

NATIONAL ABLE SEAFARER (Formerly Able Seaman) § 12.401

NAME: _____ REFERENCE #: _____ DATE: _____

General Requirements	Reference: 46 CFR	Division / Branch Responsible	✓
Verify CG-719 Application completed	10.221	ALL	
Verify U.S. Citizenship OR alien admitted for permanent residence	10.221	SSEB PQEB	
Verify MMLD set to "Y" for SSEB Screening	10.211	SSEB PQEB	
Minimum age 18	12.401	PQEB	
Verify Medical Certificate in MMLD: <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. 	10.301 /10.302	MEB	
Drug testing compliance (within 6 months) Note: Only required for first AB endorsement unless also renewing	10.231	REC	
Mariner Fees (in MMLD)	10.219	PQEB	
Ensure all appropriate fees have been paid		Eval	
		Exam	
		Issue	
Sea Service Requirements May need to verify vessel type, tonnage, and/or manning via MISLE. ONLY USE FOR Applications processed between 22 December 2023 and 22 December 2026		# of Days	
Able Seafarer (AB) Unlimited – 540 days deck service on Oceans or Great Lakes.	12.403		
Able Seafarer (AB) Limited – 360 days deck service on vessels of 100 GRT or more, not exclusive to rivers & smaller inland lakes of the U.S.	12.403		
Able Seafarer (AB) Special – 180 days deck service on navigable waters of the U.S.	12.403		
Able Seafarer (AB) OSV – 180 days deck service on navigable waters of the U.S.	12.403		
Able Seafarer (AB) Sail – 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. (If qualified to be issued AB Sail and AB course covers AB Special, issue both AB- Special and AB – Sail. Exams are the same for both)	12.403		
Able Seafarer (AB) Fishing – 180 days of deck service, not as a processor, on any navigable waters of the U.S. "Combi" is not deck service	12.403		
Able Seafarer (AB) MODU – 360 days of service on vessels 65 feet or over on any navigable waters of the U.S. (No change to this endorsement)	MSM 3 16.C.10		
Requirement for all ABs			
Qualify as Lifeboat Operator or Lifeboat Operator -Limited (See Lifeboat Operator checklist, formerly Lifeboatman)	12.401/12.405	PQEB	
EXAMS see Exam Guide			
Course completion certificate in lieu of Coast Guard examination	12.401/12.405	PQEB	
Exam codes & credential testing comments entered in MMLD	12.401	PQEB	
Exam scores entered in MMLD		REC PQEB	

Comments:
