

# NATIONAL ABLE SEAMAN § 12.401

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General Requirements	Reference: 46 CFR	✓
Must have U.S. Citizenship <b>OR be an</b> alien admitted for permanent residence.	10.221	
Minimum age 18.	12.401	
Medical Certificate Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Original - Must hold a valid Medical Certificate or <b>be approved</b> for Medical Certificate.</li> <li>• Renewal, ROG, New Endorsement - Must hold an unexpired Medical Certificate or submit a Medical Certificate application.</li> </ul>	10.301 /10.302	
Must be Drug testing compliant. Note: Only required for first AB endorsement unless also renewing.	10.231	
Mariner Fees must be paid.	10.219	
Sea Service Requirements		
<b>AB Unlimited</b> – 1080 days deck service on Oceans or Great Lakes.	12.403	
<b>AB Limited</b> – 540 days deck service on vessels of 100 GRT or more, not exclusive to rivers & smaller inland lakes of the U. S.	12.403	
<b>AB Special</b> – 360 days deck service on navigable waters of the U. S.	12.403	
<b>AB OSV</b> – 180 days deck service on navigable waters of the U. S.	12.403	
<b>AB Sail</b> – 180 days of deck service on sailing school vessels, oceanographic research vessels powered primarily by sail or equivalent sail vessels on any navigable waters of the U. S.	12.403	
<b>AB Fishing</b> – 180 days of deck service, not as a processor, on any navigable waters of the U.S. “Combi” is not deck service	12.403	
<b>AB MODU</b> – 360 days of service on vessels 65 feet or over on any navigable waters of the U.S.	MSM 3 16.C.10	
Requirement for all ABs		
Qualify as <b>Lifeboatman</b> or <b>Lifeboatman-Limited</b> (See Lifeboatman checklist)	12.401/12.405	
EXAMS		
see Exam Guide		
Course completion certificate in lieu of Coast Guard examination Examination	12.401/12.405 12.401	

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