will be for limited tonnage until the applicant completes a number of additional roundtrips, as determined by the OCMI, within the range contained in 11.705(b) or (c), as appropriate on vessels over 1,600 GRT / 3,000 GT.	11.711	
NOTE: The combined gross tonnage of the towing vessels and the vessels towed will be considered. However, the tonnage and trips are to be determined by the Coast Guard (local OCMI until otherwise directed) or the endorsement may be restricted to Tug and Barge combination.	11.711	
NOTE: A license or MMC endorsement issued for service as master, mate, or operator of uninspected towing vessels authorizes service as a pilot under the provisions of 15.812 of this subchapter. Therefore, FCP endorsements will not be issued with tonnage limitations of less than 2000 GRT .	11.701	
Other Requirements		
First Aid (completed within 1 year) (original only)	11.201	
CPR (must be valid) (original only)	11.201	
RADAR, if applicable and not previously met	15.815	
EXAMS		
See Exam Guide		
<i>(holders of Master/Mate 1600 GRT or less must complete additional exams)</i>		
Examination	11.707	

****For Final Route language see E-mail from REC once testing complete****