

Military Recency Credit

- Recency is required for ALL original and raise of grade officer endorsements.
- For deck officer endorsements up to 200 gross registered tons (GRT), there is no minimum tonnage required regarding recency. (Limitations are 25, 50, 100, and 200 GRT.)
- Recency is NOT required for renewals or qualified ratings.
- Recency is required for towing officer endorsements, but the 90 days can be on any type or tonnage vessel in the last 7 years.
- An applicant for any officer endorsement must have at least 3 months of qualifying service on vessels of appropriate tonnage or horsepower within the 7 years immediately preceding the date of application.
- Recency required for Master or Mate 500/1600 applicants:
 - All 90 days must be on vessels > 50 GRT for 500 GRT limitations.
 - All 90 days must be on vessels > 100 GRT for 1600 GRT limitations.
- Recency and unlimited tonnage for deck officers:
 - All 90 days must be on vessels > 100 GRT, and
 - At least 45 days must be on vessels > 1600 GRT
 - If recency requirements are not met, a tonnage limitation will be calculated.
- Recency and unlimited horsepower for engineer officers (except designated duty engineers):
 - All 90 days in the last 7 years, with at least 45 days on vessels of 4,000 horsepower or more
 - If recency requirements are not met, a horsepower limitation will be calculated.