USCG Merchant Mariner Licensing & STCW Credential Guide

National Maritime Center [NMC] Examination & Sea Service Manual

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SECTION 1: MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIAL [MMC] FRAMEWORK

This handbook establishes the regulatory requirements for obtaining US Coast Guard credentials under 46 CFR Part 11. Candidates in the Deck Navigation curriculum pursue qualifications including Master 100 Gross Registered Tons, Radar Observer [Unlimited], and Automatic Radar Plotting Aids [ARPA] endorsements.

SECTION 2: APPROVED SEA TIME EQUIVALENCY IN FULL-MISSION SIMULATORS

Pursuant to USCG National Maritime Center approval #USCG-NMC-MD-2600, up to 60 days of sea service requirement may be fulfilled through certified training within Harborlight’s Kongsberg 360-degree cylindrical bridge simulator suite.

SECTION 3: MEDICAL FITNESS & CG-719K PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

All licensing candidates must hold a current USCG Merchant Mariner Medical Certificate based on Form CG-719K. Strict vision standards apply, including uncorrected distant vision of at least 20/200 in each eye correctable to 20/40, and flawless color perception via Ishihara plate testing.